



OPEN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

1. **Purpose.** To disseminate information and instruction pertaining to Open Volleyball Tournaments.
2. **Eligible Teams / Players:** Open to SOFA only.
3. **Team Size.** The team size will be limited to 10 players, plus a coach. A coach who participates as a player will count against the 10 player limit.
4. **Awards.** Team and individual awards will be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers.
5. **Tournament Rules.**
 - a. The United States Volleyball Association (USVBA) rules will apply as modified by these by-laws or the Tournament Director.
 - b. Game time is forfeit time with those exceptions that are deemed necessary by the Tournament Director in order to meet any unforeseen contingencies.
 - c. All matches will be the best two out of three games.
 - d. All games of matches will use the "Rally Point" scoring system (either team may score a point regardless of serve).
 - e. Coaches are responsible for dissemination of all tournament information and are responsible for the conduct of their team, players, and spectators. Coaches are also responsible for getting the time of their next game from the Tournament Director. There will be no excuses for failure to be aware of your next game time.
 - f. All teams must be at the gym 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their games. Coaches must have their line-ups turned in 15 minutes prior to their game times.
 - g. Exposed jewelry must be removed and may not be worn during the game. Wedding rings will be allowed, however they must be taped and covered at all times.
 - h. The following clothing/attire, in **not** authorized.

1. *Shorts with pockets. (Pockets that have been completely stitched or sown shut will be at the discretion of the officials.)*
 2. *Shoes not designed for an indoor basketball court.*
- i. Coaches are responsible to ensure that prior to leaving the courts, team areas are cleaned from all trash, i.e. cups and personal gear.
 - j. Teams that fail to show for their first game will automatically be forfeited out of the remainder of the tournament, unless the Tournament Director is made aware of this prior to that team's first game.
6. **Officials.** There will be one tower official, one floor official, and one scorekeeper.
 7. **Team Rosters.** All team rosters must be turned in 30 minutes prior to their first game. Any team discovered to have played a game or is currently playing with an illegal player will forfeit out of the tournament from that point forward. It is the responsibility of teams to protest illegal players to the Tournament Director. Once a player's name appears on an official roster, he/she will not be authorized to play for another team at any time during the tournament.
 8. **Protest.** The only protest that will be entertained will be for illegal players. All protest will be handled by the Tournament Director.
 9. **Ejection.** If a player or coach is ejected from the game, they must leave the playing area, to include the spectator area within a reasonable amount of time to be determined by the Tournament Director. The ejected player/coach will have to sit out the remainder of the game in progress as well as their next game. All ejections will be reviewed by the Tournament Director for further actions.
 10. **Alcohol.** Alcohol is not permitted in the team/bench area, field of play or to be used by any player during their game. **THERE WILL BE NO GLASS CONTAINERS OF ANY TYPE PERMITTED.**
 11. **Smoking.** Smoking is not permitted in the team/bench area, field of play or to be used by any player during their game. **THIS INCLUDES ANY E-CIGARETTE OR OTHER SMOKING RELATED PARAPHERNALIA.**
 12. **Pets.** There shall be no pets of any kind allowed on any athletic field or within spectator seating.
 13. **Tournament Director.** The Tournament Director or MCCA representative will be responsible for the administration of the tournament and all aspects thereof. Any and all decisions are final.