

## ***Volley in the Rock***

### **Check-In is REQUIRED:**

Team Coaches need to check in at the tournament director's stage at least 30 minutes prior to their pool play starting time on Saturday (8:00AM and 2:00PM), in order to get any last minute information or changes such as playing times. If you are unable to check-in your team, you must have another representative for your team do it for you. **Your team will not be allowed to play until** you have checked-in and provided the following information to the tournament director.

1. Signature of coach or team representative on check-in log.
2. Provide proof of medical releases for each of your players. Release forms will not need to be turned in to the tournament director. They will only need to be shown for verification. Coaches will retain their teams medical release forms.
3. Please bring and turn in your final rosters if you have not previously sent it or if there are any changes. **Changes to team rosters will not be accepted after the start of each Pool Play session. (8:00AM and 2:00PM)**

**All Pool and Bracket play will be at the State House Convention Center.**

**Admission will be charged for all adults 18 and over: \$3.00 per day or \$5.00 for the weekend**

### ***Volley In The Rock Facility Rules***

Coaches and Club Directors are responsible for the distribution of the facility rules to their players, parents, and supporters.

1. All USAV, LRJ, and Facility rules will be enforced at all times
2. Food, drinks, or coolers WILL NOT BE ALLOWED inside the State House Convention Center. Concessions will be provided by the Peabody Hotel. Bottled water will be provided by Little Rock Juniors for \$1.00. Folding chairs are allowed inside the convention center; however, metal chairs are provided at all courts for seating.
3. Only Water and Sports Drinks are allowed in / on the court playing area.
4. *Volley in the Rock* will be played under USAV Rules as specified in the USAV Rules Manual.
5. No balls are allowed outside of the tournament playing area. If any person is caught with a ball in the hallways outside the main playing area, the ball will be promptly confiscated and will be returned to you at the end of the tournament.
6. No Alcoholic Beverages or Illicit Drugs will be allowed at the Tournament Site.

## **Tournament Rules**

### **Teams will be disqualified for the following:**

1. Rude and disruptive behavior to lines persons and / or officials.
2. Bringing in outside food, drinks or coolers.
3. Writing on the playing / posting brackets.
4. Not abiding by the rules and regulations of the tournament, facility and / or the game.

### **Court Managers**

Each court will have an assigned Court Manager to assist you with any questions or issues that may arise during tournament play. Court Managers will be responsible for seeing that each team completes their officiating duties properly and in accordance with Delta Region officiating guidelines; that scores are promptly reported to the Stage Directors; that team benches along with the scorer's tables stay clean and clear of trash and empty drink containers; to assist officials and teams as needed; and to award medals at the end of each championship game.

**Each team should pick up all trash from their bench area when their match is over as a courtesy to the next team playing on that court.**

### **Trainer**

An on-site Certified Trainer and First Aid will be available at all times. Provided by ***Sports Medicine Plus.***

### **Warm-Up & Pre-Match Protocol**

1. Timed warm-ups will be the 2-4-4 format. The first two minutes are for ball handling on a team's own side of the court, followed by four minutes of the entire court use by the serving team and then four minutes for the receiving team.
2. Teams line on the bench sideline in the back zone (captain nearest the attack line) and the refs are in the attack zone. 1<sup>st</sup> referee leads all to center and whistles for teams to shake hands; then teams return to benches for final talk. Referees shake hands and then to positions. Teams line up on court in playing position.

### **Playing Times**

Please make note of your team's playing times as they are posted on the Pool and Bracket play posting sheets near the tournament director's stage. Please have your teams ready to take the court immediately after the end of the previous match.

Morning Pools will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday.

Afternoon Pools will begin at 2:00PM on Saturday.

Bracket play will begin at 8:00 AM on Sunday.

**No Pursuit Rule will be in effect.**

**Libero. Will be allowed to serve .**

**12 & Under teams will use Volleylite balls and will be allowed a 2 meter step-in .**

### **Scoring**

All games will be Rally Scoring.

Pools with 3 teams will play three sets to 25, cap at 30.

Pools with 4 and 5 teams will play two sets to 25, cap at 30.

Bracket play will be best 2 out of 3 sets to 25, no cap; 3<sup>rd</sup> set to 15, no cap, switching sides at 8 points.

### **Tournament MVP's – Gold Division**

Finals Winner – 1 MVP

Finals Loser – 1 MVP

Coaches in their respective age group's Gold Division Finals Match will pick a player from the opposing team to be a Tournament MVP. Selections will be made immediately following each Finals Match and awarded by the opposing team coach during the award of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place medals.

### **Officiating**

Paid up Referees will be provided.

Each team must provide; 1 down ref, 1 scorekeeper, 1 libero tracker, 1 score flipper, & 2 line judges, for each assigned match. The coach listed on the roster must be present during refereeing duties.

**Please pay attention to your officiating assignments.**

### **Officiating Penalties**

Any team that fails to provide the officiating crew of 1 down ref, 1 scorekeeper, 1 libero tracker, 1 score flipper, & 2 line judges as scheduled for your assigned matches could result in the forfeit of the first game of your next match. A coach must be present at court side during the entire officiating assignment and is considered part of the officiating crew. For every minute the officiating crew is late or incomplete, one point will be given to their next opponent (up to 25-0 forfeit). The clock starts at match time. A second offense results in the loss of your next match.

## **Protests**

Team captains must immediately submit any protest. Only application of the rules can be filed under protest. The official will report this action to the court manager, who will then notify the Tournament Director and Protest Committee for a prompt ruling.

## **Pool Tie-Breaking Procedures**

1. Two Teams tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place with both teams advancing to Gold:
  - a. Head to Head match results.
  - b. Points Differential for complete pool.
  - c. Coin Flip.
  
2. Two Teams tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place with one tied team advancing to Gold:
  - a. One 15 point play-off set, no cap, switching sides at 8 points. The losing team of the last match will officiate. If the losing team must play, then the winning team of the last match must officiate.
  
3. Two Teams tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place with neither team advancing to Gold:
  - a. Head to Head match results.
  - b. Points Differential for complete pool.
  - c. Coin Flip.
  
4. Three Teams tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place with two tied teams advancing to Gold:
  - a. The Team with the best overall point differential for complete pool will be ranked as first and will finish first in the pool and will not have a playoff set. However, the #1 seed will referee a single 15 point play-off set, no cap, switching at 8, between the remaining tied teams. The winner will be second in the pool and the loser of this set will be third place in the pool.
  - b. If any one of the teams in a three-way tied pool leaves the site before determination that a tie-break is necessary, that team will automatically become the third place team. The remaining two teams will be finish first and second in the pool based on the tie-break seeding process for two-teams tied. No other penalty will be applied and no tie-break set is played.
  
5. Three Teams tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place with one tied team advancing to Gold.
  - a. All three teams will participate in tie breaking sets. The seeds for the tie breaking play-offs will be determined by the following:
    - i. Overall pool point differential.
    - ii. Coin Toss.
  - b. The 2<sup>nd</sup> seed team will play the 3<sup>rd</sup> seed team in a single 15 point play-off set, no cap, switching at 8; the 1<sup>st</sup> seed team will officiate. The loser of this set will be 4<sup>th</sup> place and will officiate the next tie breaking set.
  - c. The winner of the first set will play the 1<sup>st</sup> seed team in a single 15 point play-off set, no cap, switching at 8. The winner of this set will be 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the loser will be 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
  - d. If one of the three tied teams leaves the site before the determination that a tie break is necessary, that team will automatically become the 4<sup>th</sup> place team and the other two tied teams will play one tie breaking set.