



## ***2022 NCR ROAD TRIP STILLWATER***

*Saturday, January 29, 2022*

*Sunday, January 30, 2022*

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## ***TOURNAMENT GUIDE***



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Thank you to all the teams participating in the **2022 NCR Road Trip to Stillwater!** NCR is thrilled to partner with Heartland Events this season as together we welcome you back to the volleyball court! We missed you!

As we begin the 2022 club volleyball season, we want to ensure you that the health and safety of our tournament participants, spectators and staff is of utmost importance to NCR. We will follow and enforce all current facility, local, state and federal COVID-19 mandates.

Attached you will find the official **2022 NCR Road Trip to Stillwater Tournament Guide**. Please review this information carefully and feel free to share it with your players and families. In addition, this information can also be found on the [NCR Road Trip tournament page](#) located under "Find an Event/Junior Girls" on the NCR website.

Let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to a great tournament!

*North Country Region-USA Volleyball Staff*

## 2022 NCR REGION ROAD TRIP TO STILLWATER TOURNAMENT GUIDE

### Admission

At the present time, spectators are allowed to attend the tournament with no capacity restrictions. **Admission tickets are \$10 per day (children under 5 do not need a ticket).** All admission tickets should be purchased online through Vanco Events.

**Scan the QR code below to purchase tickets now!**



Guests may print out their admission tickets or show them at the door on their mobile device.

**There will be NO cash ticket sales on site.**

**SPECTATORS DO NOT NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN CHAIRS – THE FACILITY WILL PROVIDE THEM.**

### Bench Roster

The bench roster may contain up to 15 players, up to 4 coaches (including the head coach), and up to one team manager.

**TEAMS DO NOT NEED TO BRING THEIR OWN BENCH CHAIRS – THE FACILITY WILL PROVIDE THEM.**

### Bracket Play

All teams will advance to bracket play (e.g., playoffs). Teams will be seeded in bracket play according to pool play results.

Bracket play will be best 2 out of 3 sets - sets 1 & 2 to 25 points; set 3 to 15 points, no cap.

### Check-In

**Teams must check in at the Site Director's table at the playing venue beginning at 7:15 am.** If you do not have an 8am match or 8 am work assignment, please check in 45 minutes prior to your first scheduled activity.

Only one rostered adult needs to attend team check-in - must present valid photo ID.

### Coaches Meeting

There will be no coaches meeting prior to competition. See "Check-In" above.

### Concessions

Limited concessions will be available.

## COVID-19 Requirements and Expectations

NCR will follow any CDC, Minnesota Department of Health and/or facility mandates and requirements in place in order to maintain the safety of all tournament attendees.

Other expectations include:

- NCR encourages teams and staff not competing, officials and spectators to WEAR MASKS when at an event.
- There are no spectator limits in place - however, NCR reserves the right to update this policy if facility capacities or current mandates change.
- Admission sales will take place in advance - any on-site sales will be cashless.
- Spectators are encouraged to socially distance from individuals not in your party.
- Separate facility entrances and exits will be set up where possible.
- Depending on facility policies, concessions may be offered.
- NCR will provide game balls for each court per match; participating teams should provide their own warm-up balls.
- Standard work teams assignments will be in place.
- There will be no switching sides during a match.
- NCR encourages no in-game team huddles and no post-game handshakes.
- If an individual attends an event, it is assumed that they are not sick.

## COVID-19 Preparedness and Safety Plan

See **NCR COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND SAFETY PLAN** on the NCR website.

## Daily Schedule

7:15 am	Facility doors open
7:15 am	<b>Team check-in begins</b> – one representative per team
8:00 am	First matches begin

## Division Rule Modifications

### **11/12s Division**

- The net will be set at 7'0" for the 11s and 12s divisions in the Play Date tournaments
- The Molten Volleylite ball will be used for all matches (provided by NCR)
- The three-serve rule that allows a player to serve only three times **will not be used**
- The service line will be moved in 7 feet

### **14s Teams Playing in 15s Division**

- The 14s team will NOT be allowed to re-toss serves

## First Aid

It is recommended that teams bring their own first aid kit. **There will be no trainer provided at playing sites.**

### Forfeits

- If a team does not have six players or a USAV verified coach at game time, they automatically forfeit the first set.
- Should a team have 6 players or coach before 10 minutes has expired, the late team will be permitted use of the full court for a 4-minute warm-up before play begins.
- If a 6th player or coach has not arrived by 10 minutes after the scheduled match start time, the entire match will be a forfeit.
  - During pool play, a team that has forfeited can “scrimmage” with five players against their opponent for the allotted time. However, the match will still count as a forfeit.
    - If a team forfeits any match other than their first, they will automatically finish fourth in their pool.
  - During bracket play-offs, no “scrimmage” time will be allowed. **Score for a forfeit is 25-0, 25-0.**

### Hotels

If you still require hotel accommodations, click this link: [NCR Region Road Trip Hotel Options](#)

### Incident Reports

Should a participant or spectator be injured at the facility during the tournament, please make sure to complete an Incident Report prior to leaving the premises. See the Tournament Site Director.

### Live Streaming

Your team may choose to live stream matches through your own streaming service (e.g. Facebook, YouTube, etc.) Live streaming is not provided by NCR.

### Lost and Found

Any items left at a tournament location site will be kept at the site for up to 72 hours.

### Masks

ALL individuals in attendance are encouraged to wear a face mask that fully covers their nose and mouth at all times; however, at the present time, it is not required.

### Match Balls

NCR will provide Molten balls for all matches.

### Match Format

- Pool play matches for 4-team pools will be 2 out of 3 sets.
  - The first two sets will be played to 25 points with no cap.
  - The third deciding set will be to 15 points with no cap.
- 3-team pools will play 3 sets regardless of the outcome of sets 1 and 2.
  - The first two sets will be played to 25 points with no cap.
  - The third deciding set will be to 15 points with no cap.
- Bracket play will be 2 out of 3 sets.
  - The first two sets will be played to 25 points with no cap.
  - The third deciding set will be to 15 points with no cap.
- **No switching sides at all during a match.**
- To keep play on time, a match will begin 10 minutes after the end of the previous match.

### Merchandise

Tournament merchandise will not be available on site.

### Officiating

- **Work teams will perform ALL officiating duties**
- Teams must provide work team members who have completed age appropriate USAV officiating training
- **Work Team positions include:**
  - Up Ref (R1)
    - For U12 & under matches, the R1 must be an adult coach
    - For U13 & up matches, an adult coach must be either the R1 or R2
  - Down Ref (R2)
  - Line Judges (2) - (pool play and bracket play)
  - Scorekeeper - (pool play and bracket play)
  - Scoreboard Operator - (pool play and bracket play)
  - Libero Tracker - (pool play and bracket play)
- Please make sure work teams are on time and ready to go
- **Teams should bring their own whistles.** Electronic whistles are encouraged.
- All work team participants must pay attention to play - NO CELL PHONES OR FOOD
- **A work team schedule can be found online on [advancedeventsystems.com](http://advancedeventsystems.com)**
  - To access the work team schedule, go to the tournament, click on your team's age division and then click on your team's **Pool Sheet** – work teams will be listed to the far right on the pool schedule
  - Failure to provide the officiating crew for your assigned matches could result in the forfeit of the first set of your next match or further penalty if it is your final officiating assignment of the day

### Roster Requirements – USAV Official Rosters

**This is an NCR-USAV sanctioned event which requires valid rosters for the safety of all participants.**

- All rostered participants (players, coaches, team reps, etc.) must be current and verified USAV members
- Teams must have a Head Coach on the bench
- All rostered adults must have a current USAV background screen and be SafeSport certified
- Teams may have a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 15 players
- Teams must be in full matching uniforms per USAV (unless a waiver has been provided in advance)

**Any team that fails to comply with NCR roster requirements may receive sanctions.**

### Rules Interpretation

If there is a question on a rule interpretation, please direct the question to your facility Site Director. He/she can then contact NCR for clarification.

## Schedules / Scores / Results / Standings

All schedules will be posted online on [www.advancedeventsystems.com](http://www.advancedeventsystems.com). Please check there for the most up to date information.

**For direct access to a specific division, click on the appropriate link below to view your team's schedule, scores, results and standings:**

[Saturday](#) [11/12s, 13s, 14s](#)

[Sunday](#) [15s, 16s, 17/18s](#)

**To access tournament schedules, scores, results and standings on any device using a web browser:**

- Go to [www.advancedeventsystems.com](http://www.advancedeventsystems.com)
- Click on **EVENTS** at the top of the home page
- Search by the event name = **NCR REGION ROAD TRIP**
- Click on the gold **SCHEDULE POSTED** button to the right of the tournament you want to view
- Click on **Pool/Bracket, Teams** or **Standings** to view that information for the tournament division you want to view
- Bookmark this web page to access it when you want

**Scores and schedules will NOT be posted at the sites - all information will be online.**

## Set Breaks

There will be 3 minutes between each set.

## Site Address

**Stillwater High School – 5701 Stillwater Blvd N, Stillwater, MN 55082**  
**Enter Doors 4W into the Gymnasium Entrance**

## Sportsmanship

- Please clean up your area before leaving
- Please abide by all tournament rules and requirements.
- NCR expects GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP from ALL - any participants or fans who fail to show good sportsmanship may be removed from the tournament

## Tie-Breaking Procedures

There are NO tie-breaking sets played for this event. All ties will be determined as follows:

- Tie-Breaker - final finish in the pool will be determined by match record
  - If there is still a tie, the following criteria will be used in this order without repetition
    - Head to Head (only if 2 teams are tied)
    - Set %
    - Point %
    - Coin Flip

***If your team is involved in a tie-breaking situation,  
DO NOT leave your site until your finish (1, 2 or 3) is confirmed by the Site Director.***

## Time Outs

Time outs will be 30 seconds.

## **Tournament Format**

All teams will play pool play. Following pool play, teams will be seeded in the playoff bracket based on their final pool play placement.

## **Uniforms**

All team uniforms must comply with [USA Volleyball Uniform Requirements](#).

If your team is having an issue with uniforms due to a delay in manufacturer delivery, etc., please notify NCR as soon as possible – [NorthCountryRegion@gmail.com](mailto:NorthCountryRegion@gmail.com).

## **Waivered Players**

North Country Region allows “waivered” players to participate in NCR hosted events which DO NOT have national bid implications (e.g., Heartland Blizzard, SmackFest, Area Championships, Region Championship).

- A player may be waived based on their grade vs. their age
- Boys may participate on a girls’ team through 14u

In both instances, the player MUST receive an approved waiver from NCR in advance of being added to the tournament roster.

## **Warm-Ups for Pool Play**

**The first match of each pool** will utilize a 10-minute warm-up (2-4-4 warm-up) - two minutes shared ball handling, followed by four minutes for each team on the court.

The Serving team will have the court first. There is to be NO shared hitting or serving.

Warm-ups and coin flips start immediately following the previous match.

**Warm-ups are 10 minutes before a team’s 1st game - after that, warm-ups are 5 minutes in length (1-2-2).**

## **Warm-Ups for Bracket Playoffs**

All matches will receive a 10-minute warm-up (2-4-4 warm-up format).

## **Warm-Up Balls**

**Warm up balls will NOT be provided.** All teams must bring their own warm up balls.

## **WI-FI**

Check with you site director when at the tournament.

## **Weather**

The tournament will be held through snow, cold, and rain so plan your travel accordingly as matches will begin on time each day. If a team is late, they run the risk of forfeiting sets, or the entire match, as determined by USAV rules.



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### Wristbands

Each spectator must show a valid "ticket" purchased through Vanco Events. He/she will be scanned upon entry into the event and will then receive a wristband that provides access to **all tournament facilities on that particular day.**

Wristbands cannot be shared. They must be WORN on the person's wrist (no attaching to purses, etc.)

### Questions

If you have any questions, problems or concerns please call (952) 831-9150, email us at [NorthCountryRegion@gmail.com](mailto:NorthCountryRegion@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.ncrusav.org](http://www.ncrusav.org)

**Have Fun!**



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