



TO: Team Managers, 1st Annual Spring Spike Fest Volleyball Tournament
FROM: Baylor Hellmuth, Recreation Supervisor
Tournament Director
SUBJECT: Tournament Information and Format

Please review the following information about the 1st Annual Spring Spike Fest Volleyball Tournament. Tournament schedules will be posted online at www.teamsideline.com/casperwy. If scheduled, teams should be ready to play or referee at 8:00 AM. Be sure to review the schedule carefully.

DATE/LOCATION:

Saturday, April 18th and Sunday, April 19th
Casper Recreation Center- 1801 E. 4th St.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

Tournament begins- Saturday, April 18th, at 8:00 am for some pools.

Tournament resumes at 8:00 am, Sunday, April, 19th.

Admission is \$5.00 for an all-tournament wristband pass for ages 13 and over. Ages 12 and under are admitted free. Coaches and players will receive a wristband in their team packet.

Please be ready to play or referee at any time; schedules are on a running clock to keep everything flowing all day.

1. Team Packets – Team packets will be available at the site of your first scheduled match. Each team packet contains a tournament schedule, tournament rules, team roster form, and a whistle for officiating purposes.
2. Tournament Format – Generally, this tournament is an 8 set guarantee with a 3-4 match guarantee.
3. Pool Play – Generally, pool play will be a round robin with all teams of each pool advancing to single-elimination bracket play scheduled for Sunday. Pool size depends on the number of teams registered for the tournament. **Pool play schedules may vary depending on teams and court availability.**

Games in pool play will consist of two sets to 25 points, win by 2 points, with a cap of 27 points (rally scoring) unless noted otherwise for different sized pools.

Tiebreaker policy when applicable for seeding:

- a) Winning percentage
- b) Head to Head
- c) Head to Head Differential
- d) Total Point Differential
- e) Coin Toss

4. Championship Rounds (Sunday) - The championship bracket will be single elimination with each game being played best 2 out of 3 sets. The first two sets to 21 points, win by 2 points, with a cap of 23 points, and set 3 will be played to 15 points, win by 2 points, no cap (switch at 8 points).
5. Officials – **The Casper Recreation Division will provide the first referee in every match.**
 - a. When scheduled, teams will be required to provide the following additional officials for each match. These team referee assignments will be posted per the schedule.
 - i. An adult representative of the team scheduled to officiate to be the second referee

1. *Duties- Controls substitutions and timeouts, verifies lineups and player positions before serve, monitors net, centerline and back-row faults, and communicates with the scorer's table.*
 - ii. Two properly trained athletes of the team scheduled to officiate to line judge
 1. *Duties- Watches assigned boundary lines to judge in/out balls, signal touches off the receiving team, judges foot faults on the server, indicates when the ball crosses outside the antenna or contacts the antenna, signals when the ball is out of play.*
 - iii. For all 10U-12U games, an adult coach or adult representative of the team scheduled to officiate to keep score
 - iv. For all 14U games, an adult coach or adult representative of the team scheduled to officiate to supervise score/libero keeping
 - v. For 16U and 18U games, properly trained athletes of the team scheduled to officiate to keep score/libero keeping
 1. *Scorekeeping Duties- Records starting lineups for each team, tracks and records points, substitutions and time-outs, verifies serving order, records player numbers for substitutions and ensures they are legal, maintain official scoresheet.*
- b. The first referee will verify the scoresheet at the end of the match for accurate score and results of match.
 - c. If a team fails to provide officials or arrives late to their game, they will forfeit their next scheduled set and if after 10 minutes they are still not there, they will forfeit the game (exception: if a team is late because they are still playing a scheduled game this rule does not apply).

Officiating in bracket play - When teams are eliminated, they are typically scheduled to officiate the next game. *In some cases, winning teams are scheduled to officiate* to keep the schedule fluent. Teams leaving early and not fulfilling their officiating schedule will not be invited to future events.

6. Good sportsmanship and observance of Casper Recreation Center and other facility rules will be required. Please help take care of the facility where you are playing.
7. Gym Shoe Policy: Shoes worn in from the street are not allowed on the playing surface of the gymnasiums. Please carry your shoes into the facilities. Thank you for your cooperation.
8. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY: Coaches will receive a roster form by the tournament registration deadline of March 29th. Coaches will be required to submit that completed roster form either in person or via email by the roster deadline of April 16th. No roster additions will be allowed after the April 16th deadline. Coaches will also be required to bring a copy of the completed roster form to the tournament. The coaches' copy of the roster must match the submitted copy upon any protest. If there is a player/roster discrepancy at any juncture, please inform a tournament official ASAP so corrective action can be taken.
9. Players may only play on one team and in one division. If a player is found to be playing on more than one team, both teams in question will be automatically forfeited.
10. Tournament Schedule – Please note: The Tournament Director reserves the right to adjust/combine divisions at any stage of the tournament. Schedules are posted online. All teams should be prepared to play or officiate at 8:00 am. **All times on the schedule are merely estimates**; this tournament follows a rolling schedule. All teams should be ready to take the court for warm-ups within 5 minutes of the end of the previously scheduled game. Teams not ready for warm-ups within 5 minutes of the end of the previous game will be forfeited for that game. In each team's first contest of the day, they will be allowed the 4-4-2 (4 minutes of full court access for each team, 2 minutes together) warm-up method. For all other contests, teams will be allowed the 2-2-1 (2 minutes of full court access for each team, 1 minute together) warm-up method.
11. There will be a mandatory coaches meeting for all coaches at 7:30 am on Saturday.

12. **NO ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO** products may be in anyone's possession inside any of the tournament facilities. Anyone who is found possessing alcohol or tobacco within any of our facilities will be grounds for expulsion from the tournament.

TOURNAMENT PLAYING RULES

National High School Federation Volleyball Rules for 2025-2026 shall govern play, insofar as, they do not conflict with the rules stated herein:

1. Uniforms are required and must include a jersey number on front and back.
2. The 14U-18U divisions will play at Women's net height; 7'4 1/8". The 10U-12U divisions will play at Junior net height, 7'0".
3. Game balls will be provided by the Casper Recreation Center. The 14U-18U divisions will utilize the Tachikara Official SV-5WSC. The 10U-12U divisions will utilize the Tachikara Volleyleite.
4. Teams may play with a maximum of 6 players on the court at a time. Teams must play with a minimum of 4 players on the court at any time. In the case that less than 6 players are being used, a team must denote a phantom server for each server that is missing in their rotation. When the phantom server is the next server in the rotation, the team with the phantom server will lose the point and the service possession will transfer to the other team.
6. Any ball hitting an overhead obstruction (backboard, ceiling and support beams) shall remain in play providing the ball remains on your side of the net, your team has a hit remaining, and it does not occur on the serve.
7. Teams are allowed one time out per set - 60 seconds in length.
9. The dividing curtain between courts #1 & #2 and courts #2 & #3 at the Rec Center is out of bounds and the ball will be declared dead if it touches the white dividing net. Due to safety reasons, players are NOT ALLOWED to push the dividing net so another player can hit the ball. If this happens, the ball will be declared dead, resulting in a sideout.