2026 Volleyball Tournament Coaches Guidelines

1. Coaches meeting 7:45 AM on court #1
2. Each court will have 2 sets of bleachers for fans.
3. Each team is required to have:
    - Scorekeeper – 1 per team each match
    - Home scorer will be the paper score; visitor scorer will do the scoreboard
    - Line Judges – 1 per team each match
4. Time Outs
    - Pool play, 1 per game
    - Bracket play, 1 per game or 3 per match
5. Pool Play: All Teams
    - Pool play starts at 8:30 unless you have a bye
    - Pool play is one game to 21 Unless (otherwise noted)
    - Cap is at 24 (win by one at 24)
    - Games to 25 will have a cap of 29
6. VB Division (8 teams)
    - Top 4 teams from pool play will make up Division 1 in bracket play.
    - Remaining 4 teams will make up division 2 in bracket play.
7. VG Division (12 teams)
    - Top 3 teams from pool A and pool B will make up division 1 in bracket play. The bottom 3 teams from Pool A and Pool B will make up division 2
    - Teams will be placed in division one (6 teams) and division two (6 teams) for the afternoon tournament.
8. JVG Division (15 teams)
    - Top 4 teams from pool A and pool B will make up division 1 in bracket play
    - Remaining 7 teams will make up Division 2
9. JVB/FB Division (9 teams)
    - Top 4 teams from pool play will be in Division 1
    - Remaining 5 teams will be in Division 2

10. Frosh Girls (8 Teams)
    - Top 4 teams from pool play will make up Division 1 in bracket play.
    - Remaining 4 teams will make up division 2 in bracket play.
11. 10U/12U (16 Teams)
    - Top 2 teams from pool A and Pool B will make up Division 1
    - Third and fourth place teams from pool A and Pool B will make up Division 2
    - Fifth and sixth place teams from pool A and Pool B will make up Division 3
    - Seventh and eighth place teams from pool A and Pool B will make up Division 4

12. Tie breakers will be
    head-to-head in pool play games
    In the event of a true 3-way tie or if teams did not play head-to-head. We will use lowest points against
13. **Lunch Break – athletes/coaches should stay on site for the short lunch break. We will need to start the afternoon game at the scheduled start times in order to finish on**
14. Bracket Play: Start times vary per division
    - Afternoon matches are best two out of three
    - Games to 25 and third game to 15 if needed
    - For games to 25 cap to 29; games to 15 will cap at 19

15. Awards: Time permitting, we will have our awards ceremony on court #4 immediately following the conclusion of the 12U games. Coaches will receive a bag with their awards in it. We will recognize team finishes and division MVP's at the awards. Coaches of division champs will need to report their MVP to the table at the office by court #1 immediately after their last game.
16. Awards will only be handed out at the conclusion of the tournament. If coaches need to leave before the conclusion of the tournament, program directors will need to pick up awards. Team awards will not be handed to parents.

17. Parking: There is parking at the facility for $20. There is also parking around the area at various costs. These fees are set and collected by the facility. If vehicles leave, they will be charged again on re-entry.
18. Score reporting: We will be using two ways to report scores. We have a tab on the californiahomeschoolsports.com website for reporting scores. We will also need the hard copy scoresheet turned in at the conclusion of the match.
    - **We are providing the official tournament scoresheet. This is the only scoresheet that we will accept. Please let your scorekeepers know. This will help us tabulate the seedings quicker.**
19. Team listed 1st in pool play schedule will be home team. In afternoon bracket play, better seed (#1 being best) will be home team. A coin flip will be used to determine first serve. Coin flip winner will have the choice to pick serve or side. Loser of the coin flip will get whatever the winner does not choose.

20. 10U/12U and JVG families and coaches, Please pay close attention to the court assignments in Pool play. Some JVG games are moved to FG courts and some 12U pool B games move to 12U pool A court. You will see the notes on the pool play schedule.

21. All courts and levels will enforce the one drop rule for serving. One drop per service rotation.
22. **For the 12U division, we are implementing the following service rules:**
    a. **Players who serve overhead must do so from behind the end line**
    b. **In order to move up, players must serve underhand.**
    c. **Players moving up to serve will be able to move up to no more than 6 feet from the end line. We will have blue tape marking the 6-foot mark on the 12U courts.**
    d. **We will use the line 6 foot from the end line as the foot fault line for any players serving underhand. The regular end line will be used as the foot fault line for players serving overhand.**
    e. **We will be using the Lite ball for the tourney.**