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2021 Mizuno Showcase/Youth Showcase  
Tournament Information Booklet  
May 21-23, 2021

# WELCOME

Welcome to 2021 Mizuno Showcase & Youth Showcase hosted by NetLynx Sports and VCUnited Club!

We are looking forward to 3 days of great of competition and hope that you will find the event, facilities, and accommodations more than satisfactory. Please understand careful consideration went into scheduling the event to allow for maximum participation (5 match minimum for U13/14 & 7 match minimum for U15-18). Thank you to all the clubs, coaches, players & parents for supporting and making this a great event. We truly, appreciate you and your families.

Special thanks to NetLynx Sports and VC United for providing in-event management and labor for the event.



## VISITOR'S INFORMATION

The Mizuno Showcase & Youth Showcase are excited to bring this event to the Rockford region. The Rockford Real. Original is the official Convention and Visitor's Bureau of the Rockford Region. You can find valuable information on their website at <https://www.gorockford.com/things-to-do/>

### **TEAM CHECK-IN INFORMATION – New this year ONLINE CHECK-IN**

**Our goal is to reduce paper by utilizing the online check in through AES as well as the JVA Coaches Event Sign-In Form. You will need to log into your Club/Teams AES account to complete this process.**

All teams will do the Online "check in". It will open at midnight (EST) May 17 and close at 11:59 pm (EST) May 18. Changes or updates can be made to your roster at this time, but rosters are frozen once they are submitted via the online check-in process. No exceptions. Any changes after that will need to be approved via the tournament director.

Once you check in your team, you will receive a confirmation email and at that time will need to follow the link for the JVA Coaches Event Form sign in. Hard copies of this form and rosters WILL NOT be required when picking up your team/coach passes on Thursday for the 3 Day Showcase and Friday for the 2 Day Youth Showcase. It verifies that you have your teams' JVA Waiver of Liability Form and a JVA Medical Waiver and Release Form or their USAV equivalent. <https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/emf/NetLynxSports/2021JVA-Coaches-Event-Sign-In-Form>

### **CREDENTIAL PICK-UP for 3Day Tournament**

**ALL CLUBS will need to send ONE PERSON** to pick up passes for **ALL teams** in your Club between 5PM and 8:30 PM on **THURSDAY MAY 20 ONLY (for U15-18)** in the ISC Lobby Only. Address is 8800 E. Riverside Blvd. Loves Park IL 61111

## CREDENTIAL PICK-UP for Youth Showcase Tournament

**ALL CLUBS** will need to send **ONE PERSON** to pick up passes for **ALL teams** in your Club between 5PM and 8:30 PM on **FRIDAY MAY 21 ONLY (for 13-14)** in the ISC Lobby Only.

## QUESTIONS REGARDING TEAM CHECK-IN or PASS PICK-UP?

Contact Renita ([renita@netlynxsports.com](mailto:renita@netlynxsports.com))



8800 E. Riverside Blvd. Loves Park IL 61111 815-987-8890

Enter from E. Riverside Blvd – turn left onto Paulson Road

Door #1 – Spectator Entrance (3-day wristband \$26ea / 2-day wristband \$18ea / 1-day wristband \$10ea)

Door #2 – Player/Coach Entrance Only

Parking Lot A - \$5 fee per car to park (Lot B & C – no fee) DO NOT PARK ON ROADWAY

# EVENT NOTES

1. Admission for spectators will be \$10/day for both events. Spectators will receive a wristband that will allow them entry for the entire day. For convenience, we will be preselling 3-day wristbands for \$26 and the \$10 single day wristbands on Thursday May 20 from 6-8:30 pm for the Showcase event ONLY. Please pass along to your parents so they can take advantage of the presale.
2. Youth Showcase 2-day wristbands will be \$18 and single day will be \$10 and (Advance 2-day passes will not be available for sale until Friday 5-8:30pm)
3. Parking in LOT A will be \$5/vehicle with "in and out" privileges for the day. Coaches/Directors are NOT exempt from this fee. Cash Only and correct change is appreciated. Lot B and C no fee at this time. (Working staff should park in Lot B to keep spaces free for paying spectators)
4. Players and coaches enter through Door #2 by showing their Showcase Bag Tag (Use Door #2).
5. **No outside food, drink or coolers will be allowed in the facility. Concessions will be open as well as their restaurant/bar located upstairs. Please pass along to your team as these are facility rules.**
6. **Please let your families know they will need to bring their own chairs as seating will not be provided.**
7. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 5 match for U13/14 & 7 matches for U15-18. Please be aware that 50% of the teams scheduled to play the 9am matches will be officiating the 8am matches. Be sure to check the schedule after each round to make sure you do not miss an officiating assignment. Also, be aware that the losing team will officiate the next scheduled match on their court in most cases. This may mean officiating a different division or bracket than your team played in.

# TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

## General Tournament Format

The initial seeding of the event seeds teams into pools. All teams in each age division are playing for one championship. The 3 day Showcase first and second days of the event will consist of pool play (formats below) and bracket play on Sunday. The 2-day Youth Showcase will consist of combined age group pool play on Saturday and will be broken into two age groups for bracket play on Sunday.

### 4 Team Pool Schedule (best of 3 set format)

Team 1 v. Team 3 (Work Team 2)  
Team 2 v. Team 4 (Work Team 1)  
Team 1 v. Team 4 (Work Team 3)  
Team 2 v. Team 3 (Work Team 1)  
Team 3 v. Team 4 (Work Team 2)  
Team 1 v. Team 2 (Work Team 4)

### 3 Team Pool Schedule

Please Note: 3 Team Pools are 3 sets to 25 unless otherwise noted

Team 1 v. Team 3 (Work Team 2)  
Team 2 v. Team 3 (Work Team 1)  
Team 1 v. Team 2 (Work Team 3)

While it is preferred to only have 4 team pools, there are times a 3-team pool cannot be avoided.

## 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 will be the official schedule. There will be no paper posting of pool results at any site. Check the internet for all results. WE WILL HAVE A QR CODE POSTED FOR EASY ACCESS TO AES.

All teams are responsible for determining when they will play or work their next match. **Please read the schedules carefully.**

## ALL Teams

Before leaving the site, be sure you carefully check your position in the pool. We will not playoff any ties. Site Directors will **NOT** be held accountable for miscommunications or schedule interpretations. The official tournament posting on the Internet is the only source that will be considered should a dispute arise. **These results are updated every 10-15 minutes.**

## Tie Breaking Procedures

**There will be no tie-breaking sets played. All ties will be determined by either Head-to-Head or Set %>Point%. All head-to-head ties will be broken on match results. There will be no tie breaking playoff matches at any level or age group.**

## Match Times – Starting Early

Match start times may be accelerated if coaches, officiating teams, and officials agree. For the purpose of determining forfeits, the scheduled time is the match time, and any forfeit may only occur at the scheduled starting time.

## 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. Teams need to provide their own volleyballs to warm-up with. Teams will NOT shag volleyballs for their opponents during their opponent's warm-up time on the court. Parents are welcome to help shag along the perimeter of the court.

## Libero

Libero will be allowed to serve in this event. Teams will be allowed to use 2 libero in each match. Libero may be changed between sets if only 1 Libero is designated in the first set.

## Tournament Seeding

Please note that seeding this event is complicated as the many teams do not play common opponents and this year is unique in itself. In cases where we did not have results to look at, we conducted research based on results that were entered into Advanced Event Systems.

## 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 USA Volleyball Official Rules booklet. The designated head official will handle all protests.

### **Athletic Trainer**

Athletic Trainers will be available inside the facility. Individuals should provide their own tape/pre-wrap. The trainer may have supplies available for purchase if needed. All injuries should be reported to the trainer's station. All coaches are required to have their players Emergency Medical Release Forms with them at all times.

### **Live Streaming**

We do not have live streaming for this event.

### **Food & Drink at all Sites**

There is to be **no outside food or drink allowed in any of the facilities**. Please leave all coolers and food outside the facilities. A picnic or area may be designated to keep your coolers. In the event an area is not designated we ask that coolers and food remain in your vehicle. Absolutely no food is allowed on the Sport Court surfaces or court areas in any of the facilities. Teams which violate this rule will be removed from the event venue. Spectators who violate this rule will be asked to leave the facility.

### **Tournament Souvenirs**

NetLynx Apparel will have a variety of tournament T-shirts and other items available for sale on site.

### **Ethics & Eligibility Statement**

This event is part of JVA Volleyball. Participants, individual or team may access normal "due process" channels should their eligibility to participate be in question.

### **Ethics and Eligibility**

Event Arbitrators: An Event Arbitrator shall serve as the first level of hearing and resolving ethics and eligibility issues at a specific event. Teams or individuals accused of committing violations of ethics and/or eligibility rules and regulations at qualifying and/or championship events shall meet with the event Arbitrators(s).

The authority for the Event Arbitrator to act begins with the arrival of a team and individual participants in the Events city, or 48 hours prior to the first day of competition, whichever is earlier, and shall continue through the duration of the Event through its conclusion.

Decisions of the Event Arbitrator shall be conveyed immediately to the affected parties and may be appealed to the Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee appointed for the Showcase.

Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee: An Event Ethics and Eligibility Appeals Committee will be formed for the Mizuno Showcase by Netlynx Sports. The committee shall be composed of three (3) members, one (1) of whom shall meet the definition of a domestic player.

Each committee shall act on appeals of the ethics and eligibility decisions that occur during the conduct of the event. The conduct of the event shall commence when an individual or a team arrives at the site of the event, or forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the first day of competition for that event, whichever is earlier, and shall conclude with the departure of the individual and/or team from the city in which the event has been held.

If the committee is of the opinion the violation is of such a nature that requires further review or more serious discipline, they may file a recommendation with the Member Organization the team/participant represents and/or the JVA Corporation Ethics and Eligibility Committee for extended disciplinary measures.

# 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 Mizuno Showcase 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, which at a minimum will include forfeiting the right for the team's club to attend the event in the future.

## 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 second referee, 2 lines people, and official scorer. 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. (Somewhere around the court, and available to the court official should the need arise.) We will not libero track for this event.

On Sunday, on most of the courts the losing team will stay and officiate the next match on their court. Those teams in the "3rd" round of pool play 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 9:00am 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 order to start the tournament on Sunday 50% of the teams that play at 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 (pool play or playoff) 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 warmups. 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.

# COVID-19 Protocols

The following set of protocols regarding Covid-19 are outlined below. With the COVID-19 situation being highly fluid, these protocols could change at any point in time, up to and including during the event.

Winnebago County requires all persons while indoors **MUST** wear a face mask that covers their mouth and nose at all times. If you are outdoors and able to social distance, it is not mandatory.

It is not unusual for someone from the County Health Department to come and do a "surprise" inspection during public events and we all want to do our part to ensure they have no reason to close down the event, so we are asking everyone to please police yourselves and your teams.

## Playing Sites Protocols:

- Winnebago County requires a Face Mask must be always worn **COVERING YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE** this applies to everyone (even while actively participating on the courts).
- **Please police yourselves and your teams. We do not want to be the mask police.**
- Face Shields are not an acceptable alternative for players due to safety concerns. A coach may wear a face shield in addition to their face mask.
- All coaches and players on the bench must wear their face mask over their nose and mouth.
- Face Shields may be worn **IN ADDITION** to their face mask.
- Hand sanitizers will be strategically placed throughout other public areas.

## Competition and Social Distancing Protocols:

- No handshaking before or after matches. All teams will wave.
- Teams and spectators **WILL NOT** rotate sides of the court. They will stay on the same side throughout the entire match.
- **There will be no tie breaking playoff matches at any level or age group.** The following tie breaking procedure will be utilized based on Match%, Head-to-Head, Set %, & Point %.
- Face masks are to be always worn. This applies to everyone in the facility. There are no exceptions to this rule unless it is medical release stating so. **Again, you MUST police yourselves.**
- Drinking fountains in the facilities will be shutdown. We suggest teams/players bring extra water in their bags. No outside coolers allowed.
- Teams are responsible for their own warm-up balls.
- Teams will be responsible for shagging your own volleyballs for warmups. If your team is waiting to warmup you will need to stand off to the side of the court and wait.
- The scorer's table will be equipped with hand sanitizer and wipes.
- ***Officiating teams will be responsible for wiping down the score table etc. upon completion of their officiating duties with provided wipes.***
- **Teams will supply their own pens/pencils for all matches. These will not be provided.**



- Two people will be permitted at the scorer's table. [One person will keep the scoresheet and the other will flip the score. We will not libero track.](#)
- Officiating teams will provide 2 score persons at the table (score & **flipper**), 2 lines judges, and one R2 for each match-for younger age groups please make sure there is a Coach observing if a player is the R2 to ensure there is consistency and if questions arise.
- **Please do not bring food and drink to the score table** (if you must, please just bring water).
- It is recommended the R2 use a handheld whistle.
- Teams who are off or players who are not officiating should leave the court area and find a place in other parts of the building to wait for their next match.
- Spectators will be allowed at each court. Please remove your chairs when your team is not playing to allow others to have a place to watch. Please remember to social distance from those not a part of your household when seated in a group.
- Spectators may also stand in open areas providing they maintain social distance from others.
- Once your team is done playing for the day or in the tournament and your referee assignment has been completed, you should leave the playing area. Sunday will be the highest occupancy day and we need to do our part and minimize the number of persons in anyone playing area.
- **Teams are discouraged from going to other courts to watch "sister" teams play.**
- While there are no current limitations on the maximum number of people allowed per family, we recommend that no more than 2 adults per player attend as spectators when possible.