



Club Directors and Coaches:

Thank you for participating in the sixth annual Kudzu Klassik. Players will compete in one of three venues—all in Atlanta’s northern suburbs—with tournament headquarters being located at Southern Volleyball Center. Tournament instructions will be posted and maintained on the tournament website, southernvolleyball.com. Specific schedules and results will be continuously updated on advancedeventsystems.com.

It is important that every coach read a) this document in its entirety, as it will take the place of a coaches’ meeting; and b) check the AES website for last-minute changes on Friday and Saturday evening.

TOURNAMENT VENUES, WAVE ASSIGNMENTS AND COMPETITION FORMAT

Directions to tournament venues are posted on SRVA.com, and addresses and websites are posted on southernvolleyball.com as well. Additional information about parking, food tables and the like is also available on the website.

A.M. waves commence play at 8:00 a.m. sharp. Doors to all venues will be open at 7:00 a.m. but not before. P.M. waves commence at 3:00 p.m.

To help ensure that all participants enjoy a beneficial and competitive experience and to minimize instances in which teams play each other more than once, we have combined some divisions for Saturday pool play. Each team will then be broken back out into the divisions in which they registered for bracket play on Sunday. All teams that play in combined divisions on Saturday will advance to the Gold Medal bracket on Sunday, with the results of pool play used for seeding purposes.

Competition Venues – 11 total courts

- Courts 1, 3, 4 & 5 at Southern Volleyball Center (“SVC”)
- Courts 1, 2, 3 & 4 at Etowah High School (“EHS”)
- Courts 1, 2, & 3 at Chattahoochee High School (“Hooch”)

18 club – a.m. wave – Southern Volleyball Center – courts 4 & 5

Six teams have entered the 18 Club Division. They will be organized into one pool, playing on two courts in a round-robin format. Results of pool play will be used to seed the Championship Bracket, to which all teams advance. First-round losers in bracket play will play consolation matches.

16 Power/16 Club – p.m. wave – Southern Volleyball Center – courts 1, 3 & 5

Three teams are registered in the 16 Power division, and eight teams are registered in 16 Club. The divisions will be combined during pool play and organized into two pools of four teams and one pool of three to ensure diversity of competition. Those teams in the three-team pool will play three sets to 25 point irrespective of the results of the first two sets.

The divisions will be broken apart on Sunday, with the results of pool play being used to seed Sunday’s Championship Brackets, to which all teams advance. First-round losers on Sunday will play in a consolation match.

15 Club – a.m. wave – Southern Volleyball Center – courts 1 & 3

Eight teams are entered in this division. They will be organized into two pools of four teams. The results of pool play will be used to seed the Championship Bracket, to which all teams advance. First-round losers on Sunday will play in a consolation match.

14 Club – p.m. wave – Etowah High School – courts 1 & 2

Eight teams are registered in this division. They will be organized into two pools of four teams each. The results of pool play will be used to determine seeding in the

Championship Bracket, to which all teams advance. First-round losers on Sunday will play in a consolation match.

14 Power/13 Power – a.m. wave – Chattahoochee High School – courts 1 - 3

Six teams have registered in 14 Power, with five registered in 13 Power. The divisions will be combined during pool play to ensure diverse competition. Teams will be organized into two pools of four teams and one pool of three, with members of the three-team pool playing three sets to 25 irrespective of the results of the first two sets.

The results of pool play will be used to seed Sunday's 14 Power and 13 Power Championship Brackets, to which all teams advance. First-round losers on Sunday will play in a consolation match.

13 Club -- p.m. wave – Chattahoochee High School -- courts 1 & 2.

Eight teams are registered in this division. They will be organized into two pools of four teams each. The results of pool play will be used to determine seeding in the Championship Bracket, to which all teams advance. First-round losers on Sunday will play in a consolation match.

12/11 Club – a.m. wave – Etowah High School

Ten teams have entered the 12 Club division, with five teams playing in the 11 Club division. The two divisions will be combined during pool play to ensure diverse competition. The teams will be organized into three pools of four teams and one pool of three, with members of the three-team pool playing three sets to 25 irrespective of the results of the first two sets.

The results of pool play will be used to seed Sunday's 12 Club and 11 Club Championship Brackets, to which all teams advance. First-round losers on Sunday will play in a consolation match.

More Information:

All ages:

- Except where specifically indicated otherwise, matches will be best two of three sets, with the first two sets being to 25 points, and the deciding set—if necessary—to 15. Tiebreaking protocol is described below.
- The warm-up protocol will be 2-4-4 for all matches—i.e., 2 minutes of shared court time for warm-up on your side only; 4 minutes for serving team to hit and/or serve; 4 minutes for receiving team to hit and/or serve. To enable the playing of matches to 25 without the tournament falling behind, officials will call for the Captain's Meeting of the subsequent match immediately upon

completion of the previous match, and the 10-minute warm-up will commence at that time.

- With few if any exceptions, every team will play a minimum of five matches.
- The first matches on Saturday and Sunday will commence at 8:00 a.m.; subsequent matches will commence immediately upon completion of the previous match. Saturday's afternoon pool will commence at 3:00 p.m., with subsequent matches starting as soon as they are able.
- Unless specifically noted to the contrary on the schedule, on Sunday, the loser on a given court is obligated to officiate the match immediately following. **Some teams who are scheduled to play at 9 a.m. on Sunday will be obligated to ref the preceding (8 a.m.) match on that court**, so please check AES to ensure that you don't miss your refing assignment.
- For 14's and under, players may toss the ball when serving without striking it one time without such action resulting in a point for the other team.
- Net height will be 7' 0" and matches will be played using Volleyleite balls for 11C and 12C competition. All U12 players may serve from the "short", 20' service line in accordance with SRVA.

TIEBREAKERS

Since all teams advance to the Championship Bracket, we do not anticipate any tiebreakers in this event. Nonetheless, we include the tiebreaker protocol for the Southern Region below:

- Teams qualifying for the playoffs but tied for position only shall not compete in a playoff set to determine seed. Rather, each team's position shall be determined by the priority system described below.
- No teams shall be eliminated from contention for the Tournament Championship bracket based solely upon set percentage or point percentage. If there are more teams tied for the playoffs based on match results than there are positions in the championship pool or bracket, the tied teams will compete in a minimum number of playoff sets.
- Any playoff necessary to determine which team will advance will be resolved with a one-set playoff to 25 points, switch sides at 13, win by 2 with no cap.
- If two (2) or more teams are tied for the same number of playoff positions, all teams advance and each team's position or seed shall be determined by the following methods. When using these methods to determine position of teams the following order will be followed without repetition.
 - If two teams are tied for two spots, the higher seed is determined by the results of the match between the two teams
 - If three or more teams are involved the superior team(s) is determined by best match record, followed by set percentage, followed by a comparison of the total point spread for all of round-robin pool sets played.
 - If still tied, a coin toss will determine playoff positions.

- If two or more teams are tied for one playoff position, the minimum number of 25 point rally-point sets will be played:
 - Two teams tied for one position: one 25 point rally-point set.
 - Three teams tied for one position: Superior team, determined by best record using set percentage, then by total point spread, will receive a BYE and plays the winner of a 25 point rally-point set between the two remaining teams.
- If three teams are tied for two positions: Team with best record using set percentage, and if still tied, then by best total point percentage is given the first position and automatically advances, with the two remaining teams playing one 25 point rally-point set to determine the second position.

NOTE 1: If a team involved in a tiebreaking match—whether reffing or playing—has left the building for any reason they will automatically forfeit their position.

SEEDING AND POOL ASSIGNMENTS

Seeding is based primarily on SRVA rankings as of the weekend immediately preceding the tournament. Some manipulation of the lower seeds in some pools occurred when necessary to prevent teams from the same club or sister club from being pooled together on the first day.

GATE

There is a **gate of \$5/day; \$10 for the weekend**. Children 10 and under are free.

FOOD TABLES

Food tables are allowed at all high schools. With few exceptions, you must bring your own tables. Details by location are available on the website.

Food tables are also allowed in SVC, but SVC will furnish the tables. Because of space constraints within the facility, each team will be allocated ½ table, or about 15 square feet. If teams want more space than that, **they are welcome to tailgate outside**. This has become a popular option, weather permitting.

VOLLEYBALLS

Teams must bring their own practice volleyballs to the event.

We look forward to seeing you at the Kudzu Klassik this Saturday.

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