

Wet & Wild 12's, 13's, & 14's, 15's.

The 121, 131, 141, 152, 153, 154, & 155 teams had the day off of volleyball to go have some fun at Wet & Wild.

Most of the teams arrived about 9:15am. The heavy favorite this year was the Brain Wash and surprisingly the big Bomb Bay drop where the floor drops out from under you and down you go about 150 feet on the water slide.

Some of the girls got temporary airbrush tatoo's, and some of them got blue lips and teeth from drinking slushies.

Lunch was served at the water park and the girls quickly ate all the hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and ice cream. Then it was back to the wave pool or the lazy river. Most of the teams headed back to the homes around 1:30pm where many of the girls took naps or relaxed in the air conditioning watching movies. Today's high was 96. It was sunny in the morning, but on the drive back from the water park and for about an hour we had a huge downpour.

Dinner was a wide variety of things from Lasagna, to Spaggethhti, to individual custom pizza, and taco salads.

All of the teams stayed home this evening except for the 14-2 team which went out exploring the Disney area. Last night the 14-1 team had spent the evening out on one of Michelle's super secret exploration of Disney World tours.

For a few pictures the kids at Wet & Wild [Click here.](#)

Competition starts on Wednesday morning with 5 of the teams having 8/9am matches. The 15-2's are in a pool of 3 and plan to go to the beach tomorrow afternoon.

2010 AAU Trip - Day 1 of Competition 15's, 14's, 13's, 12's

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Another AAU National tournament is off and running, and so am I. Today I actually got to watch every team and get pictures of them. Most of the teams I was able to spend a full match at.

The 121's were the first stop, playing at the Disney Wide World of Sports. They are playing in 6 team pool over two days. They were up on court 11, which is isn't great

for picture taking. The team did play well in the match I watched. They won it fairly easily in 2 game. They lost the next two matches and will continue their pool play at 8am in the Convention Center on Thursday. This evening the 12-1 team went to Downtown Disney to walk around and shop.

The 131's started off the afternoon well at at the Convention Center. They won their first two matches fairly easily. Their third match was much more challenging and was against Lions Jrs. They lost the first game by a fairly large score. The second game they won closely. It all came down to the third game, which they won pretty easily. They took 1st in their pool and will continue toward the Gold on Thursday.

141's started out not so well. They lost their first match today to the bottom team in their pool. Their second match they won fairly easily. Unfortunately they are playing on court 5 at the Milkhouse which is terrible for both viewing and taking pictures. I couldn't get any decent shots, so I stopped with only about 4 pretty bad shots. Their last match of the day they lost which gave them a 1-2 record. This meant the pool was tied for 2nd place, and since there was 3 teams advancing the 14-1 team had the best game % so they were placed in 2nd. They were suppose to ref a 1 game playoff, but one of teams left so that playoff game never happened and the 14-1's got to go home. They play at 8am on Thursday in the Convention Center.

The 14-2's were at the Josten Center in the afternoon. They lost their first match to a team from Puerto Rico in 3 games. They then won the next two matches so they finished 2-1 and 2nd in the pool. When I watched them in their 2nd match they pretty much handled the other team in 2 quick games. They are advancing toward the Gold and will play at 8am on Thursday in the Convention Center.

The 152's were at the Convention Center in the morning in a 3 team pool. They played two matches, 3 games in each match. In the first match they struggled a bit but won the first two games. They lost the 3rd game, but fortunately it didn't matter because they had already won the match and as long as they won the next match they would be 1st in the pool. They won all 3 games of the 2nd match and took first in the pool. The team then had some lunch from the cooler, packed everything up, and headed to Coco Beach. They played in the sand, went swimming in the ocean, and then had Pizza at Marlons favorite pizza place which they all loved. They got back around 7:30 and promptly starting watching their Glee DVD. They will Thursday afternoon at the Convention Center.

The 153's were at the convention center in the afternoon. Their first match was against Dunes and I watched all of it. Now I normally don't complain about the refs in a match because usually the team makes enough mistakes to offset any mistake the refs make. However this time was different. We were serving for match point in game 3,

the other team passed it to their setter who just butchered the ball. It was a no brainer ball handling error. But since it was match point the ref did not call it. Normally I'm ok with that, but this was such a bad mistake that it wasn't even close to being marginal. In the end we lost that point and went on to lose the match. The team did recover and win the next two matches, which gave them 2nd place in the pool. When they got back to their house they had the parents over for a barbeque.

The 154's were also at the Convention Center in the morning, and they were poorly seeded as last in their pool. They ended up going 1-2 on the day and took 3rd in the pool. The game they played against KIVA was very close and they almost won it. After they finished their pool. They also headed out to Coco Beach for an afternoon in the water, shopping at Ron Jon's and dinner on the pier out over the ocean. They got back around 10pm, but it doesn't matter as they don't play until Thursday afternoon. Annie loves her pictures.

The 15-5's are last on my list. They were also seeded dead last in the tournament by the seeding people. They too played in the morning at the Convention Center. They also played a great match against A-5 15-2's, which they lost but it was a close match. They won the match I photographed but after I left they lost the last match of the day. They were 1-2 on the day and took 3rd in the pool. Like the 15-4's they are still in contention for the gold bracket, but life will become a lot more difficult on Thursday in their next pool. The team went to Downtown Disney this evening.

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The 12-1's played in the morning at the Convention Center. They started out with a tough match against a team from Puerto Rico. They won the first, lost the 2nd and then lost the 3rd set. Their next match against Skyline they lost in two sets. They have now finished their six team pool and placed 5th in it. They will play on Friday morning at 8am in the Convention Center. They are no longer in contention for the Gold Bracket in the 12 Open Division. After they were done playing they went to Coco Beach for the afternoon. They went swimming in the ocean, walked on the beach, went shopping at Ron Jons and then came back home. Once they got home they had a baked potato bar for dinner.

The 13-1's played in the afternoon at the Milk House. They are the only team playing over there today, everyone else is at the Convention Center. As a result I do not have any pictures from them today. They did however have a outstanding day of play. They

won their two matches in pool play and then had another crossover match against Rockword Thunder which they also won in 2 straight games.

The 14-1's had a very good day. They started off by beating Norco in 2 sets. They then played Lions 141 and beat them in 3. This left them 2-0 in pool along with Kiva who was 2-0. The big was a big one. NL won game one. We almost won game two, it ended up 26-24. It all came down to game 3, and in the end Kiva won it 15-9. So the 14-1's finished 2nd in the pool and are still in contention for the Gold Bracket in the 14 Open Division. They headed home for an afternoon of swimming and were going to go down to Disney's Boardwalk and walk around this evening.

The 14-2's played in the morning at the convention center and had a GREAT day. They started off by winning their first match against Top Select in two straight sets. Their second match against was against Fort Wayne and they also won that in 2 straight sets. Their third and final match was against COA (who knows what it stands for). This third match went 3 sets and was very close. NL ended up winning the 3rd set 16-14 after key hits by Kaylee and Sydney. They finished 1st in their pool and are still in contention for the Gold Bracket in 14 Club. They will play at 8am on Friday in the Convention Center. They spent the afternoon swimming and watching movies.

The 15-2's were at the Convention Center in the afternoon. Their first match was against Sky High. They won it, but it took 3 games. In the third game they really poured it on and it 7-0 before the other team got a point. They then won their 2nd and third matches. They finished 1st in the pool and are still in contention for the Gold. They will play on Friday morning in the Convention Center.

The 15-3's played in the afternoon at the Convention Center. Their first match of the day was against a very tall team named Extech. The 15-3's won the first game, and then lost the next 2 games to lose the match. It was a good match, the other team was just bigger and stronger. In their next 2 matches the 15-3's had a tough time. They lost to Fort Wayne and then lost to KIVA. They ended up 0-3 and took 4th place in the pool. They are no longer in contention for the Gold bracket. They will play in the afternoon at the Convention Center.

The 15-4's started off the afternoon with an exciting 3 game win over Dunes. Game 3 was 15-13. They then played Blue Smoke 15s and lost that match pretty convincingly in 2 sets. Their last match was against Colorado Performance and it was thriller. They won both sets 25-23. This put them in 2nd place in the pool and they are still advancing toward the Gold Bracket. They will play in the morning at the Convention Center. The 154's have gone from seed 124 all the way to seed 28 right now. They are having a great tournament but life will be a bit tougher on Friday.

The 15-5's had a tough day today. They played in the Convention Center and lost all three matches today. They didn't do anything wrong, they were just plain beaten by better teams. This put them 4th in their pool and they will play in the afternoon on Friday at the Convention Center. They are no longer in contention for the Gold Bracket.

Editor's Note: The 15-1 & 18-1 team have had a very long day. They got to the airport at 7am for a 9am flight. The flight was delayed until 10am, then until noon, then until 2pm, then until 4pm, then until 5pm. They finally loaded up at 5pm and taxied out, only to have another mechanical problem and have to come back to the gate. They fixed the problem about 2 hours later, but by then the crew had run out of legal work hours so they couldn't fly. Delta assured everyone that they were going to get another crew to fly them down that evening and so they made them load the plane up again. After another hour on the plane with no crew, Delta informed them that they couldn't find a crew so the flight was cancelled and would be rescheduled for the next morning at 7:00am. So at 8pm, after 13 hours at the airport, and numerous Delta lies about what was going to happen, they were then taken to a hotel to spend the night. If Delta had just said at noon "hey we are going to reschedule this flight for the next morning", everyone could have gone home or found alternative flights. It is clear that the Delta/Northwest merger has not been a good thing for the customer. The 151 & 181 will now fly down to Orlando at 7am.....hopefully.

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A very short summary today, and no pictures. I spent most of the day dealing with the houses for the 2 delayed teams and the 9 other teams scheduled to arrive on this day.

I saw exactly 1 match today and that was of the 13-1 team. I was going to take pictures of them, but on my first shot the camera came up with an error message. Similar to one I had several weeks ago and had gotten repaired...or supposed to have been repaired. So I was unable to take any pictures of 13-1's or any team for that matter.

Adam & I left right after that match to take care of all the new housing.

Since I have no commentary on how the teams did, you can view the results on line.

The only comment I have is that today we qualified 3 teams for the Gold Championship Brackets. 13-1, 14-2, 15-2. They will all be playing for the Championship starting on Saturday morning.

I did spend the evening having dinner with the 15-1 team as their prize for winning the video contest. We went to Carrabbas.

2010 AAU Trip - Final Day of Competition 15's, 14's, 13's, 12's, First day for 151 & 181.

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Mizuno Northern Lights 15-2's place 2nd at the AAU National Championships 15 Club

Mizuno Northern Lights 14-2's place 3rd at the AAU National Championships 14 Club

Mizuno Northern Lights 13-1's place 3rd at the AAU National Championships 13 Open

Today Northern Lights had 3 team of it's eight teams in the Gold Championship Brackets. Congratulations to 15-2, 14-2, & 13-1 for great performances.

The 12-1 team played at 8:00am. This was the 4th day in a row the kids were up at 5:30am. They played Front Range in the Red division for 17th place. They lost the match in 2 sets. They officially finished 19th in the 12 Open Division, but as Sheridan said....we were 19th out 80 when you count all of the Open and Club teams together.

The 13-1 team started their day in the Gold Championship Division with 7 other teams. They played Toa Alta Queens from Puerto Rico in their first match and won it in 2 sets. By winning that match they moved to the Semi Finals and at least a 3rd place medal and trophy. The 2nd match was against another Pureto Rico team, GVA. That match went 3 games with NL losing in the 3rd game 15-10. The 13-1's officially finished 3rd in the 13 Open Division. They attended the awards ceremony later that evening where they were awarded their Bronze medals. [Samantha Swenson](#) received an All American award. Congratulations to the 13-1's and Samantha. This is the highest our 13's team has ever placed at the AAU National Championships. We are extremely proud of them and their coaches for this great performance.

The 14-1 team was in the Consolation Division. They were playing for 13th place in the 14 Open Division. They lost their first match of the day to MVA in 2 sets. They officially finished 15th.

The 14-2 team was in the Gold Championship Bracket today. They started off the day as seed #11 playing seed #6 Orange Crush, which the 14-2's finished off fairly quickly. The second match of the day was against Milwaukee Sting 14-2's. The match was very intense and the 14-2's lost game 1, and then won games 2 & 3 to win the match. By winning that match they moved to the Semi Finals and at least a 3rd place medal and trophy. In the Semi Final match the 14-2's were up against Arsel, a team from Puerto Rico. The first set was close, and had our chances to win it, but in the end we lost 26-24. They then lost the second set. This ended their tournament and they officially placed 3rd in the 14 Club Division. They attended the awards ceremony later that evening where they were awarded their Bronze medals. They also received 2 All American awards to [Samantha Flattum & Greta Geist](#). Congratulations to the 14-2's and Sammi & Greta. We are extremely proud of them and their coaches for this great performance.

The 15-1 team started their tournament today. They had an afternoon pool, so by that time most of us had moved over to Milkhouse for the finals matches and awards presentations. They did however manage to survive the day and went 3-0.

The 15-2 team was in the Gold Championship Bracket today. They started off their day by getting up at 5:30am for a 8:00am match. Their first match was against Fort Wayne and it was real thriller. It went 3 sets, but in the end the 15-2's won 15-12, and they advanced to the round of 8. Their next match was against Capital 15 Navy. This match was actually fairly dull. It was clear from the start that the 15-2's were in control and nothing was going to stop them. They finished Capital off in 2 straight sets and advanced to the Semi Finals with a guarantee of at least a Bronze Medal. In the semi final match we were up against Sports Performance's 15-Frosh team which is their 15-2 team. This match was tougher one with good play on both sides. But in the end the 15-2's wanted to be in the finals and they won the match in 2 sets. This put them in the 15 Club Championship match! The Championship match was held in the Milkhouse. All of the Northern Lights teams attended the match (except 151 which was playing). It was full match protocol with a pre-game march in. When the 15-2's marched in they were greeted by about 300 Northern Lights players, staff, chaperones and parents giving them a standing ovation. It was an awesome sight to see our entire club there supporting them. The team they played in the finals was Puerto Rico and was a very good team. They pretty much controlled the entire match and there was not much doubt who was going to win that match after about the first 8 points. The 15-2's played hard, but in the end the Puerto Rico team won and the 15-2's placed 2nd in the 15 Club Division of about 138 teams. The awards ceremony was held right after the

match, and the 15-2's received their Silver Medals and trophy and also were given 3 All American awards which went to [Carlee Hoppe, Paige Patterson, & Rachel Voss](#). Congratulations to the 15-2's and Carlee, Paige & Rachel. This is the highest our 15-2 team has ever placed at the AAU National Championship. We all are extremely proud of them and their coaches Colleen & Marlon.

The 15-3 team was playing for 49th position today. They lost their first match of the day to A5 15-2's. They officially finished 57th out of 138.

The 15-4 team was playing for 25th position today. They lost their first match of the day to N3. They officially finished 29th out of 138.

The 15-5 team was playing for 73rd position today. They had a very good day. They were in a bracket of 12 teams and they won their first 3 matches of the day. This put them in the finals of the Yellow Division playing against Dunes 15-2 team. Dunes won that match in 2 sets, so the 15-5's officially finished 74th. This was a great showing for them!!!

The 18-1 team started their tournament today. But with all the excitement going on with the younger teams we really were not able to watch them very much. They ended up not having a very good day. They are in a 7 team pool and played 4 matches today. Their record was 1-3 for the day. They are hoping to do much better on Sunday so they can advance to the top half.

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The 162 & 181 teams played at the Disney complex in the morning and I was at the Convention Center at that time, so I was unable to get any pictures of those teams today.

With so many teams here, it's going to be impossible to give details on each team's performances. Many of the teams I only saw one game of a match as I moved to another court to see our next team. So these summaries are going to be short.

The 15-1 team is in their 2nd day of play. They were at the Disney Milkhouse in the afternoon and they went 3-0 today. They are advancing nicely toward the Gold Championship Bracket. They will play again on Monday morning in the Convention Center.

16-1 is playing in a 7 team pool, 3 matches today and 3 matches on Monday. Today they went 2-1. I stopped by their house tonight and they were having the 161 Olympics, with challenges such as banana golf and M&M straw sucking. They will be completing their Olympics over the next few days but right now Camille has a pretty commanding lead in total points.

16-2 went 3-0 in their pool today, winning it. They played some interesting lineups in their 3rd match just to see what would happen if suddenly things were out of the norm due to an injury. They are still in contention for the Gold Championship. They will play again on Monday afternoon.

16-3 went 2-1 in their pool today and placed 2nd. They are still in contention for the Gold Championship. The 16-3 team went out to dinner this evening and then walked around a while. They will play Monday afternoon at the Convention Center.

16-4's had probably the worse luck of any team we've had in this tournament. They started off the day with 9 players at full strength. By the end of the 2nd match they were down to 7 full strength players. Two of the girls, Miranda and Katie went down with minor ankle sprains. Miranda played again in the 3rd match, but Katie will be out for a bit. They still finished 1-2 which keeps them in contention for the Gold. They will play Monday afternoon at the Convention Center. After they finished play for the day they headed off to Coco Beach where they went swimming, shopping, and had dinner on the pier.

The 16-5's also went 1-2 in their pool. They will play Monday afternoon at the Convention Center. After they finished play for the day they headed off to Coco Beach where they went swimming, shopping, and had dinner.

The 17-1 team is in a 7 team pool. They played 3 matches today and will play 3 matches on Monday. Today they were 2-1, losing a match to the team from Hawaii. They will play Monday morning at the Milkhouse.

The 17-2 team won all three of their matches today and took first in pool. They will play Monday morning at the Convention Center.

The 17-3 team started off slow. They lost their first match of the day to San Gabriel in 3, but won the next two matches in 2 straight sets. They finished 2-1 on the day and in 2nd place. They will play in the morning at the convention center.

The 18-1 team played the last 3 matches of a 7 team pool today. They went 1-2 today for a combined record of 2-4 in that pool. This put them in 6th place which is below the cut to continue for the Gold Bracket. They will now be playing for top of the

lower half, about 25th place. They will play again on Monday afternoon in the Convention Center.

The 18-2 team went 3-0 on their first day of play. They finished 1st in their pool. They will play at the Convention Center on Monday afternoon.

2010 AAU Trip - Day 2 of Competition 16's, 17's, 18's, 15-1 & 18-1 Day 3

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Today I was at the convention center the entire day. Unfortunately the 16-2 was once again at the Disney complex, so I have no pictures of them. They probably think I don't like them anymore.

A quick summary follows.

151 had another great day. They went 3-0 and are now 9-0 in the tournament. They are in the final Gold Championship Bracket, with 8 teams. They will play Milwaukee Sting 15-1 on Tuesday morning at the Disney complex. If they win that match they will be assured of at least a Bronze medal.

161 - went 3-0 today. This gave them an overall pool record of 5-1 and they finished 2nd in their pool. This advances them to the 2nd round of play towards the Gold Championships. They had a great match against Milwaukee Sting 16-1, which was their last match and they won it in 3 sets.

162 - They won all 3 of their matches today. They are still in the hunt for Gold and play on Tuesday morning at the Convention Center. Once again, I won't be there to take any pictures of them because I'll be watching the 15-1's in the Gold Championship Bracket. Sorry 16-2's!

163 - They went 2-1 today. After they were done they all took ice baths....they were numb afterwards and half of them said they hate Jackie. But tomorrow they will feel great. They play in the morning at the convention center.

164 - They went 1-2 today and finished 3rd in their pool. They then went home and had a potato bar. They will play in the afternoon at the Convention Center.

165 - They also went 0-3 today, finishing 4th in their pool. They then went home, had dinner and met with Curt. They will play in the afternoon at the Convention Center.

171 - They went 2-1 today which gave them an overall record of 4-2 for the pool. This advances them to the 2nd round of play towards the Gold Championships. Their last match of the day against A5 was a great match that they won in 3 sets. They will play in the morning at the Convention Center.

172 - They went 3-0 today. They are still in the hunt for Gold and play on Tuesday morning at the Convention Center.

173 - They went 2-1 in pool play, but were tied for 1st place and had a tie breaker game. They lost the tie breaker game and finished 3rd in the pool. They are no longer in contention for the gold. They will play in the afternoon at the Convention Center.

181 - They went 2-1 today, losing their final match to a team named Nfinity. However because there was a 3 way tie for 1st they won the tie based on game & point % so they were ranked 1st in the pool. They will play their final matches of their Junior career tomorrow morning in the Disney Complex.

182 - They went 3-0 today and finished 1st in their pool. They are now 6-0 in the tournament and advancing toward the Gold Championships still. They will play a pool of 4 tomorrow and then have a challenge match in the evening if they are 1st or 2nd in the pool.

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Mizuno Northern Lights 15-1's place 2nd at the AAU National Championships 15 Open

There are no pictures today of any teams except the 15-1 & 18-1 teams. The 15-1's were in the Gold Championship Bracket at the Disney Complex and the 18-1's were also playing there. Everyone else was at the Convention Center.

The 15-1's had a phenomenal day. They were in the Gold Championship Bracket of 8 teams. They started off playing Milwaukee Sting 15-1's. They beat them fairly easily in two straight games. This win put them in the medal round with at least a Bronze Medal and minimum 3rd place finish. Their second match was against KIVA which is a very good team. The 15-1's handled them easily winning in two straight sets. This put them into the Championship Match! The final match was against OVA 15-1. They are a very good team. The 15-1's were never really able to get much going against them. OVA had a huge block and 3-4 girls who could hit the ball pretty well. We

played with them, but never were in the lead. In the end OVA won the match in 2 straight sets and 15-1's took 2nd in the 15 Open Division. The match was broadcast on ESPN3. [Alyssa Goehner, Jocelyn Youngdahl, and Kara Cousins](#) received All American awards.

16-1's went 1-2 today. They had to win their last match to get into the Gold Championship bracket, and they lost that match to Sports Performance 16-1. They will be playing for 13th tomorrow. This afternoon they came over to watch the 15-1's play in the Championship match.

16-2's went 3-0 today. They are in the Gold Championship Bracket and will play at 9am at the Convention Center. Congratulations to the 16-2 team for making it to the Gold! I should be able to get some pictures of them tomorrow.

16-3's went 1-1 in their first 3 team pool. They then played a crossover match which they lost. After that they had to wait until 6:30 to play their Challenge match, which they unfortunately lost. This dropped them out of contention for the Gold. They will be playing for 17th place on Wednesday. This evening they went back to the house and had another round of ice baths. The girls really liked them.

16-4's had a good day today. They went 3-0 and finished 1st in their pool. They came back home and had dinner and then headed off to bed for their 9:00 am match in the convention center tomorrow morning.

16-5's had not such a good day. They went 0-3 today in play and finished 4th in the pool. It didn't help that Alexa hit her head quite hard on the floor and had a mild concussion. She is ok. They came back home had a quick dinner and also headed off to bed for a 9:00 am match in the Convention Center.

17-1's went 1-2 today. This put them in 3rd place and they are out of contention for the Gold. They spent the afternoon at the house, and also came over to watch the 15-1's play in the Championship match. Thanks girls. They will be playing for 17th starting at 8:00am at the Convention Center

17-2's went 2-1 today in their pool. This gave them the right to play in a Challenge match to get into the Gold. They lost that match to Sky High 17-2's. This dropped them out of contention for the Gold. They will play for 17th place on Wednesday at the Convention Center.

17-3's had a great day today. They went 3-0 in their pool with nobody really even coming close to beating them....except for the 26-24 and 25-23 match. They got home late, had dinner, met with Curt and then headed off to bed. They will be playing for

53rd place out of about 135 teams. They will be in the convention center for a 9am match.

18-1's played their final matches of their Junior career today in the Jostens Center at the Disney Complex. The first match was against Nebraska Juniors. It went 3 sets with the 18-1's winning the 3rd set fairly easily 15-7. They then played against Illini Elite 18-1's in their final match. They won this match in 2 straight sets. They officially finished 25th. Congratulations to the 18-1's for winning their last match and creating some great memories.

18-2's went 2-1 today in their pool. This forced a tie breaker game which the 18-2's had to win in order to advance. However in the previous match they had just lost, Elyssa sprained her ankle. This caused them to not have the attacking power they needed to win the tie breaker match, so they ended up 3rd in the pool. They are no longer in contention for the Gold. They went and watched the 15-1 team in the Championship match, and then went back to the house for dinner and a movie. Curt met with them and they tried very hard to persuade him to take them out for dinner on Wednesday as a "Italy Reunion Party"I didn't buy it. They will be playing for 21st at the Disney Complex. Chad is happy because it is a 1:00pm game.

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Mizuno Northern Lights 16-2's place 2nd at the AAU National Championships 16 Club

Today was our final day of play for the remaining teams.

Pictures today were only taken of the 16-2 team since I missed them the other 3 days.

18-2's won their 3 matches in the bracket . They finished their Northern Lights Junior Olympic careers at 21st in AAU National Club Championships. They spent the evening after the 16-2's final in Downtown Disney.

17-1's played at 8:00am and lost their first match in 2 sets. This wasn't a great tournament for them. Hopefully they can have a much better event at USJNC's in Reno. They officially finished 21st in the 17 Open Division.

17-2's played their first match at 10am and lost that in 3 sets. They ended up finishing 21st in the 17 Club Division.

The 17-3's played at 9am this morning. They also lost their match in 2 sets. They ended up finishing 61st in the 17 Club Division.

16-1's played in the Jostens center today. They won all three of their matches today winning the Consolation Bracket and placing 17th overall in the 16 Open Division. This tournament had just a few points gone the other way they would have been in the top 10.

16-2's were in the Gold Championship Bracket today. They easily won their first match in the Gold Bracket. Their second match was against M-1 16-1's. Why did we come to Florida to play them??? They won the match in 2 straight games which puts in the Semi Finals and automatically guarantees them of a Medal and at least a 3rd place finish. In the Semi Final match they played Club South. They were a big and physical team. In game 1 we were down 5-13 but came back to win it. They then lost the 2nd game which meant we were playing a 3rd game. Game 3 was very close all the way. At one point we were down 2 points, and one point Club South was serving for match point. But the 16-2's fought back and won it 16-14 putting them in the Finals against 1st Alliance. The finals were in the Milkhouse on the main courts. All of the teams (16's-18's) were in attendance supporting the 16-2's. The first game did not go well, we lost it 25-14. The second game was much closer and neither team was ever ahead by more than 2 points. In the end we lost 26-24, taking 2nd place in the AAU National Championships 16 Club. Brienne Stamer, Taylor Lockett, and Alli Butler were named [All American](#). Congratulations to the Northern Lights 16-2 team for their 2nd place finish....we are extremely proud of you.

16-3's lost their first match of the day in 2 straight sets. They officially finished 21st in the 16 Club Division.

16-4's lost their first match of the day in 2 straight sets. They officially finished 67th in the 16 Club Division.

16-5's won their first match of the day and then lost their 2nd match of the day. They officially finished 105th in the 16 Club Division.

It's been another fun year in Orlando at the AAU National Championships. All of the teams represented Northern Lights well, and I received numerous compliments about how nice our players were and how well trained they are. Thanks everyone for another fun trip.