

PIONEER DAYS CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT - 2024

The **DATE** is **Saturday, July 20th** **GAMES go from 8:00-Noon.** But, we are hoping that **EVERYONE** will arrive at their assigned gym by around 7:30am to warm up. **“Captains” (ones who paid & registered the team) will be responsible for making sure that everyone on their team is aware of the location, game times, and “game rules” listed below.** (Captains PLEASE let them know time, & gym as soon as possible!)

“A” Division - MOST competitive. (The nets will be a little higher.) Anyone can play in it ... **BUT** ... anyone that has ever played JC, major college, or pro volleyball, can **ONLY** play in this division. (There may be exceptions to this rule, but they must be cleared by Mel Palmer, 480-861-6814)

“B” Division – LESS competitive. (The net will be the height of the women’s nets.) **BUT**, since there were more teams in this division ... there will be **TWO single-elimination tournaments in the “B” division.** So there will be T-shirts for the 1st and 2nd place teams in both tournaments. (1st place teams **CHOOSE** their shirts first! Finding the right size is **ALWAYS** a problem! 😊)

TOURNAMENT RULES:

- 1. Players on court:** It’s 6 on 6; but **there must be 3 females on the court at all times.** (It’s possible for a team to play with only 4 or 5, but there must still be 3 females on the court.) **A gal must hit the ball at least once before it goes over the net! Except for a block at the net.** **Time:** The games will consist of **ONE game - that will last about 12-13 minutes** (running clock). Whoever is ahead when the time is up ... wins. (You only have to win by 1.) If the score is tied, just keep playing until someone scores. (Don’t stop the game for a controversy ... just quickly re-serve!)
- 2. Type of tournament:** There will be **round-robin play for approximately 3 hours, and then there will be a single elimination tournament.** Everyone should get in plenty of games!
- 3. Scoring:** Remember, a point is made every time someone serves.) **The server should yell out the score before serving, so there’s never any misunderstanding of what the score is. At the end of the game, the winning team should report who won to the scorer’s table.**
- 4. Officials:** There will “supervisors” in the gym, but they will not be calling the lines, or the net, etc. **You’ll be on the “honor system.”** This includes things like ... hitting the net, line violations, obvious “carrys,” etc. **These violations can ONLY be called by the team that hit the net, or is closest to the lines, etc. If that team doesn’t call it, just keep playing! (Maybe it “looked” like they hit the net, but their “conscience will be their guide.”)** If there is a disagreement on a critical point (of a line call, for example), just “re-serve.”
- 5. Substitution:** **Substitutions should be done quickly, and prior to a serve.** Players don’t HAVE to sub in; but, when they do, **it needs to be in an orderly manner – not just random positions, etc.**

They have to play the whole court. (For example: Can't just sub in tall players for the front row, and then sub out.)

REMINDERS: (1) Please don't let your children climb up on closed bleachers, or play around behind curtains, etc. Thanks so much! (2) **The purpose of the tournament is to build friendships and enjoy wholesome activities! Please help us to achieve these goals through your good attitudes and sportsmanship! 😊😊**