

Welcome!!!

Spikes™ Colorado Series Tournament

Saturday _____

(NOTE: actual pool-play schedules with detailed game times is posted on the series website www.spikescoloradoseries.com

Same including updated scores will be available on the AES Xpress app).

Please read these tournament rules carefully!

Share with spectators and parents

We use USAV and In-House Rules

Food & Drink:

STRICTLY NO FOOD OR DRINK except water INSIDE

THE GYMS. Violators of this rule will be subject to whole team forfeit, fines and janitorial duties. Feel free to enjoy food and other beverages outside the gym in the hallway where teams can bring their own food tables. Both North and South gyms have ample seating on bleachers, no personal folding chairs are allowed inside the gyms but can be used in the hallways.

Any violation of this rule will penalize your team with an automatic 5 points deduction from the team's next set.

Children under 18:

Younger siblings cannot be left unattended! Children found without adult supervision will be pulled aside, and the team they are here to watch will be penalized in points or full games.

STRICTLY NO RUNNING AROUND THE BUILDING. Please respect the Areas that are cordoned and where access is barred. No ball handling allowed anywhere inside the building. Please be respectful of the facility at all times.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Sportsmanship is mandatory at all times.

This includes to refraining from spectators or teams behaving negatively towards opponents—like taunting with “BALLS UP” when a server is concentrating.

Spectators and parents are not allowed to approach coaches or officials in any way. Only coaches (not spectators) are permitted to approach the tournament director and officials; please do so in a timely fashion if something seems wrong.

Parents are required to be respectful spectators, and are **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN** to address or approach their team coaches and their team players during play and are **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN** to address or approach opposite team coaches and staff, opposite team players, working team members such as line judges, scoreboard keepers at any time.

Furthermore parents and spectators are **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN** to address in any way referees even if and especially if they are acquaintances.

Any violation of this rule will penalize their team with an automatic set disqualification and match loss.

If spectators and/or parents cannot keep their emotions in check please refrain from coming to Spikes' events. This is a recreational tournament series with a nice competitive edge. Try and stay comfortable sitting down on those hard bleachers by bringing a cushion and enjoy the play with its unavoidable ups and downs but more to the point **SHOW YOUR YOUNG PLAYERS A TRUE POSITIVE AND CARING EXAMPLE.**

PRIZES:

Volleyball medals or trophies are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed teams in each division.

TEAM DIVISIONS:

We make divisions largely by AGE groups, and then we tweak the divisions based on proven track records (priority given to most recent competitions). Your performance in this event will allow us to adjust your optimal placement in subsequent tournaments—we move teams up or down in age/division based on results from other tournaments in the Spikes™ Colorado Series.

BALLS:

Spikes™ Colorado Series will be providing a cart and a tournament ball for each court but not practice/warm up balls. Please bring your own practice/warm up balls.

RULES:

Diamond, Emerald and Sapphire Divisions: USAV rules for High School Age players (no re-toss on the serve).

Ruby and Opal Divisions: USAV rules for 14u players (1 re-toss per serve).

With in-house adjustments as follows:

PLEASE READ

THE FOLLOWING RULE EXCEPTIONS VERY CAREFULLY:

IN HOUSE RULES FOR ALL DIVISIONS:

- **Warm-ups:** all teams get an initial 2:2:1 warm up. After that, only a team that has been sitting gets an additional warm-up.
- **Tournament Duration:** all our tournaments have hard stops on the allotted time. If both teams are ready, games will start earlier than the assigned time! Please be aware of that and do not leave the building without checking in with the tournament director who can tell you if the tournament is right on time or running early.
- **Score-keeping:** there will be one paid, trained “up official”. Working teams are clearly defined on play schedule and their duties are to provide 2 line judges, 2 scoresheet keepers, 2 scoreboard keepers. Coaches need to initial the score-sheet after each match to assure the correct score has been recorded!
- **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** are parents allowed to line judge or be involved in any way with the play.
- **A team that does not provide working team members as per working schedule will automatically forfeit their next Game**
- **Forfeits:** teams with only 4 or 5 players are allowed to play without a ghost rule. Teams with 3 players or less will forfeit their first game (5 minutes after the captains’ meeting); they will then forfeit the entire match (if still without enough players at 15 minutes after the assigned start time).
- **Scoresheets and Line-up Sheets:** please use JVA Line-up sheets; you can find the link to the JVA Line-up sheets on the tournament website: www.spikescoloradoseries.com/events-policy The tournament director will have copies available.

REFEREE / LINE JUDGE CONFLICT

We want to keep working team members focused on their job, a conflicting call between referee and a line judge will result in automatic replay.

SPECIAL RULES FOR RUBY & OPAL DIVISIONS:

OPAL DIVISION ONLY additional serving line for overhand servers:

There is an additional “hypothetical” line 3 feet behind the 10-foot line. Players can step in to that line to overhand serve if they need it; foot faults will not be called but the official can tell a player to move further back at any time. We appeal to all coaches to use a serving spot that is right for each player (it should be a spot that is challenging but achievable); underhand servers need to serve from the regulation service line. One foot fault is ok.

RUBY DIVISION ONLY serving Rules:

Players pick where they serve from behind the back line; one foot fault will not be called, two feet fault will be called. U12 teams playing in the Ruby 12/13 Div. will be allowed to serve as per Opal division serving rule listed above

Substitution Rules for both Ruby and Opal Divisions:

Continuous rotation or 1-to-1: Teams can either substitute or do a continuous rotation but they have to let the official know and stay consistent with the same rotation and substitution method throughout the entire match. We encourage and support coaches introducing a rotation system to their team as early as possible.

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Tournament Series owner and organizer**