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2021 Mizuno Midwest JVA Challenge Tournament Information Booklet

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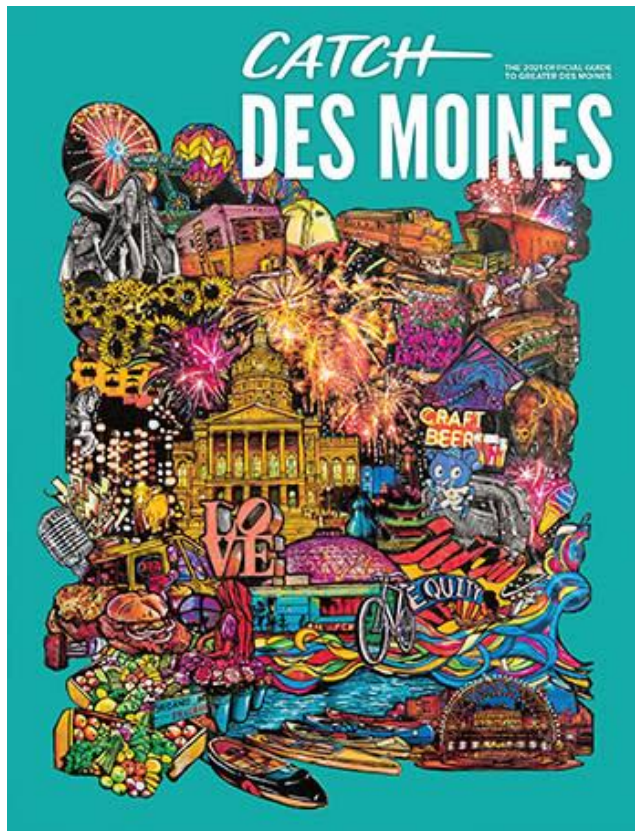
Welcome to 2021 Mizuno Midwest JVA Challenge hosted by NetLynx Sports and Nebraska Juniors!

We are looking forward to 2 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). We have added additional courts again this year at Ignit Sports & Fitness Complex and Ohana Sports Complex and we thank the staff for providing the facility's so more teams can experience the event this year. Thank you to all the clubs, coaches, players & parents for supporting and making this a great event. We truly, appreciate you and your families.

DES MOINES VISITOR'S INFORMATION

The Mizuno Midwest JVA Challenge is excited to be back in Des Moines for another year. Catch Des Moines is the official Convention and Visitor's Bureau of Des Moines. You can find valuable information on their website:

<http://www.catchdesmoines.com/>



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Facility Info and Directions

Entry to facility for the start of each wave will be as follows:

Coaches/Players – 45 minutes before first scheduled match of each wave AND Spectators – 30 minutes before first scheduled match of each wave. (This will allow us ample time to reset between waves.) We are requesting players keep their bags near their courts (not on or behind them) to avoid any clutter and increase space between the playing surfaces and walkways. Be sure you are not blocking doorways or emergency exits.

To alleviate some of the congestion, we ask that all teams and families clear the court area if you are not playing or officiating.

On Sunday, each location will open doors at 7:15 am for players and coaches and 7:30 am for spectators.

Iowa Events Center – Hy Vee Hall (20 courts)

730 Third Street
Des Moines IA 50309

Ignit Sports & Fitness Complex (7 courts)

200 SE 37th Street Grimes IA 50111

Ohana Sports Complex (4 courts)

1400 SE Gateway Dr. Suite 111 Grimes IA 50111

Playing Waves

AM Wave: 12's – 15 Open – 16's – 18's

PM Wave: 13's – 14's – 15 Club – 17's

General Tournament Format

For the purpose of determining forfeits, the scheduled time for the first match time for each team is the time that any forfeit may occur at the scheduled starting time. After every team's first match of each day, matches may/will start ahead of schedule. All teams are responsible for determining when they will play or work their next match. Tournament staff and officials are NOT responsible for relaying information. Please check your format of your pool. Formats vary in each division, please view your schedule for the format determined.

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.

Trainers

Trainers will be available on site from 7:15 am until the end of each day. Athletes will be responsible for providing their own athletic tape. They may have tape for purchase. A trainer will be on-site at HyVee Hall and Ignit.

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 the tournament desk.** Look for QR Codes posted throughout the playing sites for easy access to the website. Before leaving the site be sure you carefully check 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 is the only source that will be considered should a dispute arise. **WE WILL HAVE A QR CODE POSTED FOR EASY ACCESS TO AES.**

ALL Teams - Check Your Finish

Before leaving the site, be sure you carefully check your position in the pool. 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 minutes.** All teams are responsible for determining when they will play or work their next match. **Please read the schedules carefully. Please do not go to the tournament desk for your next scheduled playing or officiating times. Check AES.**

Warm-up Procedures

For all matches during the event, warm-up time will be 2-4-4. 2 minutes 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. Matches will be played ahead of schedule if possible.

You must provide and shag your own balls during warm-ups. Parents are allowed to help shag the perimeter/end line for warmups.

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. Judgement 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. The protest committee is led by the head official.

Tournament Seeding

Seeding for this event was done and confirmed with the use of Advanced Event Systems. No outside event results were used unless imported into AES.

Food & Drink All Sites

There is to be **no outside food or drink allowed in the facility.** Please leave all cooler and food outside the facilities. Absolutely no food is allowed on the SportCourt surfaces or court areas in any of the facilities. **NO FOOD or DRINK** at the score tables either. Teams which violate this rule be remove from the event venue. Spectators who 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.

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 Midwest JVA Challenge 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 9:00am 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 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 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.

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Admission Wristbands for the event will be required. On-Site Admission prices are for 10 and Older:

One Day Full-Event Pass: \$10

Two-Day Full-Event Pass: \$18

Advance Wristband sales will take place on Friday, May 7 from 6-8:30pm at HyVee Hall. We encourage purchasing your wristbands on Friday night to avoid long lines on Saturday. Cash Only for Wristband purchases at all locations.

HOUSING INFORMATION

We have found a great partner in Destination Phoenix to handle the housing needs of our traveling teams. When looking for a housing service, we wanted to make sure Customer Service was the most important piece of the puzzle. This is our 3rd year working with Destination Phoenix. Mary Jane Hughes is the owner of Destination Phoenix and will take care of you housing needs!

The JVA does not have a "Stay to Play" policy. We have secured the best prices available and hope that you will use the rooms in our block. The event does receive a financial benefit from the booking of hotel rooms through the online system. This financial benefit is used to offset the cost of the convention center and other playing sites to keep the cost of team entry down from year to year.

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 5 and close at midnight (EST) May 7. 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(s) credentials/bag tags on Friday. 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>

BAG TAGS/CREDENTIALS FOR TEAMS – PICK UP

Pick up of ALL credentials (BAG TAGS) between 5PM and 98:30 PM on **FRIDAY MAY 7 ONLY** (all credentials must be picked up at this time) at the Iowa Events Center Hy-Vee Hall Lobby Only. There will be NO Saturday pickup! If you are unable to pick up your credentials (bag tags) on Friday night, please make arrangements with someone else in your club to assist you. For those clubs who wish to do a GROUP Pickup of ALL TEAM tags, please email Renita no later than May 5 at renita@netlynxsports.com

EVENT NOTES

1. We will not be offering practice time on Friday evening prior to the event.
2. Players and coaches will be allowed to enter the playing site with their MW JVA Bag Tag that were picked up by the Coach or Director on Friday evening. Coaches/Directors please make sure you distribute the tags to your teams prior to arrival or entering the venue and they are secured to their backpacks.
3. We will not perform the national anthem at any of the venues.

General Tournament Format

All teams in each age division are playing for one championship. In the case of ties, please refer to our tie-breaking procedures. Best two of three sets. One and two to 25 and if necessary third set to 15 (cap of 17-except in Gold rounds). No switching sides.

4 Team Pool Schedule

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)

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. Be at your court 45 minutes before your scheduled time to keep matches flowing.

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With the use of the Lite volleyballs, we will not be allowing any step ins for this group.

Libero

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

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.

Playing Sites Protocols:

- Face Mask must be always worn COVERING YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE (unless actively playing in a match or warmups): this applies to everyone. **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.
- 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.**
- **As stated previously, if actively competing on the court, players will not be required to wear their masks. If on the bench, coaches and players must wear their masks covering both their nose and mouth.**
- 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 leave chairs as placed and social distance if possible.
- 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.