

Great Plains Region - USA Volleyball 2020 Guidelines for Tournaments and Directors

Introduction

Sanctioned USA Volleyball tournaments are conducted in the Great Plains Region under the Guidelines for Conducting USAV Sanctioned Tournaments as outlined in the current USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations. This section contains additional information on tournament procedures and provides valuable information for conducting tournaments. All deviations from these guidelines must be approved by the Regional Commissioner before a tournament may be sanctioned.

Successful tournaments are the result of having an organized tournament director. Listed in this manual are the basic requirements that a tournament director must provide for the teams and individuals that participate in their tournaments. These requirements let teams know what they can expect when they enter your tournament. The teams, in turn, are expected to cooperate with the tournament director to create a successful event.

1. Tournament Sanction Procedures

- 1.1 All tournament directors and site directors must be registered members of the Great Plains Region. Instructions can be found on the Great Plains website (www.greatplainsvolleyball.org) on the Juniors section/Tournament information tab.
 - 1.1.1 Registered members of GPRVA are protected by limited liability insurance.
- 1.2 A tournament schedule will be made public by December 1.
- 1.3 The sanction request for tournament dates must be postmarked by **Friday, September 27**.
 - 1.3.1 There are no application fees to request tournaments.
- 1.4 Tournament requests after **September 27** will only be considered if the schedule allows.
- 1.5 Multi-day tournaments are those in which the same teams play on consecutive days.
- 1.6 Sanction applications **MUST** include the number of courts that are planning to be used and the maximum number of teams that can be accommodated.
- 1.7 A system of priorities and limitations has been established for the allocation of GPRVA sanctioned events on a specific date.
 - 1.7.1 Limitations for each weekend include:
 - a. Only two courts of Gold in the 12's and 17-18 divisions.
 - b. Only one Gold tournament sanctioned per each age division.
 - c. Only one 10's tournament shall be sanctioned.
 - d. Two options should be available for Silver in the Omaha area and no more than three options should be available.
 - e. Split Session tournaments will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
 - f. One option for Silver should be available in a 75 mile radius of Lincoln.
 - g. In other areas of the state, only one option per age division should be available in the same geographical area of a 75 mile radius.
 - 1.7.2 Priorities for assignment of tournaments should include:
 - a. Each tournament director should receive at least their first three requested tournament dates (going to at least the fifth request to prevent any overlap with other requests).
 - b. Region clubs will have preference over tournaments that are for profit (that do not directly benefit a club volleyball program).
 - c. Tournament requests beyond three are looked at on a ratio of tournaments granted divided by the tournaments requested.
- 1.8 When sanctioned, the tournament date and other related information will show up on the Region's online tournament system.

2. Tournament Site Selection

When deciding whether a facility would be suitable to host a tournament, the following factors should be considered.

- 2.1** Court – The playing surface should be flat, smooth and free of obstructions. It is recommended that a minimum area of 2 meters (6'7"), free of obstacles should be on the sides of the court and a minimum of 3 meters (9'10") should be on the ends of the court.
- 2.2** The same requirements are required for each adjacent court (which means there should be a minimum of 4 meters from the sideline of one court to the sideline of the adjacent court).
- 2.3** Standards and Nets – Check the net poles to insure they are safe. The net poles and the referee stand must be padded.
- 2.4** Adequate parking needs to be available for the expected number of teams (approximately 40 cars per court).
- 2.5** Adequate seating for spectators – This is especially important for junior tournaments in which parents often accompany the teams (need approximately 50 seats per court).
- 2.6** Restrooms must be available and shower facilities, if possible.
- 2.7** The minimum temperature shall be 60 degrees. The lighting of the playing surface should be at least 27.9 foot candles measured one meter above the playing surface.

3. Tournament Requirements

3.1 Team Limits and Time Requirements

- 3.1.1** Tournaments will be limited to the number of teams and courts in which they are sanctioned for. Any desire to increase the number of teams admitted to a tournament must have the approval of the Great Plains Region Commissioner or tournament coordinator.
- 3.1.2** No match can start before 8:00 a.m.
 - a.** Single session tournaments (Gold and Silver) can have no matches start after 8:30 p.m.
 - b.** Morning sessions of Split Session tournaments must be completed by 2:30 p.m. Failure to comply may result in losing the ability to host Split Session tournaments.
 - c.** Afternoon sessions of Split Session tournaments must start no later than 2:30 pm and complete play by 8:30 pm. Failure to comply may result in losing the ability to host Split Session tournaments.
- 3.1.3** No more than five (5) teams per court are allowed in a one-day tournament.
 - a.** If there is a five (5) team pool, it **MUST** be held on a single court and will be played as a single session with no sessions before or after the five (5) team pool. (Waivers of the single court policy may be requested and submitted to the region office for approval)
 - b.** No playoffs will be allowed between five (5) team pools.
 - c.** If awards are given, they must be given to the winner of each five (5) team pool.
 - 1)** Ties can be broken using a pre-determined published method or by using the USAV tie-breaking criteria, which includes pool match record, head to head, set percentage, point percentage, or flip of a coin. (USAV Rulebook pg 224-225)
- 3.2** Teams with waived players or boys playing on a girls' team are not allowed to play in any tournament that will lead to the Girls Junior National Championship or national qualifier.
- 3.3** If playing out of region, the team must check with the host region in regard to their policy on waived players.
- 3.4** Boys may play on a girl's team or have an all boys team in the 14 and younger age divisions.
- 3.5** Boy's 15 and older teams may enter girls' junior tournaments, but must play one age division higher than their designation.
- 3.6** Teams from a higher age division are not allowed to play down a division regardless of deadlines or tournament openings.
- 3.7** Awards
 - 3.7.1** Awards/prizes may be given at junior tournaments.

3.7.2 Information regarding who will receive awards must be printed on the tournament information sheet.

4. Tournament Entries

4.1 Tournament directors must create an account on the Region tournament entry system.

4.1.1 Tournament directors accept teams that are entered in the tournament entry system, after payment is received.

4.2 Teams are required to enter a tournament through the Region tournament entry system.

4.2.1 Teams must have a complete roster built in the 'webpoint' database (USA Volleyball online registration system) before they can be accepted into tournaments.

a. Rosters must have at least 6 players and the head coach.

b. The roster turned into the tournament director must be the "official roster" printed from the 'webpoint' database. **The roster MUST include the lines for the coach's signature and date.**

c. Tournament directors must have a current Webpoint roster from teams before participation is allowed. If a tournament does not have a current legal webpoint roster prior to the start of a team's first match, the tournament has the right to forfeit the first set until a current legal webpoint roster is provided. The teams can play, but the score for any forfeited set is 25-0. After forfeiting the first set, a team has ten minutes to produce a legal current roster. If unable to produce a current legal roster after ten minutes, the match will be forfeited. Tournament directors can print a roster for teams and may charge a reasonable amount for this service.

4.2.2 Instructions to use the Region tournament entry system can be found on the Great Plains website on the Juniors>Tournament Schedule page.

4.2.3 Club directors will create a log-in through the Region tournament entry system.

a. Clubs will enter the names of all teams in the Region tournament entry system. Team names must exactly match the team names entered into the 'webpoint' database.

b. Club directors can give access to others within the Region tournament entry system.

4.3 A team will be listed as 'pending' after they register online for a tournament.

4.4 A team will be listed as 'approved' after the tournament director receives payment and accepts them into the tournament.

4.5 Tournament directors should send a confirmation email to the team notifying them of their acceptance into their tournament.

4.6 In deciding which entries to accept from those received by the deadline, the ONLY criteria a tournament director may use are the following:

4.6.1 Timeliness of entry

4.6.2 Region affiliation

a. Exceptions to these criteria must be approved, in advance, by the Regional Commissioner or the Tournament Coordinator. (It is suggested that entries with similar postmarks be accepted on the basis of how often a team has participated in USAV sanctioned events this season.)

4.7 Tournament directors have the right to refuse entries to teams that are entering divisions higher than their own (age or level).

4.8 Team Withdrawals and Refunds

4.8.1 Once a team has been accepted into a tournament, a written request for withdrawal must be provided to the tournament director at least 3 weeks in advance. Full refunds must be given in these situations.

4.8.2 If a team must withdraw from a tournament after the 3 week deadline, the tournament director must be informed in writing. If the tournament director is able to fill the open slot

with another team at any time before the tournament date, a refund, minus a 25% processing fee, must be given. If the slot remains unfilled, no refund is required.

5. Tournament Cancellation or Changes

- 5.1 If due to unforeseen circumstances, it becomes necessary to cancel a tournament, the tournament director should immediately contact the Great Plains Tournament Coordinator.
- 5.2 If a tournament is cancelled, tournament directors must contact all teams that have registered for the event and inform them of the cancellation.
- 5.3 If an event is cancelled, the entire entry fee must be returned within 3 weeks to all the entered teams.
 - 5.3.1 If a tournament is cancelled because one team drops out (and the number of remaining teams drops below 4), the team that dropped is not required to receive any refund. All remaining teams entered are entitled to a refund.
- 5.4 Sometimes changes are made to the tournament schedule after the original tournament schedule is released. In this case the tournament director should immediately submit changes to the Great Plains Tournament Coordinator (or Regional Commissioner).
- 5.5 Violation of any of the tournament cancellation or change procedures will result in sanctions.

6. Tournament Format

- 6.1 The Tournament Director will generate pool play schedules and place teams into pools based on the ranking system and submit them to the Great Plains Tournament Coordinator by the preceding Wednesday at 5pm of the weekend of play. Once approved, the Great Plains Tournament Coordinator will post the playing formats to the region website under the Juniors tab> this weekend's events.
- 6.2 All tournament divisions are required to have at least four (4) teams in order for that division to be played.
 - 6.2.1 There must be at least 4 teams registered 10 days before the tournament, or the teams must be given the option to remove their entry from the tournament with no penalty.
 - 6.2.2 The four teams must consist of teams from four different clubs.
 - a. If 2 or more teams from the same club are in a division with 5 or less teams, then the tournament director must allow the club(s) with 2 or more teams to remove entry from the tournament with no penalty no later than 10 days prior to the tournament.
- 6.3 With the approval of the Great Plains Tournament Coordinator or the Great Plains Region Commissioner, age divisions can be combined in order to create a playable tournament.
 - a. All teams must be notified if divisions will be combined.
 - b. All teams that do not wish to play in a 'combined' division must be allowed to remove themselves from the tournament without penalty.
 - c. 12's **cannot** be combined with any other division (except 10/11's).
 - d. No more than two divisions will be combined.
- 6.4 Tournament formats must meet all Region tournament requirements.
 - 6.4.1 Preferred Great Plains tournament flow charts and tournament schedules can be found online in the Juniors>Tournament Information tab.
 - 6.4.2 Any format variances must be approved in advance by the Great Plains Region Commissioner or tournament coordinator.
- 6.5 Tournament formats (with correctly seeded teams) will be disseminated by the Great Plains Tournament Coordinator no later than 5:00 pm on the Wednesday before the event. This will allow for updated rankings to be used each weekend.
 - 6.5.1 Pool play schedules will be posted on the website under the Juniors>This Weekend's Events tab after they have been finalized.

6.6 Match Allowance Times

6.6.1 The following are realistic time allotments for matches and include a six (6) minute warm-up period between matches.

2/3 25 point sets per match (15-pt third set) – 1 hour 5 minutes

2/3 21 point sets per match (15-pt third set) – 1 hour

Two 25 point sets – 50 minutes

Two 21 point sets – 45 minutes

One 15 point set – 20 minutes

One 25 point set – 26 minutes

Please refer to the current USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations” for additional information concerning scheduling parameters.

7. Seeding and Ranking System

7.1 The Great Plains Region Tournament Coordinator will use the ranking system that is generated by the Region tournament entry system when seeding teams into pools for tournaments.

7.1.1 Deviations from the proper seeding will only be allowed to avoid a club’s teams playing each other in pool play. This deviation does not have to be followed, but must be consistently applied within an age division. This deviation will be made to the lowest seeded team affected.

7.1.2 Teams that do not have a ranking in the Region tournament entry system shall assume the lowest possible seeds.

7.2 The ranking system will be updated each Tuesday morning after the previous weekends’ results have been entered.

8. Tournament Rules

8.1 Warm-Up Procedures

8.1.1 Gold Tournaments – warm up ***cannot be shortened***

a. 2 minutes of shared court by both teams on their respective courts.

b. 4 minutes of the entire court for the serving team.

c. 4 minutes of the entire court for the receiving team.

d. Serving is to be done within the 4 minutes that a team has the entire court – there is no shared serving time.

8.1.2 Silver and Split Session Tournaments – warm up can be shortened to 1-2-2 after each team’s first match.

a. 1 minute of shared court by both teams on their respective courts.

b. 2 minutes of the entire court for the serving team.

c. 2 minutes of the entire court for the receiving team.

d. Serving is to be done within the 2 minutes that a team has the entire court – there is no shared serving time.

8.2 Scoring – All tournaments must use rally scoring.

8.2.1 All **Gold** tournaments will play best 2 out of 3 matches to 25 points.(Deciding set to 15)

a. All sets will start at 0.

b. All Gold matches require a coin toss to determine the serving/receiving team.

8.2.2 **Silver and Split Session** tournaments will play 2 sets in round robin pool play.

a. Silver and Split Session tournaments will play sets to lesser number of points than a regular set with both teams starting at 7.

b. All sets will end at twenty five points with a team needing a two point advantage to win.

c. If a deciding set is necessary in bracket play, the set shall be played from 0–15.

d. Determination of the serving team for pool play in Silver and Split Session tournaments can be conducted at the tournament director’s discretion as stated on the tournament information sheet.

- 8.3** All players must wear the same uniform number for the entire competition. If the libero also plays as a regular player, their uniform number must remain the same.
 - 8.3.1** Blood Exception – (see USAV Rulebook page 227)
- 8.4** Special Rules for 10, 11, and 12's competition.
 - 8.4.1** A 'light' ball must be used.
 - 8.4.2** Can use a step-in line (a line marked at 6'6" in the court) for serving at Silver and Split Session tournaments.
 - 8.4.3** 11/12's tournaments will use a 7' net height.
 - 8.4.4** 10's tournaments will use a 6'6" net height.
 - 8.4.5** 10's can play in 11/12's tournaments, but 12's cannot be combined in higher divisions, i.e. 12/13's division. If 10's play in an 11 or 12's division they shall play on the 7' net height.
- 8.5** 10's-14's will be allowed a second service toss, if the first toss is allowed to drop untouched. The referee will signal a replay and then authorize for a second service attempt that must be contacted at this time.
 - 8.5.1** The server must contact the ball within 5 seconds after the 1st referee whistles for service.
 - 8.5.2** If the ball, after having been tossed or released by the server, lands without touching the player, it is considered a service tossing error.
 - 8.5.3** After a service tossing error, the referee must authorize the service again (re-serve) and the server must execute it within the next 5 seconds.
 - 8.5.4** One service tossing error is permitted for each service.
- 8.6** In the 10's-14's divisions, the coach can act as the captain.
- 8.7** Special Sport Court rules.
 - 8.7.1** A server must start with both feet in contact with the Sport Court surface.
 - 8.7.2** When a player plays a ball that has gone completely off the playing surface, the player must have at least one body part in contact with the Sport Court surface when contacting the ball and bringing it back into play.
- 8.8** The player may enter the non-playing area after contacting the ball

9. Advancement of teams after Pool Play

- 9.1** The advancement of teams after pool play must be clearly stated on the schedule or tournament information sheet
- 9.2** Gold tiebreakers
 - 9.2.1** If a tie exists between more teams than have a chance to advance to the championship of a tournament, the tie(s) will be broken using one of the tiebreaking formats found in the USA Volleyball Rulebook page 224-225.
 - a.** All tiebreaking sets will be played to 25 points (switching sides at 13), with one team winning by 2 points and no cap.
 - b.** In a tiebreaker situation of three or more teams, if a team leaves the site and/or is not ready to play when notified, they will forfeit their match.
 - c.** The team that forfeits will be placed lower than the remaining tied teams.
 - d.** Ties for other situations will be broken using the following methods:
 - 1. Best match record
 - 2. Head to head competition
 - 3. Best set record
 - 4. Total point differential
 - 5. Coin toss
- 9.3** Silver and Split Session tiebreakers
 - 9.3.1** There will be no tie breaking sets played in the Silver and Split Session tournaments. Ties will be broken, without repetition, in this order:
 - a.** Best set record
 - b.** Head to head results (to include point differential)

- c. Total point differential
- d. Coin toss.

10. General Tournament Guidelines

10.1 All players, club representatives, coaches and officials must be registered members of the Great Plains Region.

- a. All adults affiliated with a junior team must have a current background screen.
- b. All adults affiliated with a junior team must have a current Safe Sport certification.
- c. All coaches affiliated with a junior team must have completed a designated IMPACT course.

10.2 The current USA Volleyball Rulebook must be used.

10.3 Junior Team Officiating Requirements

10.3.1 For all Great Plains sanctioned tournaments, a **rostered adult** (coach, other rostered adult member or USAV certified referee) **must be the R1 or R2** on every match.

- a. If the rostered adult is the R1, then a player may assist in other roles.
- b. If the rostered adult wants to be the R2, a player may be the R1.

10.3.2 Each team registered in the Great Plains Region will be required to have **two players that are certified as junior referees and two players certified as junior scorers.**

- a. Information will be sent out by October 1st with player certification requirements.
- b. There is usually an option to 'test out' of specific modules, ie, R1, assistant scorer, etc.
- c. It is the responsibility of club directors and coaches to ensure players have completed their officiating requirements.
- d. Only players that have completed their certification, and are noted as such on the roster, should officiate in those roles.
- e. It is advisable to complete your officiating requirements as soon as a player is registered and the information is disseminated. It is highly recommended that you do not wait until the holiday break to complete your requirements.

11. Tournament Administration

11.1 Tournament Information/Pool Play Schedule

11.1.1 This should be a document listing general tournament information along with the tournament schedule.

11.1.2 There are templates available on the Great Plains website for tournament director's guidance.

11.1.3 Information should include the following.

- a. Tournament name
- b. Tournament date
- c. Tournament division
- d. Tournament site(s)
- e. Start time (the first two matches need to be stated)
- f. Pool designations (i.e. #1, #2 or A, B, etc.) and court assignments
- g. Pool play schedule and officiating assignments (must follow approved Great Plains schedule formats).
- h. Match/Set format (matches/games to ?? points, starting at ??)
- i. Tournament advancement procedures with tiebreaking procedures
- j. Facility regulations and specific facility rules
- k. Warm-up procedures
- l. Coin-toss (first serving procedures)
- m. Awards (which places receive them)
- n. Procedures and contacts for inclement weather

- 11.2** The tournament director should arrive at least one hour before the start of the tournament to ensure all equipment and the tournament desk is set up.
- 11.3** A central tournament desk is required for each tournament. Teams will check in and verify their rosters at the tournament desk before they begin tournament play.
- 11.3.1** The tournament desk should be close to the main entrance so coaches can stop as soon as they arrive to turn in their rosters.
- 11.3.2** Pool play and bracket sheets must be posted and made available in a visible area for all spectators and teams to see.
- 11.4** Tournament directors need to have a copy of other formats ready in case a team drops out or does not show.
- 11.5** Post any special rules of play in the same area as the results sheets.
- 11.6** A copy of the tournament schedule should be placed at the scoring table at each court.
- 11.7** The results of matches should be updated immediately on the result sheets after each match.
- 11.8** **It is required to have a site director that has no other duties than to run the tournament.**
- 11.8.1** The site director is responsible for insuring that the entire tournament is being properly managed and that all correct procedures are being followed.
- 11.8.2** The site director should insure that courts are staying on time.
- 11.8.3** It is recommended to have an additional court manager for every two (2) courts in use.
- 11.9** When appointed, a Great Plains Region day official will be on site to assist with rules interpretations, officials training, scoring problems, and verification of rosters.
- 11.9.1** If needed the day official will head a protest committee who can rule on protests or unusual circumstances.
- 11.9.2** The day official is not responsible for any tournament administration not affiliated with their specific duties.
- 11.10** There are a few equipment items that are necessary to have when planning your tournament. Many times the equipment is available at the playing site, but you should make prior arrangements for accessibility. The Great Plains region has the following items available for your use free of charge:
- a. Referee Stand - Each court must have a regulation referee stand with the required padding. (boxes or non-regulation equipment is not allowed)
 - b. Visual Scoreboards
 - c. Antennae
- 11.10.2** Visible court markings - If you need to use floor tape please check with the facility to see which type of tape is suitable for use on the playing surface.
- 11.11** Each court should have the following items.
- A. A folder for all sheets
 - a. Scoresheets
 - b. Deciding set scoresheets
 - c. Lineup sheets
 - d. Libero Tracking sheets
 - B. Black or blue pens and pencils
 - C. USA Volleyball Rulebook (2019-2021)
 - D. Gameball(s)
 - E. Visual scoring device (flipchart)
 - F. Antennae
 - G. Copy of the playing schedule
 - H. A minimum of one towel
 - I. A minimum of 4 chairs for each bench
 - J. A scorers table with a minimum of 3 chairs
- Additional items that need to be accessible at the tournament desk
- A. Air pump and needle
 - B. Net chain
 - C. Toolbox, hardware and rope for nets

- D. Pool result sheets
- E. Playoff brackets
- F. Team rosters
- G. Garbage bags
- H. Extra pens and pencils
- I. Red and Yellow cards
- J. Extra whistles
- K. Tournament Procedures Handbook
- L. Great Plains Region Handbook
- M. Floor tape
- N. Markers and Highlighters
- O. Stapler and staples
- P. Blood Kit

11.12 Coaches Meeting

11.12.1 If all information that teams need about the tournament is not available prior to the tournament, it is highly recommended that a coaches meeting be held prior to the start of the tournament. Subjects to address include the following

- a. Coaches check-in, roster verification
- b. Playing schedule
- c. Pool format
- d. Tournament (bracket) format
- e. Length of sets
- f. Tiebreaking procedures
- g. Officiating duties in pool play and bracket play
- h. No headphones or cell phones at scorers table or as a line-judge
- i. No food on scorers table
- j. Coaches need to be near the court where his/her team is officiating
- k. Warm-up procedures
- l. Reporting of match results
- m. Expectations on behavior of players and parents
- n. Facility Rules
- o. Playing area
- p. Outside food and coolers
- q. Team 'hangout' areas
- r. Emergency exits
- s. Team warm-up areas
- t. Space for scorers table
- u. Spectator area
- v. Lunch break details if applicable
- w. Cleaning up areas before teams leave

11.13 Failure to Participate

11.13.1 Occasionally unusual events occur at a tournament such as: a team fails to appear without prior notice; a team fails to officiate as assigned; or a team exhibits poor sportsmanship.

- a. Report such events to the Regional Commissioner by e-mail the day after your tournament. If the event warrants, the Commissioner or duly appointed representative will investigate and may assess penalties and/or fines against members and/or teams involved in the event. Reports are handled anonymously.

11.13.2 If a team fails to officiate as assigned, the tournament director should inform the regional commissioner or tournament coordinator on the day following the infraction. The team will be assessed a \$100 fine and will not be allowed to play in any additional tournaments until the fine is paid.

12. Post-Tournament Procedures

- 12.1** Reporting scores in the Region tournament entry system.
 - 12.1.1** Matches will be entered from a 'drop-down' menu on the Online Region tournament entry system. If the match was a playoff or bracket match then the tournament director will check the box marked 'playoff'. Playoff and bracket matches are weighted differently in the ranking system.
 - 12.1.2** Please contact the Great Plains Region office if you have trouble entering the tournament results.
- 12.2** Tournament directors are required to enter the scores by the end of the day on the Monday following the tournament.
 - 12.2.1** It is important to enter the scores in a timely fashion as other tournaments are dependent on the ranking system to seed teams in their tournaments.
- 12.3** Tournament information sent back to the Great Plains office
 - 12.3.1** The following information needs to be sent back to the Great Plains office – postmarked no later than the Friday following the tournament.
 - a. A signed team roster for each team in the tournament.
 - b. Pool and bracket sheets to verify tournament results.
 - c. Post-tournament report form.
 - d. A \$50 sanction fee (includes \$30 officials fee) for each team in a Gold tournament.
 - e. A \$20 sanction fee for each team in a Silver tournament.
 - f. A \$20 sanction fee for each team in a Split Session tournament.

The following is a synopsis of deadlines for tournament directors. This is not a substitute for reading the Tournament Manual.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Wednesday before tournament	5:00 p.m.	Finalized schedule with teams and updated seedings (drawn anytime after 9 AM on Tuesday). Schedules will be posted on the website after final confirmation.
Tournament Day		Remember to read the Tournament Manual and follow guidelines set forth within. Pay special attention to tournament administration details (such as time limits for Split Session tournaments).
Monday after tournament	End of Day	Tournament results must be entered into the Region tournament entry system.
Friday after tournament	Postmarked by	Tournament packet with all appropriate inclusions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. A signed and dated team roster for each team in the tournament. b. Pool and bracket sheets to verify tournament results. c. Post-tournament report form. d. A \$50 sanction fee (includes \$30 officials fee) for each team in a Gold Tournament. e. A \$20 sanction fee for each team in a Silver Tournament. f. A \$20 sanction fee for each team in a Split Session tournament.



Great Plains Region of USA Volleyball SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

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The reason for this code is to preserve the integrity of the athlete, the coaches, the opponents, referees and our region. Failure to abide by this code will result in you being asked to leave the site/facility and may result in you being banned from attending future Great Plains Region sanctioned events. The Site Director, Tournament Director and/or the Facility Owner have the final say regarding their individual event. Local law enforcement will be contacted if necessary to resolve any disputes or altercations. Questions may be directed to the Great Plains Region office (402-593-9670/info@greatplainsvolleyball.org).

IMPORTANT NOTICE – ENTRY TO THIS PRIVATELY SANCTIONED EVENT IS GRANTED AS A COURTESY. IF YOU ENTER/ATTEND THIS, OR ANY GREAT PLAINS REGION SANCTIONED EVENT, YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDELINES:

I WILL:

1. I WILL honor the rules of the host and the host facility.
2. I WILL abide by the policies of USA Volleyball.
3. I WILL display good sportsmanship by behaving respectfully and courteously in the spirit of fair play.
4. I WILL accept the decisions of the officiating team and refrain from actions or attitudes aimed at influencing those decisions.
5. I WILL direct all concerns regarding officials to the Tournament Director or the Head Coach/Club Director of my team.
6. I WILL acknowledge effort and good performance, remembering that all of the players in this event are amateur athletes.
7. I WILL immediately notify the Tournament Director in the event that I witness any illegal activity.
8. I WILL acknowledge that the spectator seating around the courts is for the primary use of those watching the match in progress.
9. I WILL acknowledge that spectators may rightfully choose to remain in a seat for an entire match without switching sides of the court when the teams switch.

I WILL NOT:

1. I WILL NOT harass or intimidate any official (to include player officials, line judges and scorers), coach, player or parent. This would include actions such as booing, taunting, profane language or gestures.
2. I WILL NOT participate in any on court activities unless I have a current USA Volleyball membership.
3. I WILL NOT bring and/or carry any firearms at any Great Plains Region event.
4. I WILL NOT bring, purchase, or consume alcohol in the playing area at any sanctioned Junior volleyball event.

WARNING! Injury from flying objects incidental to the sport of volleyball may occur at this event. Attend at your own risk. Please pay close attention to your surroundings and be alert at all times, especially during active play and warm-ups.