

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

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Hi All,

We truly hope that you, your families, and your entire programs have been kept safe from this terrible virus. This is the first *HITs* of 2022 and it will contain a review of the upcoming 2022 OCVHTS season and probable new information.

Tournament Site: Unless otherwise stated, all OCVHTS tournaments will be held at the CLAVA Sports Facility, located at: 26923 Fuerte Drive, Lake Forest 92630. Yes, this is the old but remodeled and enlarged (10 courts) SVC Facility.

Because we are renting courts now, we must know by 2 weeks prior to each tournament appx. how many teams are entering. We need at least 16 teams to make it worth our while. So PLEASE get your entries in ASAP!

Start Time: Unless otherwise stated, all OCVHTS tournaments will begin at 3:00, with courts available for warming up by 2:30.

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

COVID19 Tournament Adjustments: We ask that everyone in the gym use common sense and responsibly social distance. All non-players are expected to wear a mask unless eating or drinking. It is recommended that players also wear masks. It is recommended that there be no pre-match and post-match handshakes.

Upcoming Tournaments:

2022 Season: Jan 29, Feb 12, Mar 12, April 2, April 23, May 21 (more dates to come)

Entering Tournaments: Entries MUST be paid **on-line** a minimum of two weeks prior to the tournament date.

Tournament Entry Fees: The Elementary Division (u10) fee is \$100 per tournament, and all other divisions are \$135 per team (Middle School and High School).

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.

Divisions: We now offer 3 divisions: Elementary School, Middle School, and High School. Because we have no intention of checking up on proper placement, we expect coaches to place their teams and players, appropriately. **Generally**, elementary ages are 10 and under, middle school is 11-13, and high school is 14 and above. 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. If there are not at least 3 HS teams, they will play against the strongest middle school teams.

Boys are encouraged to participate, either as a whole team or on a coed team, except for the high school division, where boys are not allowed to compete.

Officiating:

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

Middle School Division: Players **MUST** referee all matches with their coach at the court for supervision.

HS 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.

Elementary division will play each set to 15.

Middle and HS will play each set to 21.

Running scoresheets should be completed by the officiating teams, as should the flip scoreboards.

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 Elementary divisions will play on 5’5 – 6’0 net. The Middle School division on a 6’6 – 7’0 net. The HS division will use the 7’4 net.

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

Parking Fee: There will be a \$5 per vehicle parking fee for parking on site. Nearby street parking for free is 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.

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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