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## CHALLENGE 2024



## 2024 Mizuno UNI-Dome JVA Challenge Tournament Information Booklet

# WELCOME

Welcome to 2024 Mizuno UNI-Dome JVA Challenge hosted by NetLynx Sports and Six Pack!

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

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

### Facility Info and Directions

UNI-Dome - on the campus of University of Northern Iowa  
2501 Hudson Road  
Cedar Falls, IA 50614

### Playing Waves – subject to change

AM Wave: U18: U16: U14  
PM Wave: U17: U15: U12/13

### General Tournament Format

For 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 be the work team their next match. Tournament staff and officials are NOT responsible for relaying information. Please check the 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 in 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.

### Results and Schedule Information

Complete posting of results and next round of play will be done on the Advanced Event Systems Website located at [UNIDome Schedule Results 2024](#). 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. **A QR CODE IS 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 be the work team of a match. **Please read the schedule 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. Two (2) minutes shared ball handling, four (4) minutes for the serving team to have the entire court, four (4) minutes for the receiving team to have the entire court. Matches will be played ahead of schedule if possible. **You must provide your own balls during warm-ups.**

## **Protest Procedure**

If a protest needs to be filed it is to be done at the time of the incident, not 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 manage 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 coolers 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 that violate this rule may be removed from the event venue. Spectators who violate this rule will be asked to leave. Concessions will be available at the playing site.

## **Spectator Seating**

There will be plenty of spectator seating available. **NO OUTSIDE CHAIRS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PLAYING FACILITY.** We appreciate your cooperation in advance for following 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 compelling cause for the forfeit. The Event Arbitrator will determine if compelling cause exists.

Last Day Forfeits: Teams that enter the UNI-Dome 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 the 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 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 second referee, but it is strongly recommended. A rostered adult from the officiating team must be present during all matches. **ALL TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THEIR OWN PENCILS/PENS FOR OFFICIATING – NONE WILL BE PROVIDED.**

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 is completed. 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 five and older:

**One Day Full-Event Pass: \$15**

**Two-Day Full-Event Pass: \$25**

Advance Wristband sales will take place on Friday, February 2nd from 5-8:00pm at the UNI-Dome SW Lobby. A link is available for online purchases: [2024 UNIDome Online Admissions](#)

### **PARKING INFORMATION**

The University of Northern Iowa will be charging/collecting fees for parking daily \$10 (Saturday and Sunday).

## **HOUSING INFORMATION**

We have found a great partner in EventConnect to manage the housing needs of our traveling teams. When looking for a housing service, we wanted to make sure customer service was the most important part of the puzzle.

### **UNI DOME HOTELS**

We do 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 – ONLINE CHECK-IN**

**Our goal is to reduce paper by utilizing the online check in through AES as well as the 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) January 29 and close at midnight (EST) January 31. 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 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' Waiver of Liability Form and a Medical Waiver and Release Form - [2024 Coaches-Event-Sign-In-Form](#)

## **BAG TAGS/CREDENTIALS FOR TEAMS – PICK UP**

Pick up of ALL credentials (BAG TAGS) between 5:00PM - 8:00 PM on **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2 ONLY** (all credentials must be picked up at this time) in the UNI-Dome SW 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. **ONE PERSON WILL COLLECT CREDENTIALS FOR ALL TEAMS IN YOUR CLUB**

## **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 UNI-Dome 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 perform the national anthem. If you have anyone interested in singing, please contact Steve at [steve@netlynsports.com](mailto:steve@netlynsports.com).

## **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 (**this includes someone from the officiating team**).

## **U12**

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

## **Libero**

Libero will be allowed to serve at this event. **Libero may be changed between sets if only 1 Libero is designated in the 1<sup>st</sup> set.**