

Changes for this Season

1. **Warm up time** – The first two rounds of pool play warm up have been extended to 1-4-4. All rounds after the first two will be 1-3-3.
2. **Pre-tournament warm-up access** - With the new warm up policy, players and coaches will need to work cooperatively to allow everyone access to the court before the whistle is blown for the first match.
 - a. The teams must use the court they are assigned to for pool play.
 - b. Teams will be expected to work cooperatively.
 - c. There will be no coach-initiated warm-up allowed.
 - d. There will be no ball that will break the plane of the net (no serving, passing or hitting over the net)
 - e. Once whistle is blown for captains all players will exit the court. This should be at 10 minutes previous to the start of the tournament, so the tournament may start the first match on time.
 - f. Reason: With limited court access previously only two teams could warm-up for the start of the tournament. Now all teams are afforded equal access to warm-up until whistle is blown for the first match.
3. **Whistles** - All teams will bring an appropriate number of whistles (manual or electronic) to be a functioning officiating team.
4. **Interpreter** – At all NERVA Tournaments the teams Official sign language interpreter will be allowed to stand at all times.
 - a. Must still be USAV registered with background check and Safesport certified.
 - b. Must be listed on all official rosters as team Rep
 - c. All Interpreters must check-in with the Tournament director prior to the tournament starting so they may inform the refs (if an open team) that an interpreter is present.
5. **All Open level tournaments**
 - a. We will revert back to the pre-2015 system where all open level spots will be filled for each NERVA tournament.
 1. All Open level tournaments will be filled to 8, 12 or 16 team capacity unless a team is a last minute no show.
 2. Movement from one NERVA to the next will be based on the tournament average, not a two up and two down rule as was previously followed. Criteria for breaking ties will be head to head, finish in the last tournament played only, set %, Point ratio.
 - b. Pool play will be 2-25-point sets.
 - c. There will be a playoff for every position (1st-8th)
 - d. First round of Play-offs will be a full match with the third set to 15. All Subsequent matches will be one set to 25 (if there is a ¼ final then the semis and final are 1 set each)
 - e. All AAA level teams could be subject to the same travel policy as the Open teams.
6. **Open tournament missing fees**
 - a. Any team listed to play an open level tournament that drops after the final schedule has been posted, or does not show will:
 1. Forfeit the open entry fee (**\$175** or current cost),
 2. Missing team/s will be assessed an additional **\$350** penalty fee, (Current cost of missing an Open tournament after the final schedule has been posted is **\$525**)

3. The Jr. Commissioner or Girls Coordinator can waive entry or penalty fee if reason for missing is deemed unavoidable or unusual

1. College visits, family vacations, OOR tournaments are deemed avoidable from an administrative viewpoint.

b. All “Club Level” teams will remain under the current 24-hour rule

7. **All Club Level tournaments** – AAA to C

a. All club level tournaments will run Consolation and Championship brackets.

b. All playoffs (semis + Finals) will be 1 set – 25 points.

c. All Club level tournaments will play for all places – 1st – 8th place. This means after a semi-final has been played there will be a one-set match between the teams losing in the semis.

8. **Sportwrench Use**

a. All teams playing in a NERVA tournament will need to be registered on Sportwrench by 2/1/19.

b. All tournaments (Open + Club) will be on Sportwrench just after the announcement of the final schedule.

c. All results from each match will be put onto Sportwrench, while the tournament is running.

d. This can be done by computer on site, or if no internet access, by phone on site.

9. **Points System and Movement in the Open** –

a. All places have a point value associated with it. All 1st and 2nd place finishes from Silver down will have a higher point value than the 7th and 8th finishes of the level above them.

i. 1. This will adjust for those teams missing at Out of Region tournaments as well as those moved up to fill their places.

b. Final seeding at the end of the tournament will be 1st - 8th. Ties will only happen if teams are not able to play. If one team forfeits a match the other team will automatically get the higher seed. If both teams forfeit the match, then both teams will be tied for the lower seed.

Sample Formats for 8 Team Open + Club Tournaments

8 Team Open tournaments					
	2 courts	Format	Matches	Work team	Time Est
Pool Play	2 courts	Round robin	2 sets to 25	As scheduled	0900 - 1400
Play-Offs					
Championship Bracket					
Semis 1+2	Court 1	Single Elimination	Best 2/3 with 3 rd set to 15	As scheduled	1405 – 1510 1515 - 1620
3 rd place	Court 1	Single elimination	1 set to 25	As scheduled	1625 - 1650
Finals	Court 1	Single elimination	1 set to 25	As scheduled	1655 - 1720
Consolation Bracket					
Semis 1+2	Court 2	Single elimination	Best 2/3 with 3 rd set to 15	As scheduled	1405 – 1510 1515 - 1620
7 th place	Court 2	Single elimination	1 set to 25	As scheduled	1625 - 1650
5 th place	Court 2	Single elimination	1 set to 25	As scheduled	1655 - 1720

8 Team Club tournaments					
	2 courts	Format	Matches	Work team	Time Est
Pool Play	2 courts	Round robin	2 sets to 21	As scheduled	0900 - 1400
Play-Offs					
Championship Bracket					
Semis 1+2	Court 1	Single Elimination	1 set to 25	As scheduled	1405 – 1430 1430 - 1455
3 rd place	Court 1	Single elimination	1 set to 25	As scheduled	1500 - 1525
Finals	Court 1	Single elimination	1 set to 25	As scheduled	1530 - 1555
Consolation Bracket					
Semis 1+2	Court 2	Single elimination	1 set to 25	As scheduled	1405 – 1430 1430 - 1455
7 th place	Court 2	Single elimination	1 set to 25	As scheduled	1500 - 1525
5 th place	Court 2	Single elimination	1 set to 25	As scheduled	1530 - 1555