



TO: Team Managers, 15th Annual Casper Coed Volleyball Tournament
FROM: Paul Zowada, Recreation Supervisor
Tournament Director
SUBJECT: Tournament Information and Format

Please review the following information about the 15th Annual Casper Coed Volleyball Tournament. Tournament schedules will be posted online at www.crlasports.com. If scheduled, teams should be ready to play or referee at 8:00 AM.

LOCATIONS:

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Casper Recreation Center, Kelly Walsh High School, Natrona County High School MAC Gym (Behind the football Stadium)

SUNDAY, April 14

Casper Recreation Center, Kelly Walsh High School, Natrona County High School MAC Gym (Behind the football Stadium)

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

Pool Play Begins-Saturday, April 13, as early as 8:00 am for most pools;

Tournament resumes at 8:00 am, Sun. April 14.

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

1. Saturday Pool Play - Pool play will be a single round robin with all teams of each pool advancing to double-elimination bracket play scheduled for Sunday. We will attempt to create 6 team pools, but there will be smaller and larger pools depending on the size of the tournament.

Matches in the pool play will consist of two games to 21 points with a cap of 25 points (rally scoring) unless noted otherwise for different sized pools.

2. **Championship Rounds (Sunday)** - The championship round will be double elimination with winner's bracket matches consisting of the best 2 out of 3 games. The first two games to 21 points (cap 23 except 3rd game) and game 3 will go to 15 points, win by two points, no cap (switch at 8 points). Losers bracket play will be one game to 25 with no cap (switch at 8 points).
3. *All teams will be required to provide officials (referee), line judges, and scorekeepers per the schedule that was emailed to team managers. The Casper Recreation Division will provide a whistle to each team in their team packet. If a team fails to referee a match for which they are scheduled, they may be **eliminated** from future tournament play or be required to **forfeit** their following game. Please look at the schedules carefully, so this doesn't happen.*

4. Good sportsmanship and observance of Casper Recreation Center and other facility rules will be required. However, the Photo ID requirement for the use of the locker rooms will be waived for tournament participants. Family members wishing to utilize the Casper Recreation facilities such as the weight room, game room, etc. (other than spectating) must pay the daily admission fee at the front desk.
5. 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.
6. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY: All players must be at least 15 years of age by Saturday, April 15, 2024. All rosters will be done through Team Sideline. Log into: www.teamsideline.com/casperwy and click on your team name. Click the "Add to Roster" button to add player's names and email addresses. Players will be invited to enroll to play on the team and acknowledge the liability waiver. No roster additions will be allowed after this time without permission from the Tournament Director. If there is a player discrepancy at any time, please let the tournament director know asap so we can help to the best of our ability. Players will be required to show proof of age and identification, if the opposing team protests, to the referee prior to the end of the match.
7. Protests must be voiced to the referee and settled immediately upon occurrence. Remember, judgment calls cannot be protested.
8. Individual prizes will be limited to ten per team and only to rostered tournament participants who played in The Casper Coed Volleyball Tournament matches. Additional awards may be ordered; however, teams are responsible to purchase them at cost.
9. All start times on the schedule are merely estimates, teams should be ready to play immediately after the proceeding match even if it is running ahead of the estimated start time. If a team is not present for the start of the match after the 10-minute warm up period their 1st game shall be forfeited, if another 10 minutes passes the team shall forfeit their 2nd game, even if the games are running ahead of estimated start times. **This rule also applies to teams scheduled to officiate.**
10. **Any team possessing alcohol in any tournament facility will be eliminated from the tournament and all facilities.**
11. Players may only play on one team and in one division. If a player is found to be playing on a different team, they will be asked to choose one team and stick with that. Possible forfeit of games may be considered.

TIPS FOR CHOOSING YOUR TEAM'S DIVISION (This is *only a tool to help you* select appropriately): It's helpful if teams play on a recreation league- **D1-5 Competitive/Intermediate**, and **D6-8 Novice**.

Competitive - Knowledge of the game, ability to implement offensive and defensive strategies (5-1, 6-2, etc). Teams have two or more hitters and a decent setter/s.

Intermediate - Knowledge of the game, a somewhat effective setter and at least one fairly consistent hitter. Teams have an idea about offensive and defensive strategies but don't necessarily carry them out effectively on a consistent basis. Most players serve overhand.

Novice -Teams don't know how to carry out game strategies or bump, set, spike consistently. No one on the team played college volleyball. No jump serves

TOURNAMENT PLAYING RULES

National High School Federation Volleyball Rules for 2024 shall govern play, insofar as, they do not conflict with the rules stated herein:

1. The net height shall be approximately 8 feet as long as the facility allows.
2. Substitutions may be made during any dead ball period. A re-entering player must either return to the game for the person who substituted for him/her or rotate into the next available position of the same gender. Once a team establishes a substitution system (**guy sub for guy, girl sub for girl**) that team must keep that system throughout that game.
3. Teams must be ready to play when the next game is over. Start times are only estimates. Any team arriving late for the game, regardless of the published start time, will forfeit 1 game after the warm up period and the entire match after 10 minutes past the warm up period. The same rule applies for teams scheduled to officiate. This rule does not apply to a team that is playing on another court and does not make it to the estimated start time because of playing in another match.
4. A team shall be comprised of six players, three men and three women or more women than men. If only five players are present, teams may play with 3 men and 2 women or more women than men. Teams may play with four players as long as at least two women are on the court. If playing with four players, at least one man must be on the court at all times. If there are five players on the court, at least 2 players must be men. In all cases, a woman must contact the ball if there is more than one hit on that side (see Rule #9).
5. If a player arrives late and a team is playing with less than 6 players, that player may enter the game on the first dead ball at any position on the court. If a team has 6 players present and an additional player arrives, that player may enter the current game following applicable rotation and substitution rules.
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. Serving order and positions on the court at the service shall be an alternation of male and female or vice versa when possible.
If both teams consent to alternate arrangement (male, male, female or female, female, male) then the alternative arrangement may be used. Please address this in the captains meeting.
8. Teams are allowed one time out per game - 60 seconds in length.
9. When the ball is contacted more than once by a team, a female player shall make one of the contacts. Contact of the ball during a block shall not constitute a hit. There is no requirement for a male player to contact the ball regardless of the number of contacts by a team. If a female does NOT make contact, the ball is declared dead, resulting in a side-out. (2 guys, guy-guy-girl rule).
10. When only one male player is on the front line at service, one male back line player may be forward of the attack line for the **purpose of blocking**. No female back line player may participate in a block.
11. The dividing net 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.**
12. **Overhand jump serving is not allowed in the Novice Division.**