OCVolleyHigh *HITs* (Highlights, Information, and Tournaments)

Spring Final

Hi Again All,

OCVHTS Webpage: (Google OCVolleyHigh) Contains registration info, teams that are officially entered, probable pools (pools may change up to tournament starting time due to no-shows, late adds, etc.) ***Please check this site often and report any irregularities.***

Poll Results: *There were not enough positive responses to starting back up in August. So, unless the situation changes VolleyHigh tournaments will begin late in September.*

Tournament Sites and Times: Tournament sites and starting times **may vary**. They will likely be at Laguna Beach VBC, Clava, or A4. Start times will be either 8AM or 3PM.

Snack Bar: There is a snack bar available for food and drink purchases at LBVBC and Clava, but none at A4.

Entering Tournaments: Entries MUST be paid on-line a minimum of one week prior to the tournament date to ensure an entry (unless otherwise posted). **PayPal and MC and Visa are accepted.** PLEASE check the "Entries" for updates and full tournaments. We currently do not give refunds but we can use the payment for future tournaments.

Tournament Entry Fees: The u10 division fee is $100 per tournament, and all other divisions are $135 per team.

Late Withdrawals: Teams withdrawing within 24 hrs of the tournament date will be expected to pay the entry fee, as tournament documents, tournament staffing, etc, have already been arranged.

Divisions: We now offer 4 divisions: U10 3rd and 4th grade, u12 5th and 6th grade, u14 7th and 8th grade and HS. Because we have no intention of checking up on proper placement, we expect coaches to place their teams and players appropriately. Teams are seeded within their divisions by results of previous tournaments and by coach recommendations. You MAY occasionally find a very strong lower division team playing up a division. Dominate teams are sometimes required to move up a division. If there are not at least 3 HS teams, they will play against the strongest middle school teams. If there are fewer than 3 teams in any division, they will be asked to play up a division in the lowest pool.

The OCVHTS is NOT girls only! Boys are encouraged to participate, either as a whole team or on a coed team, in the u10 and u12 divisions only.

We recently had a dominant u12 boys team play for the first time in a VH tournament. Because I had not seen them play, I seeded them in the lowest pool. Unfortunately they blew past all opponents, two which had a few boys. A couple of parents complained about boys playing in a girl's tournament. They were surprised when I informed them that we are a coed tournament.

It has been my experience that boys 12 and under do not have an advantage over girls the same age. The boys' team in question was dominant because they were a club team and had played together for a while. A true girls club team would likely be just as strong. They didn't dominate because they are boys, they dominated because they were more skilled, with more playing time together.

When we get 3 or more all boys teams in the same division entering a tournament, I will put them all in the same pool.

Fun and Friendly: Say it often and let's keep our tournaments this way. Anything else simply doesn't belong at our tournaments. The few problems that have occurred in the past have all been initiated by coaches. PLEASE work together to solve problems before the small problem becomes a public scene and major conflict. Be a responsible adult and work maturely through any uncomfortable situations.

Upcoming Tournaments:

2022 Season: Look for the OCVolleyHigh Tournament Series to start up again in September.

Suggestions & Comments: Please know that we are ALWAYS open to suggestions regarding our OCVHTS. Anything to help us improve what we do and help us grow is appreciated.

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