

WESTERN CUP 2024

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

1. Space is limited to the first 40 Teams in 4 skill divisions.
2. The tournament fee is per team, minimum 7 players 10 Max
3. Full Team registration and payment are due at time of registration. Failure to pay will result in your team being removed and your spot given to a team on the waitlist.
4. All games will be played at the Volleydome GYM located at 293057 James Jones Way, Alberta T4A 0X1
5. Team Check-in and signing of waivers will take place on Thursday evening (Time and Location TBD)
6. HAVE FUN!

GENERAL TOURNAMENT POLICIES:

Inclusivity and Non-Discrimination:

- This tournament is proudly organized by and for the LGBTQ community.
- We operate under a zero-tolerance policy for any form of discrimination. Let's create a space where everyone feels welcome and respected.

Team Composition:

- Team rosters are capped at 10 individuals, and there are no gender restrictions.
- All participants must be listed on the team roster, and no additions are permitted after pool play begins.
- Players may only compete on one team throughout the tournament.

Registration and Identification:

- Each player must present a valid ID at registration and sign the waiver before participating.
- All players must be 18 years or older to join the tournament.

Apparel and Footwear:

- Participants are required to wear appropriate apparel and non-marking athletic footwear for the duration of the tournament.

Jersey Requirement:

- Each team must have numbered jerseys either on the front or back for easy identification during matches.

ATHLETE/TEAM ELIGIBILITY:

Player Eligibility:

- Each team is allowed up to 2 players from a higher division, with only 1 allowed on the court at a time. This promotes a balanced mix of skill levels within teams.
- Players are expected to accurately assess their own abilities and play in the appropriate division. The rule against "sandbagging" ensures fair competition for all participants.

Division Placement:

- Players who placed in the top 3 of their division in the previous year must register for the same division or a higher one. This prevents teams from intentionally playing below their skill level.

Fair Play Enforcement:

- Teams attempting to play below their actual ability to stay in a lower pool or division will be removed from the tournament and face future bans. This strict enforcement discourages unfair practices.

Organizer Discretion:

- Tournament organizers have the authority to move teams up or down a division as needed. This flexibility allows for adjustments to maintain overall fairness and competitive balance.

Consequences for Non-compliance:

- The rules emphasize the importance of compliance, and failure to follow them may result in severe consequences, including player bans or team disqualification without a refund.

TOURNAMENT RULES:

Game Setup Instructions:

Warm-Up Period:

- Teams are granted a 5-minute warm-up session before each match to prepare for gameplay.

Officiating Responsibilities:

- Teams are responsible for providing their own scorekeepers and line referees, as indicated in the schedule. A volleyball official will oversee matches exclusively on the second day of the tournament.

Respect for Officials:

- Participants are urged to show respect for officials' efforts throughout the contest. Officials have the authority to remove members from the match or the entire tournament based on their judgment.

Pool Play Setup (Day 1):

- During pool play on Day 1, teams will take on the roles of referee and linesman; no officials will be present.

Pool Play Game Format:

- Pool play games will follow a two-game format with rally scoring. Matches will be played to 25 points, capping at 27. No ties are allowed on Day 1.

Playoff Game Format:

- Playoff games will adopt a best-of-three-game format with rally scoring. The first two games will be played to 25 points, capping at 30. If needed, a third game will go up to 15 points, capped at 20.

Timeouts:

- Each team is granted one 60-second timeout per game, with a maximum of two timeouts allowed per pool play match.

OTHER: Other than the above exceptions, official Volleyball Canada rules will be followed.

TEAM CAPTAINS MEETINGS:

Will be held each morning prior to the start of the games

SCHEDULES:

Schedules for pool play will be done and available at the registration night as well as emailed to team captains. The schedule will be posted on the Spectrum Volleyball Website and Facebook Page and emailed out to team captains. Spectrum Volleyball will populate a bracket for playoff, and will be filled in based on how each team finishes on Day One.

DEFAULT/FORFEIT:

If your team is more than 10 minutes late for a game it will be considered a forfeit and the tournament will proceed without you. (Teams may start with as few as four players. If a team is reduced to less than four players at any time during the contest, a default will result.)

INJURED PLAYER:

In the unfortunate situation where someone on your team is injured and you do not have a 7th player. You can ask for someone to sub for your team from the same division or lower with approvals from the tournament organizers.