



2015 Big Sky Volleyfest
Tournament Information Packet

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For all up to date schedule and results information, please visit <http://www.advancedeventsystems.com>

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2015 Big Sky Volleyfest an AAU Super Regional!

We are looking forward to a great 2 days of competition and hope that you will find the event, facilities, and accommodations more than satisfactory. Please understand that careful consideration went into scheduling the event to allow for maximum participation (5 match minimum). Thank you to all the clubs, coaches, players, parents, and college coaches for supporting and making this a great event.

EVENT STAFF

Tournament Director Tim Keating
Tournament Desk/Head Official..... Justin Basovsky
Club Coordinator Craig Allred/Rimrock VBC

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Facility Info and Directions

Facilities doors will open at 7:00am on Saturday and Sunday. We are requesting that players keep their bags near their courts to avoid any clutter and increase space between the playing surfaces and walkways.

Metra Park – Expo Center

308 6th Ave N.
Billings, Mt 59101

Playing Waves

AM Wave: 12s/14s (One pool of 16s)

PM Wave: 16s/18s

Team Registration/Sign in

All teams must check in Saturday prior to their teams starting time at the Tournament Desk located at the Metra Park. Teams will be asked to leave a phone number where they can be reached through out the event. This is very important in case of a major schedule change or any other emergency issues. We ask all teams to be prepared with their signed Advanced Event Systems roster.

General Tournament Format

For the purpose of determining forfeits, the scheduled time is the match time and any forfeit may only occur at the scheduled starting time. All teams are responsible for determining when they will play or work their next match. Tournament staff and officials are not responsible for relaying incorrect information. Please check your format of your pool. Some pools of 3 will play all three sets to 25 points. ALL TEAMS WILL PLAY A MINIMUM OF 2 MATCHES ON DAY TWO. Please check formats to make sure you are honoring your officiating assignments.

Tie Breaking Procedures

If there is a two-way tie, the tie will be broken by head-to-head result within the pool. If there is a 3-way tie in a pool that one of those teams could be eliminated from gold contention, tie breaking sets will be played. In a 3-way tie where two teams are advancing to gold and one team is eliminated, 1st place will be awarded based on Set %, then point %. The other two teams will play a one set to 15 (switch sides at 8) to determine second place, the loser of that match will take third. In a 3-way tie where one team is advancing to gold and the other two are eliminated, a three team bracket will be played where teams will be seeded based on set %, then point %. 2 and 3 seeds will play each other while 1 seed officiates, winner of the two and three seed set will play the 1 seed with the loser of the previous set officiating.

***Changes have been made due to AAU Super Regional Rules for tie-breaking procedures.**

Results and Schedule Information

Complete posting of results and next round of play will be done on the Advanced Event Systems Website located at <http://www.advancedeventsystems.com>. This is the official schedule. **There will be no paper postings of pool results around tournament desk.** Check the internet for all results. There will be computer stations for results look up at the Metra Park.

Before leaving the site be sure you check carefully your position in the pool. Site Directors and officials will **not** be held accountable for miscommunications or schedule interpretations. The official tournament posting on the Internet/Results stations are the only source that will be considered should a dispute arise.

These results are posted every 1-2 rounds depending on the time of day.

Warm-Up Procedures

For all matches during the event, warm-up time will be 2-4-4. 2 minutes for shared ball handling, 4 minutes for the serving team to have the entire court, 4 minutes for the receiving team to have the entire court.

We are asking teams to help shag for the opponent during warm-ups to keep balls off other courts.

Bring your own warm-up balls.

Protest Procedure

If a protest needs to be filed it is to be done at the time of the incident, no later. The first referee is obligated to acknowledge and record all protests. Only the floor captain may file a protest. The protest must be written on the score sheet by the official scorekeeper or the first official, and must be signed by the person presenting the protest as well as the first official. All protests will be ruled upon prior to the next service. Judgment calls may not be protested. Protests will be considered only for situations outlined in the United States Volleyball Official Rules booklet. The protest committee will handle all protests.

Tournament Seeding

Seeding for this event was done and confirmed by a committee of coaches and club directors.

Food & Drink in all Sites

There is to be **no outside food or drink allowed in the facility.** Please leave all coolers and food outside the facilities. Absolutely no food is allowed on the SnapSport surfaces or court areas in any of the facilities. Teams which violate this rule will be removed from the event venue. Spectators which violate this rule will be asked to leave.

Spectator Seating

There will be plenty of spectator seating and food available. **NO OUTSIDE CHAIRS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PLAYING FACILITY.** We appreciate your cooperation in advance for facility rules.

Admission

Admission will be based on the following:

General Admission: \$7.00/day

2-Day Pass: \$12.00/weekend

Wristbands will be sold on Saturday and Sunday morning.

TEAM AND PLAYER POLICIES

Team Forfeitures

A team that intentionally forfeits a match will be excluded from further participation in the event. If a team forfeits a match, the forfeit will be considered intentional unless the team shows good cause for the forfeit. The Event Arbitrator will determine if good cause exists.

Last Day Forfeits: Teams that enter The Big Sky Volleyfest are committing to participating in the full event. Teams have control over their travel plans and those plans should be made so that a team will not have to forfeit any matches. A team that forfeits a match for any reason other than illness, injury or emergency is denying another team a match. Additionally, in a single elimination format, it is poor sportsmanship to deny a team the right to move on by beating them and then forfeiting out of the event. Furthermore, it is even more unacceptable to forfeit and then, as loser of the match, not to remain and officiate the next match.

Teams that have no flexibility in their travel plans and know they will need to leave before the conclusion of an event should notify the Tournament Director early on in the event. A decision will be made by the Tournament Director when the team will need to take their forfeit. Teams forfeiting should recognize that additional penalties may apply.

A team that does not fulfill their officiating duty shall be responsible for the match fees assessed for a certified officiating team to work.

Officiating Assignments

Teams are required to officiate as noted on the master schedule. During the pool play rounds the officiating teams are designated on the schedule available online. Teams must supply a down referee, lines people, and scorers. It is NOT required in this tournament that a coach be the 2nd referee, but is strongly recommended. A rostered adult from the officiating team must be present during all matches.

On Sunday, on most of the courts the losing team will stay and officiate the next match on their court. Those teams finishing pools on Sunday may also have officiating duties after their pool play completes. Check the schedule for verification of your work assignments.

The definition of "next match" is the next match that requires an officiating team on that court. For example, a team which loses a match at 8:00 am will normally officiate the next match which is scheduled at 9:00 am, however if there is no scheduled match at 9:00 am or the 9:00am match is forfeited by a team, the scheduled officiating team will ref the next match which occurs on that court.

In some cases on Sunday a team that plays the 9:00am will have to be the work team at 8:00 am. These teams are noted in both the master schedule and on the playoff charts. On the playoff chart the officiating teams are those teams which have a box around them. **Check the schedule carefully to see if you are the assigned team to match the 8:00am match on Sunday.**

Please double check your "Team Page" on Advanced Event Systems as a small glitch may not push through your officiating assignment if you are to officiate another division than the one you are playing in.

Missed Officiating Duties

A team's failure to have a complete officiating crew, including a rostered coach for that team, available and on time, for a match officiating assignment could result in the team having to forfeit the first game of its next match. For every minute an officiating team is late to fulfill its assignment, one point will be awarded to that team's next opponent for the first game of the next match – up to 25 points. No more than 25 points will be awarded to the team's next opponent, even if the team designated to officiate misses the entire match. The clock begins to run at the completion of the final 4 minutes of warm ups. A team will forfeit its entire next match for failing, a second time, to have an officiating crew available, on time, for an officiating assignment.