

# Buffalo 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Invitational Volleyball Tournament

## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual - September 19, 2009

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We are looking forward to your participation in the Buffalo Invite. Hopefully, the following tidbits will help to answer some of your questions about how the day will go.

Locker rooms have been designated for each team. Since other sports may be using these areas during the day, please instruct your players NOT to leave valuables in the locker rooms. They may set up camps in hallways or cafeteria.

Concessions will be available during the entire tournament. A coaches' hospitality room will be open all day. ICE will also be available in this room if needed for injuries. Please tell your players - NO FOOD OR DRINKS IN THE GYM!!! Water bottles are allowed, but no Gatorade.

With 16 teams we have a tight schedule to follow. Please have your team ready to play on time. We will not start matches before the scheduled time. If a match runs long, the next match will begin immediately after a 5-minute warm-up. If your team fails to show up at its scheduled time, it will forfeit the first game of that match. If the team is still absent 15 minutes later, it will forfeit the entire match. Teams will be allowed a minimum of 10-minute warm-ups for their first match of the day. Please instruct players NOT to warm up in the lobby and hallways. Playoff rounds will not begin until ALL pool play is finished.

**All teams should bring their own warm-up balls.** Make sure your balls are marked.

Pool assignment, game times, and court schedules are listed below. When your team is NOT playing, you will be required to provide line judges and possibly scorecard flippers for another match. Be sure you understand the schedule below; be sure to ask if you need any clarification. All matches are 2 out of 3. The first 2 games are rally score to 25 (no Cap). The 3<sup>rd</sup> game if needed is rally score to 15 (no cap).

Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6
<i>Pool 1</i>	<i>Pool 2</i>	<i>Pool 3</i>	<i>Pool 4</i>
A. Rocori #1	A. STMA #1	A. Sartell-St. Stephen	A. Buffalo #2
B. Cambridge-Isanti #1	B. Rocori #2	B. Becker	B. STMA #2
C. Monticello #1	C. Minnetonka #1	C. Cambridge-Isanti #2	C. Princeton
D. Rogers	D. Monticello #2	D. Buffalo #1	D. Minnetonka #2

***More information on the other side***

**Schedule: 8:40 am coaches meeting on Court #2 (to go over rules and questions).  
Home team is bold.**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Match #</u>	<u>Playing</u>	<u>Warm-up time</u>	<u>Line Judge and Score</u>
9:00am	1	<b>A</b> -C	10 min.	D
10:00am	2	<b>B</b> -D	10 min.	C
11:00am	3	<b>C</b> -B	5 min.	A
12:00am	4	<b>A</b> -D	5 min.	C
1:00pm	5	<b>A</b> -B	5 min.	D
2:00pm	6	<b>D</b> -C	5 min.	B

**(When your team is scheduled to line judge and score, you need to provide two line judges and one person to flip the scores.)**

At the conclusion of pool play (approximately 3:00pm) teams will be placed into championship brackets in the following manner:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place in pool.....Championship Division
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in pool.....Consolation Division
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in pool.....Character Division
- 4<sup>th</sup> place in pool.....Courage Division

Championship play will be single elimination finishing about 6:00pm

Ties for placement and seeding within brackets will be settled in the following manner:

1. Match wins/losses
2. Head-to-head match results
3. Individual game won/loss percentage
4. Point differential
5. Coin toss

All teams will play the best 2 out of 3 games in Playoffs. The 3<sup>rd</sup> seed in each division will line judge the first playoff match. After that, the losing team needs to stay and line judge before leaving.

Trophies will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams in the championship division and to the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in the other three divisions. This system will give EVERYONE a chance to play for a possible trophy. All trophies will be presented at the conclusion of the LAST match being played on each court.

**If you haven't sent your entry fee, please check with your Athletic Director to make sure it is in the mail or bring it with you. Doors will open at 8:15am. After the tournament, your bus should be ready to leave Buffalo by about 6:15pm or 6:30 pm. Be sure your players understand how late they will be getting home.**

Thanks for you participation, and GOOD LUCK to everyone!!