

## **NOTICE: General Posting for All Teams**

### **Wisconsin Independent Volleyball League Championship Tournaments**

#### **Grades 8<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>**

**May 18, 2019**

The narrative below should be read by all coaches attending the League Championship Tournament (“LCT”) for 8<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade girls to be held on May 18, 2019. In addition, the coach for each participating team should read the grade-specific information associated with the schedule for that grade.

Seedings for the LCT fields closely track with the final League standings when placing teams as the top seed in each pool, making sure each pool has one top-finishing team placed in such a way as to avoid early round play-off match-ups between top seeds. After the top seeds have been placed in a pool, we take the next “layer” of teams and place one in each pool. We do the same with the remaining “layer(s).” This approach allows us to take into account travel and diversity of competition issues, with the objective of keeping each pool balanced competitively. Our primary objectives here are to make sure multiple teams from the same community are not only in different pools, but also have a reduced likelihood of meeting in the first round of the play-offs; as well as making sure teams with the longest trips are placed in such a way as to give the largest number the latest start time possible.

The following points should be noted by all participant teams -- whether playing in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade or 5<sup>th</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade LCT:

- **League Rules.** All regular season League Rules will apply to the LCT except as noted below.
- **Admissions.** Per League Rule B-7, the host will be allowed to charge \$6 per adult and \$2 per student (versus \$4 per adult/\$2 per child during the regular season) to help cover the added cost of running this event. All admission fees are retained by the host school(s). Instead of marking hands, each admitted person will be issued a wristband that they must display when entering and re-entering each venue. A wristband purchased in one host community will be valid in the other host community (e.g., for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade LCT, a ticket purchased in Altoona will be valid in Cadott and Bloomer, and vice versa; the same is true relative to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade LCT in Amery, Clear Lake and Prairie Farm; the 6<sup>th</sup> grade LCT in St. Croix Central and Spring Valley; and the 5<sup>th</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade LCT matches in Edgar and Mosinee).

Players in uniform or with a jersey/shirt in their possession will be admitted free of charge. Each team will be provided with **two** (not three or four) coach wristbands at the admission table of the venue where that team plays its first match. Coaches will need to display their wristband when re-entering each venue.

- **Concessions.** All hosts will be providing full concessions at their community’s main LCT venue:
  - For 8<sup>th</sup> grade, full concessions will be available at Altoona High/Middle School, Cadott High School, Bloomer High School and Bloomer Elementary School. Limited concessions are available at Cadott Elementary.

- For 7<sup>th</sup> grade, full concessions will be available at Amery Middle School, Clear Lake Elementary School and Prairie Farm High/Elementary School. There will be no concessions at Amery Intermediate School or Amery Elementary School.
- For 6<sup>th</sup> grade, full concessions will be available at St. Croix Central High School, St. Croix Central Middle School, Spring Valley High School and Spring Valley Elementary School.
- For 5<sup>th</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade, full concessions will be available at Edgar High/Elementary School and at Mosinee High School / Creske Center).

Please support the efforts of all of the host schools to provide concessions for the teams. Host communities retain all concession profits. Altoona, Amery, Bloomer, Cadott, Clear Lake, Edgar, Mosinee, Prairie Farm, St. Croix Central and Spring Valley should be commended for stepping forward and agreeing to host these four events. ***Coaches, please make sure all parents and players are aware of this rule: No coolers or outside food and drink provisions are allowed at any of the LCT venues except for beverages consumed by players during matches.***

- **Number of Matches.** As provided for in League Rule B-7, all teams attending the LCT are guaranteed five matches (some teams will play six).
- **Rosters.** At regular season meets, multiple teams from the same community are allowed to move players back and forth between their rosters throughout the day to balance playing time for each player. This is not allowed at the LCT. If a given community has multiple teams at a specific LCT, each player can play on only one team throughout the day. Violating this rule will result in the second team to play the same player forfeiting all matches where the player(s) in question was allowed to play. The original team on which that player played that day will not be penalized, even if the second team is that player's regular team.
- **Six players to start all matches.** Please note Rule D-15. In regular season League meets, a team can start a match with less than six players and not be penalized. However, as noted in Rule D-15, at the LCT, WIAA rules apply. A team must have at least six players available to take the floor at the start of the first game of a match, or a forfeit will be declared. There will be a five minute grace period. In other words, if a match is scheduled to start at 2:00 p.m., each team must have six players ready to take the court no later than 2:05 p.m. or a forfeit will be declared. The only exception to this general rule is if the players were unavoidably delayed in traveling from one LCT venue to another, in which case the tournament director will determine whether the tardiness is excusable.

The fact that one or more players are late for their first match of the day, or are late during the course of the meet because of running an errand, is not an acceptable excuse. Coaches: please remind your players that they must be on time. We cannot hold up a big tournament like this, with so many matches, because one or two players are late.

- **Line Judges.** As is the case at regular League meets, each team must provide one line judge to work each LCT match. Refusal or failure to do so will result in a forfeit.
- **Failure to show.** If a team drops out of an LCT after the schedule is posted (May 13), the League will make every effort to fill the vacancy. If that happens, teams will not be re-seeded; rather, the replacement team will assume the vacated spot, without regard to team strength. If a

team fails to show at the LCT, whether for all their matches, or a specific match, all affected matches will be won by the opposing team. For tie breaker purposes, the scores of those matches will be reported as 25-0, 25-0.

- **Coin Toss/Bench Selection.** Please note League Rule D-14. This is the only instance where we've amended the published regular season rule significantly for the LCT in the interest of fairness. **The home team in any given match will always be the highest original seed**, based on the final standings posted on this website. At any point during the tournament, the team with the highest regular season seed will be treated as the home team.
- **Match Start Time.** Start times for first matches of the day vary at the different LCT venues, so check the schedule for your grade carefully. Where possible, we tried to give teams with longer trips later start times, but that was not always an option. Where teams in the same LCT pool have different start times, the later start time will always be provided to the team(s) with the longest drive time to their first venue.

Teams will get a minimum of ten minutes (combined, not ten minutes per team) of warm-up time before their **first** match of the day. After that, particularly where we are running behind schedule, the official on each court and the tournament director have the authority to start a match early if both teams are there and ready to go, and to limit warm-up time. Many early day matches will last only two games, with later matches (whether in the championship or consolation brackets) more closely-contested, often going to three games. Any time that can be made up in early round play will be appreciated later on in the day. With that objective in mind, we ask your cooperation doing the following:

- **Early starts where possible.** While no team will be asked to start its first match of the day early, where both teams are at the court for their next match, we'd like to see some matches begin before their posted time. If your team finishes its match early in a given time slot, encourage your players to use the rest rooms or visit the concession stand expeditiously and then proceed directly to the court on which their next match will be played.
- **Don't leave the venues unnecessarily.** When you have only 55 minutes between matches (50 minutes for 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade), please do not leave the LCT premises, except when traveling between venues to get to your next match. As noted above, use the rest rooms, visit the concession stand and then go directly to your next match in case it can start early.
- **No or little warm-up.** After each team's first match, there will be little warm-up time in subsequent matches. If matches are running significantly behind on a given court, the referee may allow no warm-up time.
- **First to win two.** All matches will be won by the first team to win two games. No third games (where one team wins the first two) will be played for "fun." This includes the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade LCTs, where third games "for fun" were allowed, when time permitted, during the regular season.
- **Awards.** Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place and the consolation championship. Individual players on teams winning trophies will receive medallions.

We provide ten medallions per team at each LCT. For teams that win a trophy and have more than ten players actually in attendance at the LCT (that means we're not ordering extra awards for players who didn't attend), you will be able to obtain additional medallions after the event by contacting Tracie Tilton at [tracie@gnbl.org](mailto:tracie@gnbl.org) or 715-749-9048. No individual awards will be provided to teams that fail to win a team trophy.

- **Questions or Comments.** Questions or comments about the LCT before or after the day of the event, should be directed to Terri Green at 715-386-4317 ([terri@gnbl.org](mailto:terri@gnbl.org)) or Tracie Tilton 715-749-9048 ([tracie@gnbl.org](mailto:tracie@gnbl.org)). Questions or comments at the event should be directed to the following Tournament Director who will be on site:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - Altoona: Wendy Springer
    - Bloomer: Traci Jacobs
    - Cadott: Lynn Schreiner
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - Amery: Lisa Markee
    - Clear Lake: Alicia Strilzuk
    - Prairie Farm: Micki Bowers
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - St. Croix Central: Autumn Afdahl
    - Spring Valley: Kelli Schlegel
  - 5<sup>th</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade
    - Edgar: Jody Davis
    - Mosinee: Melissa Jellings