

Coaches,

Thank you for being a part of our annual CGSAA end-of-season volleyball tournament! Here is how the tournament will operate:

1. Pool play and bracket play don't have a "time schedule". Once pool play has started that day, the remainder of the pool that day will be continuous play with very little breaks. The only exception will be during bracket play for a team's first game of the day at that gym – those will start at the scheduled time. *START TIME ESTIMATES will be listed on the brackets/pools;* HOWEVER you will need to make sure your players are at the gym early enough and ready to play when your game comes up if you have already played a game that day at that gym. The referee will not wait for a player to arrive if he/she left the gym in between games. We want to keep pool play and bracket play moving and start the next match as soon as the previous match has concluded as much as we possibly can. Again, **your FIRST game of bracket play will be the only one with a guaranteed start time.**
2. **Pool Play:**
 - a. **For all grade levels, 3-team pools will play best 2 out of 3.**
 - The first two sets will be to 25, with a 30 point cap. If a third set is needed, it will be to 15 with no cap.
 - b. **For all grade levels, 4-team pools will play ONLY 2 sets for each match in pool play.**
 - Sets will be to 25 with a 30 point cap.
3. Warm-ups will be 3-3-1 for your first match of the day only; after that, warm-ups will be 2-2-1. Teams will have 2 minutes in between matches to clear benches and get set-up for the next game.
4. The TOP 2 teams from each pool will advance to the **gold bracket**. Bottom teams advance to the **silver bracket**.

3-team Pool TIEBREAKERS to decide which bracket/seeding:

1. Total matches won
2. Head to Head (who won when the tied teams played each other in the tournament)
3. Set record
4. Point differential of all sets played in pool play
5. Head-to-head if they played each other during season.
6. Coin flip

4-team Pool TIEBREAKERS to decide which bracket/seeding:

1. Total sets won
2. Head to Head (who won when the tied teams played each other in the tournament – if the two teams split when they played each other, then it will be the point differential when the tied teams played each other in the tournament)
3. Point differential of all sets played in pool play
4. Head-to-head if they played each other during season.
5. Coin Flip

5. All teams are responsible for providing 1 line judge (high school-aged or older) for each of their games.
6. **There is NO PARTICIPATION RULE in the 6th-8th grade tournaments.** 4th & 5th grades will use the regular season participation rule. **There is also the “Limit of 7 Serve Rule” for the 4th or 5th grade tournaments.**
7. Please help us promote good sportsmanship by reminding your team that they are NOT allowed to cheer once the official has signaled for their opponent to serve.
8. Every team is responsible for bringing their own warm-up balls - the gyms will not provide these.
9. Good Luck and Have Fun!