

# Tournament Manual

## Format, Rules and Expectations



### Captains Meeting:

All captains (9am start) must meet at 8:45am by court 1. All captains (10am start) must meet at 9:30am at court 1. It is the captain's responsibility to attend the captain's meeting, understand the format and rules of the tournament, and communicate to his/her team. If you have questions regarding the tournament rules/guidelines, it is the responsibility of the captain to approach your Division's Point-of-Contact or the Tournament Director for clarification.

**Tournament Format:** Pool Play to Playoffs.

### Schedule:

All teams will receive a minimum of four matches.

**New for 2021:** \*\*\*All schedules will be posted ONLINE (no paper copies provided)\*\*\*

### Pool Play:

Pool play matches will play with a predetermined number of sets only; NO deciding set. Each set will be played to 21 pts (no cap). Pool rank is determined by: sets Won/Loss (W/L).

If there is a tie in sets W/L, there will be no tiebreaker matches played. Final team rankings within the pool will be a result of:

- (1) Head to Head
- (2) Point differentiation
- (3) Coin Toss

Upon completion of each match, participating teams will act with sportsmanship and meet at the net for a post-match handshake.

### Playoffs:

Bracket and/or Pool (Gold, Silver, Bronze).

Best 2 out of 3 sets. First two sets to 21 pts (no cap), third set to 15 pts (no cap).

All deciding sets require a coin toss for the captain to choose either serve/receive or side.

On all deciding sets, teams will switch sides once a team reaches 8 points.

### Roster:

Maximum of five rostered players. Coed optional with female/male ratios to include 4:0, 3:1, 2:2. Teams requesting a substitute player must always maintain the legal on-court coed ratio.

### Scoring:

All sets will be played with rally scoring.



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- Positions:** Teams should position themselves within a male/female patterned lineup. There are no positional order faults, but service order must be maintained throughout the set.
- Warm Up:** Five-minute official warm up period. Structure (if any) determined by competing teams.
- Intervals:** An interval is the time between sets. **All intervals will be timed for two minutes.** During this period of time, a change of court side is made. During the interval, before a deciding third set, the referee will carry out a coin toss with the team captains.
- Playing Area:** Courts 1-4 will be played on sand. Courts 5-12 will be played on grass.
- Net Play:** It is a **fault** to contact any part of the net during the action of playing the ball.
- Pursuit:** Legal in beach volleyball. A player may pursue under the net, to play a ball back within the legal number of contacts.
- Tips:** Open, one-hand tipping is **not allowed**. Point will be awarded for the opposing team should an open, one-hand tip occur.
- Double Contact:** A player may double the first contact provided the ball is not held (lift). In general, second and third contact double-contact ball handling faults will be kept to a minimum.
- Serves:** Only one toss or release of the ball is allowed in both the High School and Community divisions. Let serves (contact the tape) are legal. Players are NOT allowed to block an opponent's serve.
- Foot Digs:** Digs performed with the foot, or any part of the body, are legal.
- Setter Dumps:** **Setter dumps are NOT legal.** When the ball is sent into the opponent's court, the setter's shoulders must be "squared up" to the net or perpendicular to the line of flight of the ball.
- Time Outs:** Each team may request a maximum of one timeout per set. A timeout is only awarded when the ball is dead. Timeouts are to be held to 30" in duration.
- Footwear:** Players may not wear cleats or spikes of any kind. Players may play barefoot. It is recommended to bring sand socks for all players playing on courts 1-4.



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### Forfeit Rule:

A team five-minute forfeit rule will be in effect.

**The first two matches of pool play (9am/10am) will be at their designated time. Thereafter, each match may start earlier than its estimated start time (rolling schedule).**

It is important to remain attentive to your courts rolling schedule.

### Coed Rule:

Any ball contacted more than once on a side must be contacted by a female before sending the ball to the opponent's side.

### Playoff Information and Format:

Every playoff match is best 2 out of 3 sets.

The first two sets are played to 21 points with no cap, and if needed, the third deciding set will be played to 15 points with no cap. Teams switch sides at 8 points in the third.

All playoff matches have been pre-assigned a court; follow the playoff bracket schedule.

### Tiebreakers:

Tiebreaker matches will NOT be played. Teams will advance out of pool play to their respective playoff brackets determined by the following criteria:

- (I) Sets W/L
- (II) Head-to-Head
- (III) Point Differentiation/Percentage
- (IV) Coin Toss

### Awards:

The championship team within each division will receive:

Youth: Champion t-shirts, \$100 and a beach volleyball for the team Captain.  
High School: Champion t-shirts, \$100 and a beach volleyball for the team Captain.  
Community: Champion t-shirts, \$100 and a beach volleyball for the team Captain.



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2018 Youth Uniform Contest "Spirit Wear" Winner

### Youth Division Point of Emphasis:

#### *Spirit of the Game:*

Teams must play without outside intervention or assistance (no coaches or parent coaches). Spectators are encouraged to cheer only. No external assistance is allowed.

With additional factors influencing performance (wind, sun, playing surface etc.), it is the intention of the Panther Pan-O-Prog Tournament Staff to implement extreme leniency in the judgement of ball handling (double contact) infractions. It will be our intention to allow the players to play with extremely limited whistles throughout the rally.

### Youth Division Modifications:

#### *Serving:*

Each server *is allowed one re-toss* if needed; the server must allow the ball to drop.

Each server is limited to five consecutive points/serves. If the maximum allowable number of serves is reached, the serving team will rotate to its next server (who is then eligible for a maximum of five consecutive serves). This serving rule is in effect for the youth division because the Tournament Staff aims to create rallying and competition within rallies.

It is encouraged for all players to remain behind the service line. A service foot fault call will only be made if a player is gaining a clear advantage.

#### *Uniform Contest:*

The LNHS POP tournament staff will be holding a uniform contest within our youth division. Wear unique tournament attire to increase your chances to win a prize. Winners of the contest will be announced by the DJ. Good luck and have fun!