

Coaches,

Thank you for being a part of our annual CGSAA end-of-season volleyball tournament! Here is how the tournament will operate:

1. Pool play and bracket play don't have a "time schedule". Once each team has had a pool play game or a bracket game that day, the remainder of the tournament for that age that day will be continuous play with very little breaks. *START TIME ESTIMATES will be listed on the brackets/pools*; HOWEVER you will need to make sure your players are at the gym early enough and ready to play when your game comes up if you have already played a game that day at that gym. The referee will not wait for a player to arrive if he/she left the gym in between games. We want to keep pool play and bracket play moving and start the next match as soon as the previous match has concluded once everyone is there. **Your FIRST game of pool play and bracket will be the only one with a guaranteed start time. The only exception to this is the 8th grade girls and boys tournaments – those will both run continuously once they begin.**
2. **4G, 5G, and 7G:** Pool play for all pools and bracket play games will be best 2 out of 3.  
  
**6G and 8G:** Pool Play for all 3-team pools will be best 2 out of 3. **The 4-team pool will play ONLY 2 sets for each match in pool play.** ALL BRACKET GAMES will be 2 out of 3.  
  
**6B:** Each game in the round robin will be 3 sets -- the first two sets will be to 25, and the last set will be to 15. There will be no bracket for this division.  
  
**8B:** Pool Play for all 3-team pools will be best 2 out of 3. **The 4-team pool will play ONLY 2 sets for each match in pool play.** ALL BRACKET GAMES will be 2 out of 3.
3. Warm-ups will be 3-3-1 for your first match of the day only; after that, warm-ups will be 2-2-1.
4. The TOP 2 teams from each pool will advance to the **gold bracket**. Bottom teams advance to the **silver bracket**.

**3-team Pool TIEBREAKERS to decide which bracket/seeding:**

1. Total matches won
2. Head to Head (who won when the tied teams played each other in the tournament)
3. Set record
4. Point differential of matches played in pool play
5. Season Record
6. Coin flip

**4-team Pool TIEBREAKERS to decide which bracket/seeding:**

1. Total sets won
2. Head to Head (who won when the tied teams played each other in the tournament – if the two teams split when they played each other, then it will be the point differential when the tied teams played each other in the tournament )
3. Point differential of all matches played in pool play
4. Season Record
5. Coin Flip

5. All teams are responsible for providing 1 line judge (age 14 in high school or older) for each of their games.
6. **There is NO PARTICIPATION RULE in the 6th-8th grade tournaments.** 4th & 5th grades will use the regular season participation rule. **There is no "Limit of 7 Serve Rule" for the 4th or 5th grade tournaments.**
7. Every team is responsible for bringing their own warm-up balls - the gyms will not provide these.
8. Good Luck and Have Fun!