

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

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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.*

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

**Snack Bar:** There is a snack bar available for food and drink purchases.

**COVID19 Tournament Adjustments:** Masks are highly recommended for everyone in the gym. It is recommended that there be no pre-match and post-match handshakes.

**Entering Tournaments:** Entries **MUST** be paid on-line a minimum of one week prior to the tournament date. **PayPal and MC and Visa are accepted.**

**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.

### **OCVHTS Overview:**

Our tournaments provide a more affordable and less cutthroat alternative for youth volleyball competition. We achieve the lower cost by eliminating trophies, paid officials, and excessive administration. The philosophy of the VolleyHigh tournaments is to provide all teams with opportunities to train within a competitive setting. **If your primary goal is to win, then you should be playing elsewhere.**

We try to keep pools equal in strength, but because teams can change players between tournaments and because we do not require age documentation, this is not always possible. Coaches should focus on their own team. There will occasionally be very weak and/or very strong players on teams within your pool. Instead of complaining about it use the situation to train your team how to deal with it. *Do not complain to the offending team coach. A mention to the tournament director is recommended if you know **for a fact** that a dominant player is playing in the wrong division.*

**Divisions:** We now offer 4 divisions: U10 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade, u12 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, u14 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

Boys are encouraged to participate, either as a whole team or on a coed team, in the u10 and u12 divisions only. Typically, boys in the u10 and u12 divisions do not pose an advantage.

**Pools:** When possible, we will use 4 team pools. 4 team pools will play 2 sets vs ea team to 21 points (15 pts for u10), with no crossover or playoffs. 3 team pools will play 3 sets to 21 with crossovers possible. U10s play 3 sets to 15. 5 team pools are not an option.

**Officiating:**

U10s Division: The coaches MUST referee all matches while training their players as second referees and linesmen.

U12s Division: Players MAY referee matches with their coach at the court for supervision.

U14s Division: Players MUST referee all matches with their coach nearby.

**Whistles are mandatory** and available for purchase from the on-site director.

**Scorekeeping:** Generally, games are 2 sets in pools of 4. In pools of 3 there will be 3 sets.

U10 division will play each set to 15.

U12 and u14 divisions will play each set to 21.

Running scoresheets should be completed by the officiating teams, as should the flip scoreboards or electronic scoreboards (CLAVA)

The tournament director will pick up completed score sheets. Officiating coaches should check to make sure that the score sheets have been completed correctly.

**Here are some problems that this tournament director was faced with at the last tournament:**

- One u12 team did not stay for the crossover.
- One u10 officiating team did not turn in one of their scoresheets.

**Playing Rules and Justifications:**

The OCVHTS has a “Let them play” philosophy. We encourage long rally’s by overlooking all but the most flagrant fouls. Players may serve from wherever they want on the court in all but the highest division. Coaches are asked to challenge their players to serve from their maximum distance.

**Net Heights:** The U10 division will play on 5’5 – 6’0 net. The U12 division on a 7’ net. The U14 division will use the 7’2 - 7’4 net.

**Substitutions:** It is recommended that coaches teach proper substitution protocol, but free legal substitutions are allowed.

**Uniforms:** Uniforms are highly recommended. Numbers are optional.

**Other Information:** Why do we play matches to 15 (u10s) and to 21 (u12 and u14)? Actually, this decision was brought about by the majority of coaches who did not like playing into the late hours of the evening. Playing to 25 takes as much as 1 hr longer to finish a pool of 4 teams. The u10 coaches felt that many of their players couldn’t last longer than 15 pts per set.

**Coaches Meetings:** The coaches' meetings are 20 minutes before game time (usually by 2:40, or 7:40 if AM) and are mandatory. Attendance is taken and special circumstances are often explained. All too often coaches either don’t show up, or don’t pay attention, resulting in administrative problems.

**Parking Fee:** There may be a parking fee for parking on site. Nearby street parking for free is usually available.

**Spectator Entry Fee:** Adult entry fee is \$5.

**No Food or Drink Allowed on Playing Surfaces:** The only exceptions are players with clear plastic water bottles.

**Clean-up:** Please monitor your playing court for trash and water bottles throughout the tournament. Prior to the conclusion of the tournament your teams may be required to do a court sweep to clean-up.

**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: Mar 12, April 2, April 23, May 21 (more dates to come)

**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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