

**NORTHWEST JUNIORS PRESENTS**



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**NW JUNIORS**  
VOLLEYBALL CLUB



# 2026 PRESIDENTS WEEKEND TOURNAMENT

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**About Your Host: Northwest Juniors Volleyball Club** is the oldest established Volleyball Club in the Northwest (Washington, Oregon, Idaho). Established in 1972, Northwest Juniors offers programs for elite through beginning players. **NW Juniors** is committed to providing opportunities for young athletes at all levels of development to engage in quality, competitive experiences. We are dedicated to the idea that any player, regardless of size or skill level, who wants to participate in the USAV Junior Volleyball Program, should be given that opportunity.

A competitive athletic experience can instill good work habits, enhance social development, contribute to mental and physical health, and teach values of personal responsibility, self-discipline, self-motivation, and teamwork. Participation in junior volleyball also improves the athlete's opportunity to realize the goals of:

- Improving individual skills and ability to play and contribute as a member of a team.
- Earning or keeping a position on the school varsity volleyball team.
- Earning a college scholarship.

Each of the above goals involves individual player growth. This includes improvement in skill level AND in the mental outlook necessary to be a successful member of a volleyball team. The **Northwest Juniors** philosophy regarding player growth is simple; one must play to improve.

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# TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

### *Welcome to our Twenty-ninth Annual President's Day Weekend Tournament*

We are happy that you are able to participate in our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual tournament. With so many options this Holiday Weekend, we are pleased to be able to host over 200 teams in the South Puget Sound area! It is great to be able to host so many teams in a "non-qualifier" event. **Welcome!**

Please take some time to look over this important tournament information. Specific site rules are also published on the tournament website. These protocols are established by each facility host and are not negotiable. Failure to follow their rules will result in expulsion. With the limited number of facilities available it is increasingly important that coaches, athletes, and spectators respect (and thank) those that have made their gyms available so that we can participate in large-scale events. The future success of this event depends solely upon the cooperation of coaches, players, and fans in ensuring that all facility rules and regulations are followed. Please make sure that all persons involved in your team are familiar with all of the rules. We hope you enjoy yourselves this weekend. Unless otherwise noted:

### **NO FOOD, DRINK, OR COOLERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE GYMNASIUMS AT ALL SITES!!!**

#### **PUGET SOUND REGION RULES FOR TOURNAMENTS**

Out of town teams are alerted that the Puget Sound Region has very specific rules regarding teams and tournaments. All of these rules will be in effect this weekend including (paraphrased):

1. No Crock pots or outdoor barbecues are allowed at any of the sites.
2. Pets are not allowed inside any of the gyms.
3. Non-playing siblings and children must be attended at all times.

Please be advised that breaking any of these rules can result in forfeiture of points or your team's removal from the tournament.

#### **GYM RULES: PLEASE REFER TO OUR EVENT PAGE FOR INFORMATION ON EACH GYM**

Each site may have specific information in regards to eating and drinking areas. Anything not covered in this handbook or on our event website will be covered at the coaches meeting on-site, 30 minutes before play begins. We ask the coaches cooperation in enforcing the following rules. It is very important that you inform your players, parents, guests, and coaches of these rules – especially those regarding food and drink in the gyms. We have lost many facilities due to the failure to follow these rules. **THE FUTURE OF THE TOURNAMENT DEPENDS ON YOUR HELP.**

#### **RULES THAT PERTAIN TO ALL GYMS**

1. **NO** food or beverages in the gyms.
2. Water Only in the gyms (no Gatorade, flavored water, etc., just clean fresh water).
3. **NO SMOKING allowed on school grounds.**
4. NO coolers allowed inside any of the gyms. Some facilities will have designated areas for coolers and for team areas.
5. Outside chairs (beach chairs) may be restricted at several sites and most gyms will require you to place a towel or blanket underneath the chairs to protect the floor.
6. Hallways must remain clear of coolers, chairs, blankets, bags, etc. – this is a fire regulation.
7. All teams and groups must clean up after themselves. Please inspect your team area and be sure to clean up after yourselves. Take your water bottles when vacating your benches. AM WAVE teams, please leave your team areas in a timely manner so that PM WAVE teams can settle in.
8. **PM WAVE teams, please be aware that AM WAVE matches can run late and be courteous as you wait for teams to clear their areas.**
9. RV's are allowed at most gyms; however, they cannot be parked in close proximity to the gym and they cannot be parked overnight.

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## GRADUATED GYM ENTRY:

**We would ask that you respect our graduated entry so that we can reduce the crowds entering the buildings at the same time.**

### SATURDAY:

- 7:00 AM: Doors will open to all AM WAVE participants and coaches
- 7:30 AM: Coaches meeting. Coaches, our tournament directors have your AES rosters as submitted by your club directors. **We need you to turn in your USAV Roster** (which indicates who has and has not completed officiating requirements and also lists waived players. Canadian teams can turn in their AES Rosters and other documents.
- For USAV events held in the Puget Sound Region, there is also an ID Check at the coaches meeting for all adults listed on the roster. Please come prepared.
- If you have a waived player that player must appear on your USAV roster as approved by your region office.
- Only players and coaches listed on the roster signed at the coaches meeting may participate. Once the event begins, there can be NO ROSTER CHANGES.
- **7:30 AM: Spectators may enter the building – please be patient and respectful. Most sites are cash only**
- At the conclusion of AM Wave, we ask that you gather your belongings, clean up your team areas and clear the gym so we can prepare for PM WAVE.

**FOR PM WAVE: AM WAVE is scheduled to finish at approximately 2:00 PM. We ask that PM WAVE coaches and teams begin entering the gym NO EARLIER than 2:15 PM in order to allow AM WAVE teams to leave the gym.**

- 2:15 PM: Participants and coaches may begin entering the buildings
- 2:30 PM: Coaches meeting. Coaches, our tournament directors have your AES rosters as submitted by your club directors. SEE AM WAVE INFORMATION FOR SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS.
- **2:30 PM: Spectators may enter the building – please be patient and respectful. Most sites are cash only**
- At the conclusion of your pool, we ask that you clean your team areas and leave in a timely manner so that your Tournament Directors can prepare the gym for Sunday.

**FOR SUNDAY:** Timelines remain the same EXCEPT you will not need to turn in new rosters. There will not be a coaches meeting on Day 2 or Day 3, however coaches, players and spectators are expected to know and follow gym rules at their new venue. Coaches (not spectators) if you need clarification, please check in with the tournament director on-site. “We didn’t know” will not save your team from a food or drink penalty.

**FOR MONDAY:** Doors will open at 7AM for teams and spectators.

## COACHES MEETING DETAILS

**We will hold a coaches meeting 30 minutes before the start of play at your gym on Day 1.**

ALL COACHES MUST attend the meeting - **even #4 teams in pool**. At the coaches meeting, tournament directors will go over specific gym rules, introduce officials, and collect rosters, check ID’s, etc. The coaches meeting serves as your team's first warning regarding food and drink rules in their gym. It is the coach’s responsibility to convey these rules to their players and parents.

Additional information on rosters:

1. We will provide the AES rosters to our tournament directors, so there is no need for you to print them out.
2. **PLEASE REMEMBER: You must turn your USAV roster in at the coaches meeting. Only cross off the players that are not playing AT ALL this weekend. For USAV teams, this is the same SMS roster for Power League and other region events with the USAV logo in the top right corner.**
3. You will sign and turn in your USAV roster at the coaches meeting Saturday. All waived players must appear on your USAV Roster. Coaches, please make sure to include your phone number for emergencies.
4. The USAV Rosters get turned into our region office for verification after the event.
5. Because it is a multi-day tournament, you only turn in the roster on the first day.
6. Canadian teams will turn in their signed AES roster and any other relevant documentation.
7. Once submitted, your roster cannot be changed.

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## PENALTIES FOR FOOD / DRINK / RULES VIOLATIONS:

The coaches meeting will serve as every team's first warning. Tournament directors have been advised as such and teams will be penalized: Sets to 25: 13 points for each violation of the above stated rules; sets to 15: 8 points

The penalty will be assessed at the start of their next scheduled set. Any person associated with a club or team can be held responsible for a violation. It is the coach's responsibility to make sure that the information given out at the coaches meeting be distributed to their players and parents BEFORE they arrive at the gym so they do not violate gym rules. We cannot and will not lose these great facilities for future use due to cooler and food violations.

## SET AND FORFEIT TIMES:

Please note that matches may begin before the scheduled time. Aside from the first scheduled match each wave or each day, matches will begin 10 minutes following the conclusion of the previous match. Once the captain's meeting has taken place (during the shared 2 minutes), warm-up will be as follows: 4 minutes court time for the serving team, then 4 minutes court time for the receiving team, serving will be done during your four minutes. *Please note that USAV rules do not allow teams to pepper behind or adjacent to courts during the other team's allotted warm-up time.* Matches will run ahead of schedule whenever possible. Teams competing for the first time each day of **pool play** will start their matches no earlier than the scheduled time. Forfeits for the first set will be 10 minutes following the conclusion of the previous match. Set 2 will be forfeited 15 minutes from the forfeit of set 1.

## OFFICIATING:

**Certified officials will be supplied as R1 for MOST matches.** In the event that an R1 is not available, we request that a coach serve as the R1. In all divisions, players may serve as R2's – but coaches must be courtside so if a coach is not reffing, they must either be scorekeeper or next to the court while their team is officiating. Team officiating responsibilities for pool play are listed on the AES playing schedule. Monday's first round playoff matches are highlighted in the bracket and online in AES. In most of the remaining elimination matches, the Losing team will have officiating duties for the next scheduled match on that court. Each team is responsible to provide the following: 1 second official, 2 lines persons 1 official scorekeeper, 1 score flipper, and 1 libero tracker.

**For all playoff matches, a certified adult must be R2 in all age groups and divisions. If a coach has to R1, then an athlete can serve as R2 for U14 and older divisions.**

If you are late to your assignment, you will be responsible to officiate the remainder of that match and the next non-preassigned match in that pool. Failure to officiate for an entire assigned match will result in forfeiture of a set win from your day's record (a win will become a loss). If you are late to or miss the last match assignment for the day, the same penalty will be assessed on the next day's competition. Common courtesy dictates that teams not leave before officiating after their final match / loss on the final day of competition. If there is a conflict with officiating the last match and air travel arrangements, a team representative must make **prior** arrangements with the on-site tournament director before play begins Monday. Our tournament directors will use discretion for officiating assignments for finals, selecting the closest team to stay and officiate so that a tea with a longer drive can travel home. If both teams have a long drive, they will share duties.

**CLUBS** from teams that fail to officiate their final match of the day (unless dismissed by the tournament director) will need to pay a \$100 officiating deposit in order to participate in any future Northwest Juniors events up to and including President's Day 2027.

## RULES OF PLAY:

### PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT SWITCH SIDES FOR ANY MATCHES

USAV Domestic Competition Regulations will be in effect. All matches in pool play and playoffs will be played 2 of 3 to 25, rally scoring sets as per USAV rules. **For Pool Play, non-deciding sets will be capped at 27.** All deciding sets will go to 15 with no cap, the winning team must win by 2 points. Teams will have 3 options at the coin toss: serve, receive, choice of court. **No Caps on Monday's playoff sets.** In the event of a 3-team pool created by a team dropping, the format will be "guaranteed 3". All three sets will be to 25 **with no cap**, the team that wins the serve for set 1 has serve in set 3, set 3 is a regular set to 25 with no cap regardless of the outcome of sets 1 and 2.

Be sure to become familiar with new rules for 2026: screening rules, 15 subs, etc.

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## PROTEST PROCEDURE:

Please review the new protest procedures in the USAV Abridged Indoor Rules Book

If a protest is to be filed it must be done at the time of the incident, no later. Only the floor captain may file a protest (coaches may file for U14 play). The protest must be written on the score sheet by the scorer or the official and must be signed by both the floor captain and the referee. A protest committee will be designated at each site, each day, during the pre-tournament coaches meeting. The protest must be ruled upon before the set can continue. A protest cannot be filed at the end of a match. **Judgment calls are not protestable; a protest related to a judgement decision now may result in a penalty (red card) being assessed to the coach.**

## SEEDING AND TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES:

Seeding for the tournament was done based on tournament results and placing in at Puget Sound Region events and Columbia Empire Power league at the end of January. In order to simplify the tournament your progressive placing throughout the tournament will be based upon your seed and your finish within your pool; not on how your performance in pool compares to other teams in other pools. This will make it simpler for coaches, fans, players, etc. to figure out exactly where they play next without having to wait for other pools to finish in order to place themselves within the next pool or playoff bracket. **There will be no playoff sets to settle ties. The AES tournament software has formulas in place to break pool play ties. If there is a doubt, always refer to the result in AES. In general, tie-breaking procedures will be as follows:**

Two-way tie (by match record):	Head to head MATCH Or set record in the 3-team pools
Three-way tie (by match record):	1) Set Record (sets won vs. sets lost win %) 2) Point Ratio (points scores divided by points given up) 3) If still tied, Overall positive points in the pool

## SOUVENIR TEE- SHIRTS:

Souvenir tournament tee shirts will be available at most sites, as follows:

### Saturday-Monday Locations:

- Sunrise Courts
- Fife High School
- Columbia Junior High School
- Auburn Mountain-view High School

### Hybrid locations:

- Kentridge High School (Saturday)
- Ford Middle School (Saturday)
- Washington High School (Sunday-Monday)
- Franklin Pierce (Sunday-Monday)

Players may visit any of the other gyms during their off wave or order shirts online. There is a link and a QR Code on the tournament website for online orders.

## SITE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

Location	Tournament Director
Auburn Mountainview	Gen Knoppi (Sat): Mike Moon (Sun/Mon)
Columbia Junior HS	Jeff Ibuki
DaKine Sports Center	KB Staples. Dakine Staff/Volunteers
Fife High School	Dragan Karadzic
Franklin Pierce HS	Rocky Zlock
Highline College	Chris Littleman, Russ Dickinson, Highline College team
Kentridge HS (Sat)	Russ Dickinson & Mike Moon
PSVBA Facility	Pat & Jessica Taitano & PSVBA Staff & Volunteers
Sunrise Courts	Brandi Greene, Puyallup Jrs VBC Staff & Volunteers
Washington HS	Paul & Chandra Souza

**Event Director: Tony Miranda, 206-550-6671 (in case of emergency)**

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## POOLS, PLAYING SCHEDULE, AND FORMAT:

All tournament information can be found in AES (Advanced Event Systems). Links are posted on the Tournament home page. [Home - AES Event Results](#)

Results are posted fairly quickly. Coaches, please make sure you check AES on day 2 and day 3 to make sure you are going to the right gym. Please also make sure you write your phone number down on your roster in case we need to get a hold of you during the tournament. Sometimes scores are posted wrong (human error), if you see a problem, please text our tournament director at 206-550-6671 with detailed information – division, gym, teams, correct score., etc. He will check with the site tournament director, check the scoresheet, and make corrections. This is a good reason to double check AES before you head to the gym to make sure there were no changes ☺

**PLEASE NOTE: TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ADJUST (SHORTEN) MATCHES IF THERE ARE TIME CONSTRAINTS.**

## PRIZES: PROVIDED BY FINE DESIGNS

Individual CHAMPIONS in every division will receive a Championship Prize tee.

Division	Bracket	# Teams	Location	Prize
<b>12 Girls</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Sunrise Courts</b>	<b>LS Tee: Navy</b>
12 Girls	BRONZE	8	Sunrise Courts	SS Tee: Light Blue
12 Girls	SILVER	8	Franklin Pierce HS	SS Tee: Pink
<b>14 Girls</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Dakine Sports Center</b>	<b>LS Tee: Navy</b>
14 Girls	SILVER	8	Fife HS	SS Tee: Light Blue
14 Girls	BRONZE	8	Columbia Junior HS	SS Tee: Pink
14 Girls	FLIGHT 1	4	Fife HS	Prize Coupons
14 Girls	FLIGHT 2	4	Columbia Junior HS	Prize Coupons
<b>14 Club</b>	<b>GOLD A</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Highline College</b>	<b>LS Tee: Navy</b>
<b>14 Club</b>	<b>GOLD B</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Washington High School</b>	<b>LS Tee: Navy</b>
14 Club	SILVER A	8	Highline College	SS Tee: Light Blue
14 Club	SILVER B	8	Franklin Pierce HS	SS Tee: Light Blue
14 Club	BRONZE A	8	Auburn Mountainview HS	SS Tee: Pink
14 Club	BRONZE B	7	Washington High School	SS Tee: Pink
<b>15 Girls</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Fife HS</b>	<b>LS Tee: Navy</b>
15 Girls	SILVER	8	Columbia Junior HS	SS Tee: Light Blue
15 Girls	BRONZE	8	Dakine Sports Center	SS Tee: Pink
15 Girls	FLIGHT 1	4	Fife HS	Prize Coupons
15 Girls	FLIGHT 2	4	Columbia Junior HS	Prize Coupons
<b>16 Girls</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Washington High School</b>	<b>LS Tee: Navy</b>
16 Girls	SILVER	8	Franklin Pierce HS	SS Tee: Light Blue
16 Girls	BRONZE	8	Washington High School	SS Tee: Pink
<b>16 Club</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Sunrise Courts</b>	<b>LS Tee: Navy</b>
16 Club	SILVER	6	Sunrise Courts	SS Tee: Light Blue
16 Club	BRONZE	7	Franklin Pierce HS	SS Tee: Pink
<b>18 Girls</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Highline College</b>	<b>LS Tee: Navy</b>
18 Girls	SILVER	8	Highline College	SS Tee: Light Blue
18 Girls	BRONZE	4	Auburn Mountainview HS	SS Tee: Pink
18 Girls	COPPER	4	Auburn Mountainview HS	Prize Coupons