

## 2025 Beach National Qualifier: North Country Sand Slam – Tournament Guide

**Date:** Saturday, June 21

**Location:** JB's Tavern (112 MN-57, Wanamingo, MN 55983) and Riverside Park (Address: 9 County 30 Blvd. Wanamingo, MN)

**Courts:**

Courts 1 and 2 are located at JB's Tavern

Courts 3 and 4 at Riverside Park

**Check-In and Arrival Time:** 8:00-8:30 AM

**Technical Meeting:** 8:40 AM

**Start Time:** 9:00 AM

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### Tournament Format

- Pool Play followed by Single Elimination Bracket Play.
  - All teams advance to bracket play.
  - Bracket Play Structure:
    - First Round and Semifinals: 1 set to 28 points.
    - Finals: Best of 3 sets (21 / 21 / 15).
    - If division size allows, both Gold and Silver brackets will be offered.
  - There is no pre-planned break between pool play and bracket play. A 15–20 minute break will be provided once the final pool play match is completed.
  - A 3-minute break will be observed between all matches to allow for team transition and preparation.
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### Pool Play Match Formats

- 3-Team Pools: 2 sets to 21 points (switch sides every 7 points).
  - 4-Team Pools: 1 set to 28 points (switch sides every 7 points).
  - 5-Team Pools: 1 set to 21 points (switch sides every 7 points).
  - 3-minute break between each match.
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### Timeout Rules

- Each team is allowed one 60-second timeout per set.
  - An additional 60-second timeout will be taken at the third court switch (at 21 or 28 points, if applicable).
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### Warm-Up Procedures

- 10-minute timed warm-up total
    - 6:00 – Official 5-minute warm-up begins.
    - 7:00 – Coin toss is conducted.
    - 1:00 – Teams return to team area; first referee proceeds to stand.
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### Work Team Responsibilities

- All teams will be assigned to officiate matches.
  - Assignments are listed on the pool sheet.
  - Each work team should designate:
    - One player as the First Referee
    - One player as the Scorer
  - In bracket play, the losing team of each match will officiate the next match on that court.
  - Scores should be recorded using VolleyballLife on a mobile device. If assistance is needed, please report to the tournament desk.
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### Officiating Guidelines

- Head Officials are present to assist with officiating duties, rule interpretation, and player learning.
- This is a learning environment; players are encouraged to ask questions via the tournament desk.

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- Spectators, parents, and coaches are not allowed to approach officials. Any inquiries must be directed to the tournament desk.
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### Key Rules and Expectations

- The first block counts as a touch.
  - First contact taken with hands must be clean.
  - Teams switch sides every 7 points.
  - Coaches are not permitted to interact with players during play or when switching sides.
  - First serve determination: Roll a ball to the endline; the team with the ball closest to the line chooses serve or side.
  - The score must be called out loudly and clearly before every serve. This is the responsibility of the first referee and is essential for match communication and integrity.
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### On-Site Medical Support

An athletic trainer will be on site for the entirety of the tournament to assist with injury evaluation, first aid, taping, and other medical needs.

Players in need of medical attention should report to the athletic trainer's tent or check in at the tournament desk for directions.

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### Safety & Weather Preparedness

- Stay well-hydrated throughout the day.
  - Use sunscreen and wear appropriate clothing and headgear for sun protection.
  - Be prepared for varying weather conditions, including cold, wet, or extremely hot weather.
  - We strongly recommend wearing socks or sand socks, especially during high heat, to protect your feet from hot sand and potential blisters.
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### Score Reporting

- Scores must be entered through VolleyballLife on a mobile device.
  - If your team is unable to input scores, please report them directly to the tournament desk.
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### Refund Policy:

Full refund: Teams that request a refund on or before Tuesday, June 18 will receive a full refund minus a \$25 administrative fee.

No refunds will be issued for cancellations made after June 18, or for no-shows on tournament day.

In the event the tournament is canceled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, teams will receive a partial refund based on the timing of the cancellation and the number of matches completed. We make every effort to play through weather delays when safely possible, but player safety remains our top priority.

If you have any questions, please reach out to 612-741-0982.

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Please review this guide carefully and reach out to the tournament desk with any questions on tournament day. We look forward to a competitive and positive experience for all participants.