

Tournament Director Meeting 4-8-22

1. Understanding tournament formats

a. General rules of thumb

- i. There are no breaks planned for any tournaments
 1. If you give any breaks, you must make sure it does not affect the current or future tournaments in that facility
- ii. All formats (as played) will provide the teams a min of 6 sets
- iii. No switching sides unless one side has a significant restriction the other side does not.
- iv. Using a computer or Ipad is easier than using a phone.
 1. Recommended to have multiple windows open so going to where you need to go is easier.

b. 3 team tournaments

- i. Played on one court with 2-21 in pool (start at 4)
- ii. Playoffs are best 2/3 sets with set 1+2 being 21-point sets (start at 4) and the 3rd set to 15. There are two matches in playoffs.

c. 4 team tournaments

- i. Played on 2 courts with 2-21 in pool
- ii. Playoffs are one set to 25 with 4 matches.
- iii. There are no work teams
 1. Coaches from each team should alternate and be the R1 for one set of the match.
 - a. They can perform these duties from the R2 position, so they are right there if they need to speak to their team.
 - b. Coaches can also have the flip score right behind them and at the end of each rally give the appropriate score.
 - c. Coaches be patient with each other if there is only one coach for a team they may have to talk to their team through the match.
 2. Score sheets should still be used but just to record the final score of each set and have a written record.
 3. No parents/spectators may be at the score table or on the court to help in work team duties
 - a. They can run the flip score from the stands

d. 5 team tournaments

- i. Played on 2 courts with two 21-point sets (start at 4).
- ii. This tournament is pool play only, no playoffs
- iii. One team must be the work team for both courts
 1. No parents/spectators may be at the score table or on the court to help in work team duties
 - a. They can run the flip score from the stands
 2. Split the team as evenly as possible with the min needed at each court of an R1, R2, + Scorekeeper
 - a. Score keeper can also flip the score chart
 3. All other work duties can be filled by one or more players if available – If the R1 is not elevated then line judges would be the next best roles to fill, then libero tracking/score flip
 4. Teams must go directly to their next match (may be changing courts) once both courts have finished a round.

- a. 1 min travel and then call captains and get the warmups timed and started.
- e. 6 team tournaments
 - i. This is the most common tournament being run.
 - ii. Played on 2 courts with 2-21 in pool
 - iii. Playoffs are one set to 25 with 7 matches to be played
 - 1. The first round of playoffs are matches 1 + 2 (quarter finals) with the top team from each pool as the WT
 - 2. The second round of playoffs are matches 3 + 4 (semis) with the losers of M1 + M2 as the WT.
 - 3. The third round of playoffs is the consolation matches with the losers of the second round (M3 + M4) playing in match 6 and the losers of the first round (M1 + M2) playing in match 7 – The winning teams from M3+M4 are the work teams
 - 4. The last match to be played in the fourth round is the finals (match 5)
- f. 9 team tournaments
 - i. Played on 3 courts with two sets to 21 in pool.
 - ii. All teams are then reseeded
 - 1. All first-place teams are seeded 1st-1st place, 2nd -1st place, 3rd – 1st place team. The same happens for 2nd and 3rd place in pool
 - 2. All 1st and 2nd place teams in pool advance to the gold bracket for playoffs and the 3rd place teams advance to the silver bracket.
 - iii. Gold bracket playoffs are one set to 25 with 7 matches to be played (just like in a 6-team tournament)
 - iv. Silver bracket playoffs are best 2/3 sets with set 1+2 being 21-point sets (start at 4) and the 3rd set to 15. There are two matches in playoffs. This gives all teams a min of 2 sets in playoffs.

2. Coaches Meeting

- a. During the coaches meeting stress the importance of all coaches getting the next match started right away.
- b. They cannot go talk to their team for 2 minutes at the end of their match as they need to get the next warmups started and on a timer. Then, if they want, they can talk to who they need to.
 - i. Warmups are 1 min shared (which is when you do RPS or coin flip), then serving team WU, then receiving team WU.
- c. Delaying the start of a match even 2 minutes over 6 rounds leads to more delays than are necessary.

3. Time management

- a. Tournaments are built to run on a 4-hour 15 min time frame
- b. TD's need to be proactive + active throughout the whole tournament
 - i. Be at the scorer's table for the end of a match to get the score sheet and gently remind the coaches to get the next one started if they are not.
 - ii. Have timer at each table to make it easy to time warmups, time outs, and between sets.
 - 1. One digital kitchen timer
 - iii. While cell phones have timers it usually ends up a bigger distraction for the work team when they are on their phone during the match.
- c. A 3-team pool should be completed in approx. 2 hours and 15 min.
 - i. For an 8:30 match start this is 10:45 am
 - ii. Playoffs will take approx. 2 hours to complete at 1 set to 25 (and all warmups taken)

- iii. If playoffs are not ready to start by 11 am then it is recommended to cut all playoffs to 1 set to 21 (start at 4 just like pool)
 - 1. Do not just change one playoff match, change all of them.
 - 2. The goal is that No playoff matches should be dropped, and all teams get to play 2 more sets in playoffs
- iv. If playoffs do not start until 11:15 then all playoff matches should be cut to 1 set to 15.
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 - 2. The goal is that No playoff matches should be dropped, and all teams get to play 2 more sets in playoffs

4. Navigating SW

- a. Pre-tournament
 - i. Walk through SW to make sure all teams listed are the correct teams, the tournament is listed for the correct facility and at the correct start time.
 - 1. Look at and be familiar with the pool page
 - 2. Look at and be familiar with the bracket page
- b. Entering scores
 - i. Enter scores to update SW. You must give SW time to update once you enter scores, it may take up to a min.
 - ii. If there is a score entry correction be aware that that may affect how teams flow into playoffs. Make sure you are entering scores for the correct winning/losing teams.
 - 1. When you are at the score table collecting the score sheet make sure the score keeper is putting in all information – especially if they did not follow proper procedures during the match double check who the winning and losing teams are.
 - iii. If your scores are not being accepted – close out your window and sign into the score entry page again – this will fix 95% of these problems
- c. Matches not played
 - i. If a match is not played, for any reason, then use the tournament data to find the higher ranked team from what they did that day (pool and playoffs). Overall sets/H2H/PR. Give that team the win and put the score in as 25-0 so we know that match was not played.
 - ii. At no point should rock-paper-scissors, or any other non-volleyball vehicle be used to make any match W/L determination. Use what they have done that day.
 - iii. If matches are cancelled because of time (PM wave coming in/facility end time) then make sure both coaches know what you are doing to determine a winner. Also, if these are M6+M7, remind them that this result will not affect where they are placed for the next tournament.
- d. How does SW break a tie?
 - i. Overall set %, H2H, H2H PR, Overall PR
 - ii. Point ratio (PR) is a more accurate way to determine overall differentiation

5. Problems

- a. If there are any roster problems, please contact Roxann or Dave
 - i. Coaches not on a roster
 - ii. Players not on a roster
 - 1. Wrong player #'s just ask the coach
- b. Rosters
 - i. We are accepting online Sportwrench rosters or printed sport engine roster.
 - ii. No handwritten rosters are acceptable
- c. If there are any rule problems

- i. Use a rule book (2019-2021) or go online to the latest version. You are not expected to have all the answers, but you are expected to make an informed decision.
 - ii. Need more clarity or unsure what the rule defines contact Stephen, Roxann, or Dave
 - d. If there are Sport Wrench problems - Contact Stephen B. (and soon to be added on to the help list - Brendan)
 - i. SW playoff format was not followed,
 - 1. then do not enter scores
 - ii. If you have refreshed your score entry window and the scores are still not being accepted
 - iii. If the teams are not flowing into the playoff bracket
 - 1. Make sure all scores are entered from all pools first. If the pool page shows all scores entered and the teams are still not flowing to the bracket page, then contact SB.
 - e. Teams started in the wrong pool.
 - i. Before the tournament starts make sure the correct teams are in the correct pools according to SW. Some clubs have multiple teams with very similar names.

6. Questions

- a. NERVA 4 event id # 22015
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