



PURPOSE

This policy establishes the procedures governing bid acceptance requirements, penalties for declining a bid, trickle-down bids, reallocated bids, and the Regional At-Large Bid Application process.

BID ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS

Bid availability is subject to change, based on USA Volleyball's bid allocation process.

Teams that compete in a bid division and earn a bid (original or trickle-down) at a Junior Regional Qualifier (JRQ) are required to accept the bid immediately following the completion of the event and prior to receiving medals and team awards.

Teams are required to accept any reallocated, trickle-down, or at-large* bid awarded by the Florida Region if the bid is awarded within thirty (30) days or less following the conclusion of the original qualifying event.

*The conclusion of the original qualifying event for at-large bids will be the published Regional At-Large Bid Application deadline.

Any bids offered thirty-one (31) days or more after the conclusion of the original qualifying event may be declined without penalty.

PENALTIES FOR DECLINING A BID

Bids Awarded Within Thirty (30) Days or Less of the Event

The following penalties apply to:

- Bids earned at an event (original or trickle-down).
- Trickle-down or reallocated bids offered within thirty (30) days or less following the conclusion of the original qualifying event.
- At-Large bids awarded through the Florida Region At-Large Bid Application process within thirty (30) days or less following the conclusion of the original qualifying event.

A team that declines any of the above bids will be subject to the following penalties:

- A \$500 fine for each declined bid.
 - Clubs that fail to pay the assessed fine will not be recognized as an approved Florida Region club for the following season.
- The Florida Region will issue the club a Notice of Infraction (NOI).
- If an at-large bid is declined within thirty (30) days or less following the conclusion of the original qualifying event, the club that declines will not be eligible for an at-large bid in the following season.

Bids Awarded Within Thirty-One (31) Days or More of the Event

Any bids offered thirty-one (31) days or more after the conclusion of the original qualifying event may be declined without penalty.

TRICKLE-DOWN BIDS

The Florida Region will notify eligible teams if a trickle-down bid becomes available. Trickle-down bids will only be awarded after all applicable bid upgrades have been confirmed by USA Volleyball. The trickle-down process varies by event, as outlined below.

Florida USAV Gold Series (FGS)

National bids earned at the FGS will remain within the FGS event during the trickle-down process until two (2) weeks prior to the AFVC. Beginning two (2) weeks prior to the AFVC, any remaining National trickle-down bids will be awarded through the AFVC National Bid Division.

If a team upgrades from a USA, Liberty, American, or Freedom bid to a National bid after the FGS event, the vacated bid will continue to trickle-down within the FGS for thirty (30) days or less following the conclusion of the event.

- **USA** and **Liberty** trickle-down bids will be awarded in the **National** division.
- **American** trickle-down bids will be awarded in the **American** division.
- **Freedom** trickle-down bids will be awarded in the **Freedom** division.

If any new or existing trickle-down bids remain thirty-one (31) days or more following the conclusion of the FGS event, those bids will be awarded through the Regional At-Large Bid Application process.

Florida Regional 18Q (18RQ)

All teams entering the 18RQ event with a USA, Liberty, American, or Freedom bid must compete in the National Bid Division. Teams that have previously earned an Open or National bid are not eligible to compete for an additional bid and will be removed from the event. All available bids at the event will trickle-down within the National Bid Division only.

If a team upgrades their bid after the 18RQ event, the vacated bid will continue to trickle-down within the 18RQ event for thirty (30) days or less following the conclusion of the event.

- **National, USA** and **Liberty** trickle-down bids will be awarded in the **National** division.
- **American** trickle-down bids will be awarded in the **American** division.
- **Freedom** trickle-down bids will be awarded in the **Freedom** division.

If any new or existing trickle-down bids remain thirty-one (31) days or more following the conclusion of the 18RQ event, those bids will be awarded through the Regional At-Large Bid Application process.

ASICS Florida Volleyball Challenge (AFVC)

All teams entering the AFVC event with a USA, Liberty, American, or Freedom bid must compete in the National Bid Division. Teams that have previously earned an Open or National bid are not eligible to compete for an additional bid and will be removed from the event. All available bids at the event will trickle-down within the National Bid Division only.

If a team upgrades their bid after the AFVC event, the vacated bid will continue to trickle-down within the AFVC event for thirty (30) days or less following the conclusion of the event.

- **National, USA** and **Liberty** trickle-down bids will be awarded in the **National** division.
- **American** trickle-down bids will be awarded in the **American** division.
- **Freedom** trickle-down bids will be awarded in the **Freedom** division.

If any new or existing trickle-down bids remain thirty-one (31) days or more following the conclusion of the AFVC event, those bids will be awarded through the Regional At-Large Bid Application process.

REALLOCATED BIDS

A reallocated USAV bid is an unused National, USA, Liberty, American, or Freedom bid that has been returned to USAV by a Region or Qualifier. If USAV distributes a reallocated bid to the Florida Region, it will be awarded based on the following timelines:

18U Bids

Prior to the 18RQ

- Reallocated 18U bids will be distributed at the 18RQ in the following divisions:
 - **National, USA, and Liberty** bids will be awarded in the **National** division.
 - **American** bids will be awarded in the **American** division.
 - **Freedom** bids will be awarded in the **Freedom** division.

Within thirty (30) days or less following the conclusion of the 18RQ

- Reallocated 18U bids will be awarded based on Final Finish at the 18RQ in the following divisions:
 - **National, USA, and Liberty** bids will be awarded in the **National** division.
 - **American** bids will be awarded in the **American** division.
 - **Freedom** bids will be awarded in the **Freedom** division.

Thirty-one (31) days or more following the conclusion of the 18RQ

- All reallocated 18U bids that are distributed to the Florida Region thirty-one (31) days or more following the conclusion of the 18RQ will be awarded through the Regional At-Large Bid Application process.

11U-17U Bids

Prior to the AFVC

- Reallocated 11U-17U bids will be distributed at the AFVC in the following divisions:
 - **National, USA, and Liberty** bids will be awarded in the **National** division.
 - **American** bids will be awarded in the **American** division.
 - **Freedom** bids will be awarded in the **Freedom** division.

Within thirty (30) days or less following the conclusion of the AFVC

- Reallocated 18U bids will be awarded based on Final Finish at the AFVC in the following divisions:
 - **National, USA, and Liberty** bids will be awarded in the **National** division.
 - **American** bids will be awarded in the **American** division.
 - **Freedom** bids will be awarded in the **Freedom** division.

Thirty-one (31) days or more following the conclusion of the AFVC

- All reallocated 18U bids that are distributed to the Florida Region thirty-one (31) days or more following the conclusion of the AFVC will be awarded through the Regional At-Large Bid Application process.

REGIONAL AT-LARGE BID APPLICATION PROCESS

Girls Regional At-Large Bids

18U Bids

If any 18U bids remain available thirty-one (31) days or more following the conclusion of the 18RQ, the Florida Region will award those bids through the Girls Regional At-Large Bid Application process. Applications will be made available immediately following the 18RQ, with a thirty (30) day application window.

To be eligible, 18U teams must:

- Have competed in at least two (2) Florida Region Level I ranking events during the current season.
- Submit a completed At-Large Bid Application by the published deadline.

Eligible teams will be awarded bids in order of rank based on the Florida Region rankings. Teams are required to accept any At-Large bids that are awarded within thirty (30) days or less of the published application deadline.

11U-17U Bids

If any 11U-17U bids remain available thirty-one (31) days or more following the conclusion of the AFVC, the Florida Region will award those bids through the Regional At-Large Bid Application process. Applications will be made available immediately following the AFVC, with a thirty (30) day published application window.

To be eligible, 11U-17U teams must:

- Have competed in at least three (3) Florida Region Level I ranking events during the current season.
- Submit a completed At-Large Bid Application by the published deadline.

Eligible teams will be awarded bids in order of rank based on the Florida Region rankings. Teams are required to accept any At-Large bids that are awarded within thirty (30) days or less of the published application deadline.

Boys Regional At-Large Bids

The Florida Region will open the Boys Regional At-Large Bid Application process immediately following the conclusion of Florida Fest JNQ. Applications will remain open for thirty (30) days.

To be eligible, teams must:

- Have competed in at least one (1) Florida Region Level I ranking event during the current season.
- Submit a completed At-Large Bid Application by the published deadline.

Eligible teams will be awarded bids in order of rank based on the Florida Region rankings. Teams are required to accept any At-Large bids that are awarded within thirty (30) days or less of the published application deadline.