

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Welcome to the 2008 ASICS President's Day Classic. Asics, Nebraska Elite Junior Volleyball, Alegent Health, and Midwest Volleyball Warehouse are pleased to be hosting this event and we hope that you enjoy your participation or viewing.

General Tournament Format

The 18, 17, 16, & 15 Open Divisions are two pools of 8 teams with all teams advancing to playoffs on Monday. The top two teams in each pool will advance to the Gold Championships, the rest will advance to other playoff brackets.

The 14 Open Division is two pools of 6 teams with all teams advancing to playoffs on Monday. Each 14 Open team will also play one additional match labeled as a challenge match on the schedule. The top two teams in each pool will advance to the Gold Championships, the rest will advance to other playoff brackets.

Play will be normal 2 out of 3 game match play for all Open Divisions.

For the Club Divisions the tournament is broken down into 3 parts. Preliminary pool play, power pool play, and elimination playoffs. All play will be match play best 2 out of 3 games. The third game is only played if needed to decide the match. There is a tournament winner and awards in each of the Club Age Divisions.

For the purpose of determining forfeits, the scheduled time is the match time and any forfeit may only occur at the scheduled starting time.

Officiating Assignments

Teams are required to officiate as noted on the master schedule. During the pool play rounds the officiating teams are designated on the schedule. Teams must supply a down referee, lines people, scorers and ball shaggers.

The Presidents' Day Classic tournament will be requiring that an adult coach be the 2nd referee whenever their team is officiating. Failure to have an adult coach as a 2nd referee will result in the lose of 1 point per minute for every minute the officiating team is not in compliance. We have found that having an adult as the 2nd referee greatly reduces the problems and complaints associated with players being 2nd referees.

On Monday on most of the courts the losing team will stay and help officiate the next match on their court. This is designated by "Loser" on the schedule meaning that the loser of the previous match must officiate. Check the master schedule, if the next match on your court says "Loser", and you are the losing team, you will officiate that next match.

The definition of "next match" is the next match which requires an officiating team on that court. For example, a team which loses a match at 8:00 am will normally officiate the next match which is scheduled at 9:00 am, however if there is no scheduled match at 9:00 or the 9:00 match is forfeited by a team, the scheduled officiating team will ref the next match which occurs on that court.

In order to start the tournament on Monday there are 40 teams which will have to line, score, & ball shag at 8:00 am. These teams are noted in both the master schedule and on the playoff charts. On the playoff chart the officiating teams are those teams which have a **box around** them. Check the schedule carefully.

Failure to provide the officiating crew for your assigned matches could result in the forfeit of the first game of your next match; for every minute the officiating is late, one point is given to their next opponents - up to the 25-0 forfeit. The second offense results in the loss of your next match. Late is defined as not being at the court ready to officiate at the conclusion of warmups.

Warm-Up Procedures

We will use the same warmup procedure as used for all Qualifiers.

- ◆ There will be no shared hitting during warm-ups
- ◆ For all matches of the pool the warm-up time will be 2-4-4. 2 minutes for shared ball handling, 4 minutes for the serving team to have the entire court-4 minutes for the receiving team to have the entire court.

Results and Information

All results and future schedules may be viewed at the Convention Center on the results stations in the lobby. We also have real time updates on the internet showing the current scores and your future matches. The URL is <http://www.midwestvolleyball.com>

How to Read Schedule

The schedule is broken down into three parts.

- The **Pool Charts** which list the teams by pool. Based on your finish in a pool you can determine where your team will go next. All pools are labeled with a heading such as **18CD1P1**, this can be read as **18's Club Division 1 Pool 1**. When you finish play in a pool your positional finish in that pool (1-4) is appended to the pool #. For example finishing 1st in pool 18CD1P1 gives your team the identifier 18CD1P1-1, from this you can look in the pool chart or play off brackets and find your next match.
- The **Master Schedules** show you what courts and times each of the pools and play off matches are played. During pool play the Pool # such as 18CD1P1 is at the top of each time slot. During Play-offs, the match number is shown at the top of each time slot. A typical match number would be 18CSLM1 which stands for 18 Club Silver Match 1. Also shown on the master schedule are the officiating teams. Check this carefully for Monday morning officiating assignments.
- The **Play-off Brackets** are the final part of the schedule. Each play off match is assigned a match number such as 18CSLM1 which stands for 18 Club Silver Match 1. The location and time of that match is shown in the play off bracket and it should also show up on the Master Schedule at the same time and place.

Trainers

Trainers are on duty at the Convention Center. They will tape players free of charge however you must supply the tape. (They have tape available for \$2.00 per roll if needed.) Players are encouraged to talk with the trainers if they have a problem or question

Awards

Awards are given only to the First and Second place teams in the Gold Division of all Club & Open Divisions.

Thanks

Thank you for attending the 2008 Asics President's Day Classic and best of luck in the tournament..