

Tournament & Scrimmage Plan: 2026/2027 Season

Our main priority for the upcoming season is to compete in high-quality, regional events while managing team travel expenses. By focusing on regional tournaments, we can maximize competitive growth and completely avoid the extra load of overnight lodging and travel costs.

Season Breakdown:

- **Total Tournaments:** 8–10 events total.
 - **Monthly Pace:** Approximately 2 tournaments per month (December – June).
 - **Scrimmages:** 1–2 preparation scrimmages per month (Starting in November).
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Timeline Overview

- **November 2026**
 - 1–2 Local Scrimmages (Pre-season prep)
 - **December 2026 – June 2027**
 - ~2 Regional Tournaments per month
 - 1–2 Local Scrimmages per month
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Next Steps

We are currently evaluating the regional options listed below. Our final, concrete calendar will be locked in and shared as soon as official tournament dates are released.

1. NYC Junior Volleyball – AAU NYC Open & Manhattan Open

- **Dates:** Mar 12–14 & Mar 19–21, 2027
- **Location:** NYC area (AAU NYC Open) and Manhattan Open
- **Level:** Open & Club divisions, including U17 girls' events
- **Importance:** Major NYC stop on the NYC Junior Volleyball schedule, often a qualifier for higher-level events.

3. Big City Volleyball – Regional & Elite Tournaments

- **Season:** U12Dec 2026 – May 2027
- **Level:** Girls–U15 AND U17.
- **Format:** single-day tournaments in the Tri-State;
- **Importance:** GEVA-authorized events, strong NYC presence, and a pathway to national competition

3. GEVA Series Events (NYC & NJ Power Leagues)

- **Dates:** Jan 10, Jan 24, Feb 20, Mar 6–7, Mar 20, Mar 26–28, Apr 23–25, Apr 3–4, Apr 23–25, May 1–2, May 29–31 (we will choose the options around NYC metropolitan area)
 - **Locations:** around NYC metropolitan area.
 - **Level:** Open & Club
- Importance:** GEVA is a top national circuit; NYC/NJ Power League

4. Top Series Winter & Spring Events

- **Dates:** Dec 5–6, Jan 16–18, Jan 29–31, Feb 13–15, Mar 12–14, Apr 3–4, Apr 23–25, May 1–2, May 29–31 (we are looking into the options around NYC area)
 - **Locations:** Clifton Park, NY; Manheim, PA; New Orleans, LA; Washington DC; Boston, MA; Philadelphia, PA; Mohegan Sun, CT; Columbus, OH; Orlando/Las Vegas (we will talk about this during zoom meeting as my expectation is to have only one stay away tournament by the end of the season)
 - **Level:** Open & Club
- Importance:** High-profile national events that can lead to USAV or AAU Nationals bids

5. USAV Nationals (if qualified)

- **Dates:** May 5–7, 2027 (Minneapolis)
- **Level:** National championship for U17 girls

Importance: The pinnacle of youth volleyball; qualification often comes from Top Series or GEVA events