



Tournaments 101

Welcome to Club Volleyball Your role as a parent is crucial in supporting your athlete, we're here to guide you through the tournament experience.

As tournament season approaches, it's crucial to be prepared. Let's get ahead of the game by sharing some essential tournament information and tips.

TOURNAMENTS:

Tournament information will be hyperlinked to each team's page under the specific tournament as it is received.

Depending on the team your athlete plays for, tournaments can be 1-day, 2-day, 3-day, or 4-day.

1-day tournaments: start early and run late, beginning with pool play and following with bracket play later in the day. These can run really long.

2-day or multi-day tournaments: begin with pool play, followed by bracket play on the last day. These days are usually shorter than one day. Generally, the higher the placement in pool play, the earlier the team will play in bracket play.

Pool play: 3 or 4 teams will generally be placed in a pool. Each team will play each of the other teams for two sets. Sometimes, there is a tiebreaker if needed. Some work on win/loss, while others take total points into account, so every point is important! The results of pool play determine placement in brackets. Poor pool play puts a team at a lower position in the brackets.

Bracket play: Tournaments will have different levels of brackets- Gold, Silver, Bronze, etc. When looking for a team's place in the brackets, use the pool name (A, B, C, etc.) and the place in the pool (1-4) to find the spot in the brackets. Teams will also need to see if they are listed to ref before playing



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and after their match. All players are expected to be available if the team is listed to ref.

Entrance fees: these are sometimes one-day or multi-day bracelets. The cost will vary, and the price is usually available beforehand.

Seating: some facilities will allow personal chairs to be brought in. Larger tournaments will provide all the seating needed, but having a chair in the car isn't a bad idea!

Snacks: concessions are not always to be counted on to be available. Having snacks for the day is a good idea, but please be aware that many facilities ban or limit the snacks that can be brought. If parking is nearby, having a cooler in the car is an option if you will be there all day. Drinks to help your player stay hydrated are also a good idea.

Schedule: Always be aware of when your player is to play next. The beginning of pool play and bracket play are usually hard and fast. Subsequent play is rolling (will start right after the previous play is completed.) This means you will need to know when your coach wants you to be where. **THIS IS THE PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY!**

GAME DAY BACKPACK: Here is a list of some items to include in your backpack:

- Jersey(s)- Always include all your gameday jerseys every day.
- Uniform shorts (an extra pair if you have them)
- Socks
- Knee pads
- Shoes
- Braces
- Warmup
- Underclothing
- Hair necessities- headbands, hairbands, brush, etc.
- Snack
- Water bottle
- Personal items- as needed. The item player may want a pillow and/or blanket, particularly if it is a 1-day tournament.



PARENT'S VOLLEYBALL ETIQUETTE.

1.- If your team is NOT playing, please move back so that spectators for the teams playing can sit closely to watch.

2.- When your team IS playing, it is acceptable to ask if you may have the seat of someone whose team is NOT playing.

3.- It is against AAU/USAV rules for spectators to speak to the line judges, refs, and the table. Your team can be penalized if the rules are broken, and the spectator may be required to leave the facility.

Remember, we are all part of the WVBA family, and our actions reflect on the entire group. Maintaining a positive and supportive attitude, both as players and spectators, goes a long way in creating a respectful club environment.

5.- Do not discuss or challenge any coaching decision during th tournament and adhere to the 24-hour rule and grievance procedure (<https://www.wellingtonvolleyballacademy.com/grievanceprocedure>)

PLAYER'S RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1.- BE EARLY!!!! (on time is late) The coach should have discussed the consequences of missing or being late to practice and tournaments with players.

2.- Tournament attire - WVBA gear only at tournaments while playing or refereeing.

3.- Backpacks, water bottles, etc, organized at the tournament; the team should stay together while reffing or off and make sure the area is clean after the team leaves

5.- Players leave the venue once the coach dismisses the entire team at the end of the tournament, especially if the team has to ref the last game of the day (even if a player is not scheduled to ref). WVBA will automatically suspend a player for one or more tournaments if a player leaves before being dismissed by the coach at the end of the tournament.

6.- WVBA warmups only while reffing.

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7.- ABSOLUTELY NO HEADPHONES (OF ANY TYPE) while reffing, warming up, or at the bench

8.- No eating at the reffing table.

9.- WVBA has a zero-tolerance rule, and the player will be immediately and automatically suspended for any incident as a result of the use of vaping, drugs, alcohol, or any incident related to disrespecting refs or other team's coach or players, fighting, stealing, etc.

Consequences vary from losing a starting position to being suspended for a set, game, tournament, or season.

Looking forward to a great season!