

Team Composition

Teams may be made up of any combination of boys and girls as long as there are two girls on the court at all times. If you wish to enter an all-girls team, that is fine; but please understand that they will be competing against coed teams.

You must list all players and their numbers along with alternate players and their numbers on the team entry form. You must submit a separate entry form for each team entering the tournament. Alternate players must be from a lower level or from the same division. No player is allowed to play on more than one team except for the alternate player and at that player may only do so if the team has no substitutes on the bench.

Rules

Currently, we are looking at having our local high school officials' chapter call all the games for us.

We will be playing by high school (NFHS) rules with the following exceptions:

Brass Division:

Free substitution will be allowed in this division, but service order must be maintained. This means that players can sub in and out for different players in different positions. Once a player has served, that player may only serve in that service rotation. Coaches...please watch to be sure a player is not serving more often than they should; this can be hard to keep track of when free substitution is allowed.

No overhand serving. Because this is the beginner level of play and the closed motor program of serving develops much faster than the open motor program of serve-serve, it is felt that overhand serving should not be allowed in the Brass division. The goal is to encourage more game play in the division.

Silver Division:

The net will be at men's net height (7' 11 5/8").

Points of Emphasis:

1. Touching any part of the net is a foul.
2. Completely crossing the center line with either the foot or a hand is a foul.
3. Partially crossing the centerline with any other part of the body is a foul.

Pool play

The number of teams in you pool will determine the number of sets played and what they are played to. Pools of 4 will play 2 sets to 25 capped at 30. Pools of 5 will play 2 sets to 21 capped at 25. Pools of 3 will play 3 sets to 21 capped at 23. There will be a work schedule and each team will be required to keep books and call lines. Coaches...please rank your teams if you enter multiple so we can seed pool play if possible. Pool play results will determine seeding for bracket play.

Warm ups will be 4-4-2. If it is your teams' first game of the day, you will be given 3 minutes of shared court. There will be plenty of room off the courts to get your players warm, so after your first game we will go straight into the 4-4-2 warm ups.

Each team will get some down time for the players to eat and take a break, so we do ask that players keeping score not eat at the scorer's table. There's a difference between having a snack and eating; coaches...please help us with this. We will leave the final judgment up to the referees.

Bracket Play

Bracket play will be double elimination. Games will be 2 out of 3 to 25 with the 3rd set played to 15. There is no cap in bracket play. If an undefeated team loses in the final game, another 2 out of 3 game will be played to determine the championship. A work schedule will be posted for bracket play as well. It will not flow as well, so coaches...please be sure to check where your team needs to ref and when. Teams...please be at your court and ready to play before your scheduled start time. If your court is running early, we want to keep the games going.

Championship games will be called by two officials and we will have adults as line judges for these games as well. We ask that coaches sit with their players to help keep the books. If your team is the work team for a championship game and you don't feel that you have any experienced parents or adults to help call lines, then we will provide line callers for that game.

Warm up for bracket play will be the same as for pool play.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the rules or about an issue that has not been addressed, please contact us so that we can review it and get you an answer. If necessary, we will make adjustments and make sure that each team entering the tournament is informed.

Looking forward to a great tournament!

Thanks and may God bless,

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