

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

## **General Information and Format for Junior Tournaments**

**Start Times:** Doors will open no sooner than 7:00am. Play begins at 8:00am. Coaches should closely inspect their start times which may include scorekeeping and officiating assignments before they play and sometimes on alternate courts.

After play begins the times listed are approximate. Matches will start earlier than posted time when applicable.

**Pool Play: 4 team pools** - 2 sets to 25 points, no cap. All teams make playoff brackets.

**5 team pools** - 2 sets to 21 points, no cap. (set will begin with 4 points on the scoreboard). Schedule will note the number of teams from each pool advancing to playoff brackets. (Most of the time it will be three.)

**Playoffs:** Playoff bracket matches will be best 2/3 sets to 25 with deciding games to 15, no cap, unless otherwise noted on schedule sheets.

**Tie Breaking Procedure within Pools:** For any 2-way ties that exist, head-to-head point differential will be used. If two teams are tied after head-to-head, overall pool play point differential will be used. If both teams are still tied a coin flip will determine playoff seed.

If a 3-way tie exists, overall pool play point differential will be used to rank the teams. If two teams are tied in overall point differential, their head-to-head point differential will be used to complete the ranking. If they are still tied, coin flip.

**When all teams make a playoff bracket, additional play-off games to break ties within a pool WILL NOT be scheduled.**

**Work teams (pool play):** Each work team must supply at least 6 workers, including a down-official, two line-judges, scorekeeper, libero tracker and scoreboard flipper. **A COACH MUST BE PRESENT at the scores table or act as the second official while their team is working.** If a complete work team is more than 10 minutes late, they will forfeit their next match.

**Work teams (playoffs):** Teams that lose in the playoffs will immediately work on the court they just played unless otherwise noted. Failure to work a playoff game will result in fines administered by the WEVA region office.

**Warm-ups:** For a team's first match of the day, 2-4-4 (2 minutes shared court time for ball handling, 4 minutes for the serving team, and 4 minutes for the receiving team). For the rest of the matches (including playoffs), there will be a 1-3-3 format. **We ask that teams shag for opponents during their hitting warmups and that teams hit away from the bleachers for safety considerations.** Please be sure to collect and store all volleyballs in carts or bags following each warm-up period.

### **Other Notes:**

**Awards** will only be given to the winners and the runner up of the Gold Bracket Finals.

**Protests:** All protests will be settled during that point in the match. A protest may not occur after the next point has begun or after one minute following game point. Protests will be handled by the tournament director (or designee) and the head official (or designee). A protest cannot be made on a judgment call.

**Coaches** may not talk or shout across the court to the 1st official. Doing so will end in a card. Please use your team captain and 2nd official.

In the interest of running on time, the **Tournament Director** in consultation with the Head Official reserves the right to modify any rules or schedules during the event.

### **Facility Information & Rules:**

Niagara Frontier Sports - 425 Meyer Rd, West Seneca, NY 14224

- Please do not park roadside or in any lots on the north side of Meyer Rd. or you may be towed
- Only water & sports drinks are permitted in the playing area
- **NO COOLERS or FOOD purchased outside the venue is to be brought into the building**
- Food Preparation, buffets and "Tailgating" is not allowed during junior events
- ALL PLAYERS BAGS, BACKPACKS, ETC. SHOULD BE STORED ON THE SHELVES ON THE BALCONY. PLEASE DO NOT PUT BAGS ON THE TABLES or near the COURTS/BENCHES.
- **ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION** at or near junior event venues is **NOT PERMITTED**
- **SMOKING** is **NOT PERMITTED** in or near the facility
- Niagara Frontier is not responsible for lost items – participants & spectators leave property unattended at their own risk
- There will be a concession stand at the venue
- There will be a lost & found area near the concession stand under the staircase
- Please help us keep this facility clean and pick up after yourself!
- Gray bins (to store water bottles) and trash bins will be available on every court. Please use them!

