



2018 Star of the North Games

Rochester, Minnesota

June 16-17, 2018

Volleyball Tournament Rules

TEAM CHECK -IN: All teams must check in before your first game at the National Volleyball Center. The address is 2601 Viola Road NE, Rochester, MN 55906. Map: [Link to Map](#)

CHECK-IN HOURS:

Saturday, June 16: 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. There will be no check-in Friday evening.

WHAT TO BRING TO CHECK-IN:

- Team roster
- Liability Release Form
- Each team must present their completed rosters and have paid their entry fee in full before playing their first match.

ROSTERS

Rosters will be frozen at registration and no players may be added to a team roster after registration. No player may be rostered or play on more than one team. Violation of this rule will cause a team to forfeit any match(es) that an illegal player participated in. Protests on eligibility may be verbal or in writing, but they must be communicated to the Star of the North Games Volleyball Commissioner.

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

Medical authorization forms are required for all players. A copy of the Medical Authorization forms must be turned in at registration. These will not be returned.

ADMISSIONS

Weekend passes will be \$8 for adults, \$4 for students/senior, and 5 & under free. All athletes and up to two coaches per team receive free admission.

PLAYING SITE

All matches will be played at either the National Volleyball Center or Century High School, which are adjacent buildings. Teams will not be allowed to set up team “buffets” or bring in electrical devices to serve warm food. We also ask that no coolers be brought into the facility.

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

An athletic trainer will be on duty at the National Volleyball Center. The trainer will be available during the times games are being held. It is the responsibility of each team to provide their own non-emergency medical supplies, including bandages, and water.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

All teams are responsible for supplying their own:

- Water and other sports beverages.
- Basic first aid supplies (bandages, gauze, tape, rubber gloves, etc.)

MINNESOTA CONCUSSION LAW

- This tournament requires compliance with Minnesota Statue 121A.37 in accordance with the Youth Concussion Policies. All participating coaches and referees are required to have taken concussion training within the past three years. The US Center for Disease Control and Prevention has a free, online course entitled Concussion Training for Coaches (and referees), accessible by the following link: http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html

COMPETITION FORMAT

4 & 7 Team Pools and Playoffs: All matches will be the best 2 out of 3 sets. The first two sets will be rally point sets to 25 and the third set, if needed, will be a rally scoring set to 15.

18C/16's Division - Teams are all placed into a 7 team pool. There will be a 45 minute lunch break after the 4th match on Saturday. Pool play will start on Saturday and conclude on Sunday. Sunday all teams will be seeded into playoff brackets according to their finish in Pool Play.

14's & 18A/B Division- All teams are seeded into groups of four teams for the "Round 1" of pool play, which start at 8:00 am Saturday. All teams will be seeded into new groups for "Round 2" of pool play, which will start as soon after the results from the first round are posted on Saturday and conclude on Sunday morning. After "round 2" of pool play all teams will be seeded into the single elimination playoff brackets.

Special Note:

- Times on schedules are just a guideline. First match on each court will start as scheduled and all other matches will be played in order. Teams are to be ready to play when their match is sequentially ready to be played.

MEDALS

Medals will be awarded in the following manner:

Playoff Brackets with 6-8 teams: Playoff champion team: Gold Medals; Championship match losing team: Silver Medals; Semifinal match losing teams: Bronze Medals unless there is a match to determine 3rd place.

Playoff Brackets with 4 teams: Playoff champion team: Gold Medals; Championship match losing team: Silver Medals. No bronze medals will be awarded in a 4-team playoff bracket.

OFFICIALS AND REFEREE DUTIES

The Star of the North Games will provide a "First Referee" for all matches. All teams will provide additional official ("refing") help as scheduled throughout the tournament. When scheduled, each team will provide two line judges; a scorekeeper, a scoreboard operator, and a coach/adult as the Second Referee (bring a whistle.) Teams must be on time for their refing responsibilities as if they were playing. Teams which do not show up for their scheduled refing will lose the first set of their next match by a 0-25 score.

After losing in the playoffs teams should check with the Site manager to make sure they do not have a commitment to referee one more match. Teams failing to fulfill their referee duties in the playoffs may face a sanction and/or financial penalty at the 2019 Star of the North Summer Games.

RULES

- NFHS/MSHSL Volleyball Rules will apply to all matches.
- The following are rules and/or policies for this specific event that may be different from what you are used to, so please review before you play:
- Outside food will not be allowed. Water only in bottles may be brought to the team bench area. Players, coaches, and parents found violating this rule will be asked to remove the food and beverages from the gym.
- Players may not, at any time during play, step on an adjacent court.
- The ceilings in all gyms are in play regardless of the height above the playing floor.
- Net contact is always a fault, except contact by loose hair or the force of a ball hit by the opponent pushes the net or net cables into player.
- The team listed 2nd on the schedule will call the coin toss for the first set and, if necessary, the team listed 1st will call the toss for the third set. Winner of coin toss can choose serve/receive or playing area.
- Warm ups will be ten minutes for any teams first match of the day and five-minutes for all other matches. During a ten minute warm-up teams will share the court for ball handling for two minutes, the serving team will get the court for 4 minutes, and then the receiving team gets the court for the final 4 minutes. For five minute warm-ups the times are reduced to 1,2,2. **Teams need to bring their own volleyballs for warm ups.**
- Teams not having six players when called to the end line at the beginning of a match will forfeit the first set after one minute. The team will forfeit the next set and match if they do not have six players within ten minutes after forfeiting the first set.
- Teams are allowed 18 substitutions.
- After the ball is released for service, it may be caught or allowed to drop to the floor to get a re-serve.
 - Only one re-serve per player per term of service.
 - Ball does not need to be tossed/released before contact.
 - Time allowed for service (contact) – five seconds.
- Player can touch opponent's court with feet or hands, provided some part of the extremity is on or above the center line
- The Libero will be allowed to serve in one rotation for each set.
- Personal electronic devices are not to be used by the officiating team while they are "working" the match.
- Coach must request to review a decision by requesting a time-out. Such request must be made during the dead ball immediately following situation in question. If the referee's decision stands, time-out is charged to team. If no time-outs remain (loss of rally).

RESULTS

Results and schedule updates will be posted on Advanced Event Systems (AES) as matches finish throughout the event. Each team's coach should check for accuracy of score entry after each match to ensure accurate placement at the end of each round. Any discrepancies should be brought to the attention of the site director as soon as possible. Paper copies of schedules with limited result information will be posted in the facility lobby. Overall record will determine pool-play finishes. In the case of ties in the overall record, a tie breaking procedure will be used. See section for tiebreakers on the next page.



Yes there is an APP for that! [AES Xpress](#)

[Click here to go to the website](#)

TIEBREAKER RULES

Tie breaking procedure:

If 2 teams tie with the same pool-play match record, the tiebreaker will be head-to-head competition.

If 3 teams tie with the same pool-play match record follow this hierarchy of tiebreakers:

1. The winning percentages of total sets played within that current pool are compared. (i.e., 5-3 would be first seed, 4-3 would be second seed, and 4-4 would be 3rd seed.) If all three teams had the same winning percentage, the #2 tiebreaker will be used.
2. The most favorable point differential in ALL sets played within that pool will be compared. If all three teams had the same point differential, the #3 tiebreaker will be used.
3. Blind draw to determine the highest-seeded team

INAPPROPRIATE ACTIVITY

1. Any player found using any alcoholic beverages, tobacco or illegal drugs will be expelled from the tournament.
2. Any player who destroys or steals property will be expelled from the tournament.
3. Tournament officials reserve the right to expel from the tournament any coach, player, bystander, or team for gross misconduct on or off the playing field.
4. All players, coaches, and fans are expected to display the highest standards of sportsmanship and respect for other players, referees, fans, and tournament volunteers and staff.
5. The Star of the North Games is a tobacco-free event. No tobacco use by players, coaches, or spectators.

TOURNAMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

2018 Star of the North Summer Games Registration Office (Registration, financial questions, hotels, driving directions, etc.)

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