

MRPA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES/ INFORMATION

Gyms will be open at 8:15 a.m. for warm-up and player check in

Captains Meeting: 8:40 am – MANDATORY FOR ALL TEAM CAPTAINS

Tournament Pool Play starts at 9:00 a.m.

Pool games: All pools - two games to 21 rally score points (win by two), cap at 23 points.

Playoff Games: All matches are two out of three games to 21 rally score points with the deciding game to 15 rally score points. No cap in playoff round, win by two points.

✚ ***Players must have a picture I.D. and check in prior to their first match.***

✚ 2009/2010 U.S.A.V.B. Rules will be used with modifications. Rules can be found on www.usavolleyball.org. Click on the "Officials" button, then click on 2009-2010 rulebook. We WILL be using the Libero player rule with these highlights:

✚ A distinctive shirt is recommended for the Libero but not required. (For details and limitations on Libero, refer to USAV rule 19, pages 56-58).

✚ Only one player per game may be designated as the Libero.

✚ In Coed, men must substitute for men and women for women. When a team uses a Libero, they must continue to maintain 3 men and 3 women in alternating service positions on the court at all times. A team may use only ONE Libero per match, either male or female, not one of each.

✚ Teams must start and finish with six players. For coed the six players must consist of 3 men and 3 women. No exceptions. Teams will forfeit if they cannot produce a team of 6 for any reason including injury.

✚ Teams supply game and warm up balls

✚ Team listed first serves first in pool play. Flip for serve in playoff matches, the top bracketed team is the home team, giving the visitor the call.

Team Officiating Responsibilities:

When scheduled, you must provide a down official, two line judges and two score keepers. Teams will be expected, as eliminated from pool play or elimination bracket play to remain at the gym to officiate.

NOTE: Put your most qualified official on the net as the down official. Please remember to bring a whistle!

Playoff Matches:

- For two or four pool tournaments, the **third place** team in each pool is responsible for officiating in the first playoff match. From then on, losers officiate following match.
- Playoff matches will begin **10 minutes** after the last pool match, with ten minutes between quarter, semi, and final matches.
****Tournament Staff has the authority to change officiating assignments as they see fit.***

UNIFORMS:

- All teams MUST have matching shirts. Shirts MUST be numbered 4" front and 6" back.

SEEDING PROCEDURE FOR TOURNAMENTS WITH THREE POOLS:

- Top 2 teams in each pool.
- 1st place team in each pool will be seeded according to point differential for seed 1 - 3.
- 2nd place team in each pool will be seeded according to point differential for seeds 4 - 6.

POOL PLAY TIE-BREAKERS:

- Two teams for first place, head-to-head, head to head points, point differential.
- Three or more teams for first place: point differential for first, the remaining teams compete in rally scoring game(s) to 15 points to determine the second place team.
- Two teams for second place: one 15 point rally scoring game.
- Three or more teams for second place: point differential to place teams in a single elimination bracket to play 15 point rally scoring game(s) to determine the second place team.