

2019 East Coast Girls Junior Volleyball Championships

Welcome to the 37th Annual East Coast Girls Junior Volleyball Championships!

East Coast Volleyball, Inc. and *the city of Pittsburgh* welcome you to the 37th annual East Coast Championships. Again, the entire tournament is being held under one roof at the David Lawrence Convention Center, on a total of 49 courts. Read on for detailed information on the tournament rules and format.

Tournament Format

Each age/division has a tournament “flow chart”, providing an overview of each specific format. The Flow Chart shows how teams advance in each specific age/division, and illustrates any special playing rules or tie-breaking procedures. With the AES Tournament Schedule, you will find it very easy to determine when and where your team plays and works. Because of “cross-pool” matches or “challenge” rounds, not every team will play in every round. Each Division will be assigned to either the AM Wave, starting at 8:00am, or the PM Wave, starting at 2:30pm on the first two days of competition. This format will allow the players, coaches, chaperones and parents to take advantage of other opportunities during the ‘off-time’ on Saturday and Sunday. On Monday, all teams will compete in one or more matches in bracket playoffs. Some Beast of the East (BOE) divisions will finish their pool play on Monday morning, prior to their playoff brackets. Final matches are scheduled to begin at 2:00pm Monday.

Match Protocol

In each round of pool play, unless otherwise noted, every match consists of best two of three rally scoring games to 25 points (no cap) against each pool opponent, with 15 point rally-scoring third set (no cap), if necessary. (Scheduled 3-team pools will either play three 25-point games, OR best two of three games, followed by cross-pool playoff matches). Timed warm-ups of 2 minutes of shared court, 4 minutes for serving team, 4 minutes for receiving team will be used for the first matches of each wave. Thereafter, 3 and 3 minutes separately will be assured. **THERE WILL BE NO SHARED HITTING.**

In Monday’s divisional playoff brackets, all matches will be best two of three rally-scoring sets to 25 points. The third set, if necessary, will be rally scoring to 15 points.

Scheduled matches in pool play provide a guideline as to scheduled start time. After initial matches in pool play (8:00am and 9:00am in AM Wave, and 2:30pm and 3:30pm in PM Wave), teams should be ready to play “ASAP”. “ASAP” matches may start within ten minutes of conclusion of previous match. On Monday, teams should be ready to play on or before the scheduled match time, if possible. If playing teams, work team, and official(s) are ready, these matches may start early. The Championship Committee reserves the right to move matches with respect to court and time to expedite the competition.

Beast of the East Format (14s & 15s Only)

14s/15s BOE divisions will consist of two 8-team pools, playing best two of three 25-point rally-scoring games with 15-point deciding game, if necessary. All teams will play 3 matches on Saturday, 3 matches on Sunday, and 1 match on Monday morning to finish up the 8-team pools. Following pool play, all teams advance to Gold, Silver, Bronze or Diamond playoff brackets, which will also be played as best two of three set matches. At the conclusion of pool play, ties will NOT be played off. See Flow Chart for detailed information.

Officiating Procedures (Work Teams)

Certified Officials (“Up” Referee) will be assigned for all matches. Officiating (work) teams are designated for all matches on the schedule. Each work team will provide five officials (*2 teams of four are required for 5 team pools playing on two courts*) from the rostered players and/or adults when required to work: a second referee (rostered adult), a competent scorekeeper, a scoring assistant/libero tracker, and two line judges. In addition, an iPad Scoreboard operator must be supplied where BallerTV is streaming matches. All of Monday’s initial Playoff Bracket matches will have assigned work teams who are scheduled to play the next match on the same court. *After the initial bracket matches, losers of each match remain to work the next match on their court, which is scheduled to start immediately after the previous match, and may not come from the same playoff bracket.* **Teams that appear late* to officiate could be penalized in their next match - one point per minute - if any of the five officials, including the coach/adult, is not available, to a limit of 25 points. If your team loses a playoff bracket match on Monday, do not leave until you have checked with Championship Desk personnel regarding your work assignment.**

**Late Work Team is defined as a complete work team not being on the court by the start of the receiving team’s warm-up period.*

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Tie-Breaking Procedures – “Select” Division Pool Play Rounds* (See Flow Charts for Specific Format and Tie-Breaking Procedures)

Two-way Ties:

If teams are tied in match record, use head-to-head match results to break the tie.

Three-way Ties*:

PLAYING TIE BREAKER SETS

Three-Way Tie for 2nd Place

- All tied teams will participate in tie breaker sets.
- Set 1: the #2 seed will play the #3 seed, and the #1 seed will officiate. The loser of Set 1 will be in position #3 of the tied teams and will officiate the next tie breaker set.
- Set 2: the winner of Set 1 will play the #1 seed and the loser of Set 1 will officiate. The winner of Set 2 will be in position #1 of the tied teams and the loser will be in position #2.

Three-Way Tie for 1st Place

- The #1 seed does not have a playoff set. The #1 seed finishes in position #1 of the tied teams.
- The #2 seed will play the #3 seed and the #1 seed will officiate. The winner will be in position #2 of the tied teams and the loser of this set will be in position #3 of the tied teams.

If, for any reason at the start of the Second Warmup Period, 1 of the tied teams is unavailable for the resolution of the tie at the time the court official is ready to proceed, that team will be ranked third of the tied teams. The remaining teams will finish 1st and 2nd in the pool based on the tie breaker seeding process. No other penalty will be applied and no tie breaker set is played. “Unavailable” is defined for a team playing in the tie-breaker set as not having a legal roster to begin a match. For a team assigned to officiate a tie-breaker set, a team must have every required position covered.

****In Select divisions, Tie-Breaking sets will only be played if results could lead to the Gold Bracket. Tie-breaking sets will NOT be used to break 3-way ties in 12Select and 13Select divisions, as well as ALL Beast of the East divisions.**

All tie-breaking games will be rally scoring to 25 points with no cap.

Pool Play Results

We strongly recommend that coaches and parents check the OFFICIAL SCHEDULE/LIVE RESULTS on their phones, using the AES Event Schedules & Results web site. If coaches have any questions regarding the schedule, they can consult with the staff at the Championship Desk. LIVE results, OFFICIAL play schedules, and Flow Charts will be posted at <https://www.advancedeventsystems.com/EventResults>. Please be sure to check your WORK schedule as well as PLAY schedule.

Awards

Individual awards will be presented to First and Second Place teams in each playoff bracket. In Gold Brackets, first-place, second-place and both third-place teams will receive individual awards. A team representative should come to the designated area to receive the team’s awards.

Important Notices

BallerTV will be recording and live broadcasting matches on all courts at the East Coast Championships. BallerTV owns the exclusive broadcasting rights at this event. Subscriptions for the live broadcast are available for purchase at BallerTV.com. Other broadcasting of volleyball competition at this event is expressly prohibited.

Chairs are provided around each court for all players, coaches and spectators. Please do NOT bring your own chairs.

Coolers will NOT be allowed into the Convention Center. Food and Drinks will be sold at the DLCC throughout all three days.

Good Luck to all participants! We hope you enjoy the competition and everything the Event has to offer.