



2022 NCR AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Sunday, April 24, 2022

TOURNAMENT GUIDE

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Thank you to all the teams participating in the **2022 NCR Area Championships**! NCR is thrilled to welcome you back to the volleyball court!

We want to ensure you that the health and safety of our tournament participants, spectators and staff is of utmost importance to NCR. We will follow and enforce all current facility, local, state and federal COVID-19 mandates.

Attached you will find the official **2022 NCR Area Championships Tournament Guide**. Please review this information, particularly those areas highlighted below, carefully and feel free to share tournament information with your players and families.

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In addition, this information can also be found on the [NCR Area Championships](#) page located under "Find an Event/Junior Girls" on the NCR website.

Let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to a great tournament!

North Country Region-USA Volleyball Staff

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Admission

At the present time, spectators are allowed to attend the tournament with no capacity restrictions.

Admission tickets are \$10 per day (children 5 and under do not need a ticket). Tickets are non-refundable.

Rostered players and coaches do NOT need a ticket.

All admission tickets should be purchased online through Vanco Events. Guests may print out their admission tickets or show them on their mobile device at the door to be scanned upon entry. Spectators will then receive a wristband that provides access to **all tournament facilities on that particular day**. Wristbands cannot be shared.

Scan the QR code below to purchase tickets now!



THERE WILL BE NO CASH TICKET SALES ON SITE.

Spectators do not need to bring their own chairs.

Awards

The first and second place teams in the **gold bracket** of each age division will receive a medal.

Bench Roster

The bench roster may contain up to 15 players, up to 4 coaches (including the head coach), and up to one team manager.

The teams do not need to bring their own bench chairs – the facilities will provide them.

Check-In

Teams must check in at the Site Director's table at their playing venue beginning at 7:15 am. If you do not have an 8am match or 8 am work assignment, please check in **45 minutes prior to your first scheduled activity.**

Only one **rostered** adult needs to attend team check-in - **must present valid photo ID.**

Concessions

Concessions will be available at most tournament sites. We ask that guests refrain from bringing in outside food and beverage if a site does have concessions available.

Only vending machines are available at Avera Human Performance Center.

No food or beverages (except for water) are allowed in any gym space at ANY facility.

COVID-19 Requirements and Expectations

NCR will follow any CDC, Department of Health for Minnesota, North Dakota or South Dakota (depending on where the site is located) and/or facility mandates and requirements in place in order to maintain the safety of all tournament attendees.

Other expectations include:

- There are no spectator limits in place - however, NCR reserves the right to update this policy if facility capacities or current mandates change.
- Admission sales will take place in advance - any on-site sales will be cashless.
- Spectators are encouraged to socially distance from individuals not in your party.
- Depending on facility policies, concessions may be offered.
- NCR will provide game balls for each court per match; participating teams should provide their own warm-up balls.
- Standard work teams assignments will be in place.
- There will be no switching sides during a match.
- If an individual attends an event, it is assumed that they are not sick.

At the present time, there are no COVID-19 Requirements for any tournament site.

See **NCR COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND SAFETY PLAN** on the NCR website.

Daily 1 Schedule (Typical – may vary by site)

7:15 am	Facility doors open
7:15 am	Wave 1 Team check-in begins – one representative per team
8:00 am	First Matches Begin

Division Rule Modifications

11/12s Division

- The net will be set at 7'0" for the 11s and 12s divisions in the Play Date tournaments
- The Molten Volleylite ball will be used for all matches (provided by NCR)
- The three-serve rule that allows a player to serve only three times **will not be used**
- The service line will be moved in 7 feet

14s Teams Playing in 15s Division

- The 14s team will NOT be allowed to re-toss serves

First Aid

It is recommended that teams bring their own first aid kit. **There will be no trainer provided at playing sites.**

Forfeits

- If a team does not have six players or a USAV verified coach at game time, they automatically forfeit the first set.

- Should a team have 6 players or coach before 10 minutes has expired, the late team will be permitted use of the full court for a 4-minute warm-up before play begins.
- If a 6th player or coach has not arrived by 10 minutes after the scheduled match start time, the entire match will be a forfeit.
 - During pool play, a team that has forfeited can “scrimmage” with five players against their opponent for the allotted time. However, the match will still count as a forfeit.
 - If a team forfeits any match other than their first, they will automatically finish fourth in their pool.
 - During bracket play-offs, no “scrimmage” time will be allowed. **Score for a forfeit is 25-0, 25-0.**

Hotels

If you are still in need of a **hotel room**, click below for information from our hotel partners:

[Minnesota](#)

[North Dakota](#)

[South Dakota](#)

Incident Reports

Should a participant or spectator be injured at the facility during the tournament, please make sure to complete an Incident Report prior to leaving the premises. See the Tournament Site Director.

Live Streaming - Sporfie

NCR will be partnering with Sporfie to bring live streaming to select Region tournaments in 2022. Sporfie streams will be made available to set up at all courts, allowing teams to live stream and clip highlights during all games.

The best part is the streams will be available to watch for free on the Sporfie web app, so family, friends and college coaches who aren't there can enjoy the action from home.

How it works:

- Each court will have an event pre-created in the Sporfie app, listed by court number.
- When your team arrives at your scheduled court, you will open the app and find the event that matches your court and location.
- Tap on the event and add a mobile device (this will be the device of your team representative who will be videoing the game) that will be streamed providing instant highlights to everyone watching.

Suggestions to prepare to use Sporfie:

- Download the FREE Sporfie mobile app and try the service at your practices and games from now until the tournament. This will help you become familiar with how to add a camera and use the instant highlights features.
- Designate one person (a parent, coach, athlete, etc) who will be in charge of adding their camera to Sporfie during the tournament and will film the match.

How your viewers can access content remotely:

1. Go to <https://app.sporfie.com/company/ncrusav> and find all upcoming, current and past events.
2. Click the event to join the game, watch the video livestream, and view saved clips as they happen.
3. Optional: Create an account to access game highlights in the web and mobile apps after the event ends.

Rick Uglum from Sporfie will be available to answer any questions you may have and help guide your club on using the Sporfie service. You can also contact Rick at (612) 916-1538 or rick@sporfie.com.

NCR will also be working with Sporfie to offer clubs the option to gain additional visibility at NCR tournaments through advertising on the tournament live streams.

By purchasing a \$50 clickable ad space on all live-streamed content, you will increase your club's visibility and help the Region provide meaningful services and scholarship opportunities to our community of athletes – all proceeds from the ads will be used to fund these initiatives.

To purchase an ad, follow the links below and submit your payment. Once processed, you will receive a link via email that will allow you to submit your logo and add a link to your website.

[\\$50 Option for Area Championships](#) – Various Sites, April 23-24, 2022

[\\$50 Option for Region Championship](#) – Various Metro Sites, May 14-15, 2022

Lost and Found

Any items left at a tournament location site will be kept at the site for up to 72 hours.

Match Balls

NCR will provide Molten balls for all matches.

Merchandise

Tournament merchandise will be sold on site at all Area Championship locations. Merchandise can also be purchased online – [NCR Area Championship Merchandise](#)

Officiating/Work Teams

- **A paid R1 referee will officiate all matches.**
- Work teams will perform all other officiating duties.
- Teams must provide work team members who have completed age appropriate USAV officiating training
- Work Team positions include:
 - Down Ref (R2) – can be a player or adult coach – **if the R2 is a player, an adult coach must be by the score table the entire match as well** (pool play and bracket play)
 - Line Judges (2) - (pool play and bracket play)
 - Scorekeeper - (pool play and bracket play)
 - Scoreboard Operator - (pool play and bracket play)
 - Libero Tracker - (pool play and bracket play)
 - Please make sure work teams are on time and ready to go
 - **Teams should bring their own whistles.** Electronic whistles are encouraged.
 - All work team participants must pay attention to play - **NO CELL PHONES OR FOOD**

- **A work team schedule can be found online on advancedeventsystems.com**
 - To access the work team schedule, go to the tournament, click on your team's age division and then click on your team's **Pool Sheet** – work teams will be listed to the far right on the pool schedule
 - Failure to provide the officiating crew for your assigned matches could result in the forfeit of the first set of your next match or further penalty if it is your final officiating assignment of the day

In the event that a team is assigned to participate in a 5-team pool, the team will be assigned as the work team on two courts at once - all teams will officiate only once during pool play but it will be on both courts at the same time. The most important roles to fill are as follows: Line Judges (2), Scorebook (1) and Visual Scorer (1). If needed due to lack of manpower, the R2 and Libero tracker can be eliminated.

Roster Requirements – USAV Official Rosters

This is an NCR-USAV sanctioned event which requires valid rosters for the safety of all participants.

- All rostered participants (players, coaches, team reps, etc.) must be current and verified USAV members
- Teams must have a Head Coach on the bench
- All rostered adults must have a current USAV background screen and be SafeSport certified
- Teams may have a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 15 players
- Teams must be in full matching uniforms per USAV (unless a waiver has been provided in advance)

Any team that fails to comply with NCR roster requirements may receive sanctions.

Rules Interpretation

If there is a question on a rule interpretation, please direct the question to your facility Site Director. He/she can then contact NCR for clarification.

Schedules / Scores / Results / Standings

All schedules will be posted online on www.advancedeventsystems.com. Please check there for the most up to date information.

To access tournament schedules, scores, results and standings on any device using a web browser:

- Go to www.advancedeventsystems.com
- Click on **EVENTS** at the top of the home page
- Search by the event name = **NCR AREA**
- Click on the gold **SCHEDULE POSTED** button to the right of the tournament you want to view
- Click on **Pool/Bracket, Teams** or **Standings** to view that information for the tournament division you want to view
- Bookmark this web page to access it when you want

Scores and schedules will NOT be posted at the sites – all information will be online.

Set Breaks

There will be 3 minutes between each set.

Site Addresses

Avera Human Performance Center	6800 S Louise Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD
Apple Valley High School	14450 Hayes Rd – Apple Valley, MN
Hope Fieldhouse	2645 145 th St. W – Rosemount, MN
Moorhead High School	2300 4 th Ave S, Moorhead, MN
Horizon (Moorhead) Middle School	3601 12 th Ave S, Moorhead, MN
Rustad Recreation Center	601 26 th Ave E, West Fargo, ND
Shanley High School	5600 25 th St. S, Fargo, ND

Sportsmanship

- Please clean up your area before leaving
- Please abide by all tournament rules and requirements including any COVID-19 requests.
- NCR expects GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP from ALL – any participants or fans who fail to show good sportsmanship may be removed from the tournament

Tie-Breaking Procedures

There are NO tie-breaking sets played for this event. All ties will be determined as follows:

- Tie-Breaker – final finish in the pool will be determined by match record
 - If there is still a tie, the following criteria will be used in this order without repetition
 - Head to Head (only if 2 teams are tied)
 - Set %
 - Point %
 - Coin Flip

If your team is involved in a tie-breaking situation, DO NOT leave your site until your finish (1, 2 or 3) is confirmed by the Site Director.

Time Outs

Time outs will be 30 seconds.

Tournament Format

All teams will play pool play followed by bracket play.

Pool Play

- 4-team pools will play best 2 out of 3 sets
 - The first two sets will be played to 25 points with no cap
 - The third deciding set will be to 15 points with no cap (set not guaranteed)
- 3-team pools will play 3 sets regardless of the outcome of sets 1 and 2
 - All three sets will be played to 25 points with no cap

- 5-team pools will play best 2 out of 3
 - The first two sets will be played to 25 points with no cap
 - The third deciding set will be to 15 points with no cap (set not guaranteed)
 - 5-team pools will also have a short scheduled break between matches 3 and 4 since all teams will be either playing or officiating every match.

Bracket Play

- All teams will advance to bracket play (e.g., playoffs)
- Bracket play matches will be best 2 out of 3 sets
 - The first two sets will be played to 25 points with no cap
 - The third deciding set will be to 15 points with no cap (set not guaranteed)

No switching sides at all during the match.

To keep play on time, a match will begin 10 minutes after the end of the previous match regardless of published start time.

Trash Disposal

We have seen an increase in trash that is left in gyms and on courts by BOTH teams and spectators. Please remind your members that we are guests at all of our facilities. **Trash bins are provided at all locations – PLEASE USE THEM!**

Uniforms

All team uniforms must comply with [USA Volleyball Uniform Requirements](#).

If your team is having an issue with uniforms due to a delay in manufacturer delivery, etc., please notify NCR as soon as possible – NorthCountryRegion@gmail.com.

Waivered Players

North Country Region allows “waivered” players to participate in NCR hosted events which DO NOT have national bid implications (e.g., Heartland Blizzard, SmackFest, Area Championships, Region Championship).

- A player may be waived based on their grade vs. their age
- Boys may participate on a girls’ team through 14u

In both instances, the player MUST receive an approved waiver from NCR in advance of being added to the tournament roster.

Warm-Ups

Pool Play:

The first match of each pool will utilize a 10-minute warm-up (2-4-4 warm-up) – two minutes shared ball handling, followed by four minutes for each team on the court.

The Serving team will have the court first. There is to be NO shared hitting or serving.

Warm-ups and coin flips start immediately following the previous match.

Warm-ups are 10 minutes before a team’s 1st game – after that, warm-ups are 5 minutes in length (1-2-2).

Bracket Playoffs:

All matches will receive a 10-minute warm-up (2-4-4 warm-up format).

Warm-Up Balls

Warm up balls will NOT be provided. All teams must bring their own warm up balls.

WI-FI

Avera Human Performance Center	Network – Guest / Password - None
Apple Valley High School	Network – 196Guest / Password – 196Guest
Hope Fieldhouse	Network – Guest / Password – Fieldhouse1
Moorhead High School	
Horizon (Moorhead) Middle School	
Rustad Recreation Center	
Shanley High School	

Weather

The tournament will be held through snow, cold, and rain so plan your travel accordingly as matches will begin on time each day. If a team is late, they run the risk of forfeiting sets, or the entire match, as determined by USAV rules.

Questions

If you have any questions, problems or concerns please call (952) 831-9150, email us at NorthCountryRegion@gmail.com or visit our website at www.ncrusav.org.