

4th ANNUAL TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS INVITE SAT., SEPT 21st, 2019

Welcome to the Tacoma-Pierce County Volleyball Officials Board Invitational Tournament. Please share this information with your players and parents.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The tournament host at each site **will not** have a Health Care Professional authorized in concussion management. If a player is removed due to exhibiting symptoms of a concussion they will not be allowed back on the court for the duration of the tournament.

Also, please note that a trainer will also not be onsite. You will be responsible for taping your own players and we recommend you bring a first aid kit in case you have to deal with sprained ankles and wounded egos.

1. All gyms open at 7:00am.
2. **Coaches Meeting:** Even though you have been provided with a schedule in advance, **we expect your attendance at the coaches meeting.** This simply ensures a smooth running tournament which is beneficial to all.

All coaches meetings will be held at 7:30am.

3. The 16-team varsity tournament will be played at Washington High School which is located at 12420 Ainsworth Avenue South, Tacoma, WA. It is right near Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland.

The 8-team JV tournament and the 8-team C tournament will be played at Franklin Pierce HS which is located at 11002 18th Avenue East just off the Portland Avenue Exit on Highway 512.

4. **FORMATS:**

VAR: 4-Team Pool Play

2 sets to 25 points, 27 pt cap, start at 4-4

3rd set to 15 pts, 17 pt cap, start at 3-3

Playoffs: Top two teams in each pool advance to the Gold Division and the bottom two teams advance to the Silver Division.

Best 2/3 sets to 25 points, 27-pt cap, start at 4-4.

If necessary, 3rd set is to 15 pts, no cap, start at 0-0.

JV & C: One pool of 8 teams in each division. You play each team 1 set to 25 points, 27-pt cap, start at 4-4.

Playoffs: Teams seed based on pool play finish.

Best 2/3 sets to 25 points, 27-pt cap, start at 4-4.

If necessary, 3rd set is to 15 pts, no cap, start at 0-0.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

Two Team Tie-Breaker

If two teams are tied in total pool matches won and lost (1st criteria), or total sets won and lost (2nd criteria), then compare in the following order:

- a. Results of head-to-head match in games
- b. Point Differential between the two tied teams
- c. Point Differential (all pool matches).
- d. Coin flip.

Three Team Tie-Breaker

If three teams are tied then compare in the following order:

- a. Head-to-head (match) wins over the other two teams
- b. Head-to-head (sets) wins over the other two teams
- c. Point Differential between the three teams
- d. Point Differential (all pool matches).
- e. Coin flip.

If the analysis leaves two teams tied, then use the two-team tie-breaker method above.

***Please note that there will be NO playoff games to determine placement into the playoffs.

Note: When finalizing positions for first round playoff matches, the tournament director has the discretion to move teams up or down one position to ensure that two teams from the same pool or same school do not meet in the first round.

5. **WARMUPS:** 4-4 for a team's first match of the tournament (all 8:15 and 9:15am matches in Varsity division and all 8am and 8:30am matches in JV and C divisions), with serving included within a team's own warmup. Remaining matches will start immediately upon the conclusion of the prior match, so please be aware of the set and score while waiting to play next.

6. Teams may pepper on their side of the court in between matches while the officials get ready for the next match. No cross-court hitting.

7. Teams are allowed one 60-second timeout per set in both pool play and the playoffs.

8. The Tacoma-Pierce County Volleyball Officials Board will provide two referees for all matches. We will also try to provide as many line judges as possible, however **refereeing teams must be prepared to provide a scorekeeper (running score) and score chart flipper and two line judges as needed for ALL MATCHES including the semi-finals and finals.** R2's must use a whistle.

No cell phones, iPads, headphone or iPods allowed at score table or when line judging.

9. Substitutions and libero replacement are on the honor system. **Please submit lineups for each match and this helps in the training of our newer officials.**

10. Special Ground Rules:

In the Auxillary Gyms at both Washington HS and Franklin Pierce HS they do not have the required 2 meters of service zone. Players may take one step and a drag into the court when making service contact. Players may not take a step into the court and a follow up step prior to contacting the ball for serve. This action would result in a service foot fault.

11. **GAME BALLS:** Each team is asked to bring an NFHS approved leather ball to be used in all matches.
12. Bring your own first aid and training/taping supplies and ice for injuries. Ice packs kept in an ice chest work great for the vast majority of injuries.
13. The tournament host at each site **will not** have a Health Care Professional authorized in concussion management. If a player is removed due to exhibiting symptoms of a concussion they will not be allowed back on the court for the duration of the tournament.
14. **FOOD AND DRINK:** Food and beverages other than capped water bottles (water only; no juice or cola) are NOT permitted in the playing floor of any gym. **Failure to comply may result in an 11-point penalty in your team's next game.**

Please do your eating outside the gym or in designated food areas. Coaches: YOU are responsible for your team and parents. Food/drink messes are easier to prevent than to clean up later. Teams are asked to help keep all gym sites clean by picking up garbage and wiping up spills. We enjoy using these gyms but need your help.

The gyms and school grounds are NOT set up to handle a multitude of crock pots, barbeques, George Foreman cooking grills etc. Phone, camera and computer chargers are also not allowed as all of these items draw power which overloads the system and could cause a power outage. ALL cooking appliances are prohibited in or on the school ground as per School District policies. No exceptions. Failure to abide will result in the forfeiture of the first game of your next match—Please do not bother arguing this. We expect coaches to control parents in this regard..

Food & Drink must be kept and consumed in the following areas:

Washington HS Main Gym: Behind the bleachers. Food tables allowed.

Washington HS Aux. Gym: Behind the bleachers in the main gym.

Fr. Pierce HS Gym: Food only on the upper right half of the gym. Drinks only on the bleachers area on upper left half. ONE table per team allowed on upper right of gym. Bleachers on left for parents. **NO personal chairs in food area...plenty of bleacher seating available. This is to allow adequate space for teams.**

15. Concession stands will be open at both gym locations for your convenience.

COACHES HOSPITALITY:

Hospitality for coaches and officials ONLY will be provided to both sites.

16. **PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO TAPING:**

The courts are for the players and coaches. You are welcome to take photos from balconies or in the bleachers but unless you have been approved by the tournament director, spectators are NOT allowed in the court areas. Please respect the playing area for your daughters.

17. **SPORTSMANSHIP PHILOSOPHY:**

Coaches are expected to control the actions, attitudes and sportsmanship of their players and parents. We will not tolerate anyone who disrespects opposing teams, officials or the tournament staff. If you do not control parents, we will be telling them to leave the premises for the balance of the tournament. If they don't you will forfeit your current match or the next match. Your cooperation is appreciated.

18. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. There is no smoking allowed on school grounds or in school buildings.
- b. Please make sure that your team cleans up their bench area after play and team area in the commons.
- c. Each team is responsible for the conduct of all their team members and team supporters.
- d. Professionalism and courtesy is expected toward all tournament staff and game officials.

19. Prizes: T-shirts will be awarded for tournament champion and runner up in each playoff bracket.

20. SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD AND PRESENTATION:

A \$200 Sportsmanship Grant will be presented to two teams in the Varsity division and one team each in the JV and C tournament. This will be based on established criteria that will be discussed during the coaches meeting. Officials will vote after each match as to which team exhibited the best display of sportsmanship.

Prior to the start of the playoffs all teams will line up on the main court for the Sportsmanship Award presentation. The presentation will be short but we would like all teams to participate and congratulate the winners.

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