



Club Directors and Coaches:

Thank you for participating in the fourth annual ***Dogwood Donnybrook***. Matches will be played at Suwanee Sports Academy and Southern Volleyball Center. Tournament instructions are contained herein and will be posted and maintained on the tournament website, [southernvolleyball.com](http://southernvolleyball.com). Specific schedules and results will be continuously updated on [advancedeventsystems.com](http://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; b) check the AES website for last-minute changes on Friday and Saturday evening; and c) check out at the tournament desk prior to leaving on Sunday so as not to miss an officiating assignment or consolation match.**

#### **WAVE ASSIGNMENTS AND COMPETITION FORMAT**

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

We will have twelve courts available in total – four at Southern Volleyball Center (“SVC”; courts 1, 3, 4 & 5), and eight at Suwanee Sports Academy (“SSA”; courts 1A, 1B, and 2 – 7).

**17/18 Club – a.m. wave – SSA courts 4 – 7**

Seven teams have registered for 17 Club and seven have registered for 18 club. The two divisions will be combined during pool play into two pools of four teams and two pools of three teams, with members of the three-team pools playing a cross-over match upon the conclusion of pool play.

The divisions will be broken apart for bracket play, with the results of pool play being used to seed the brackets. First-round losers will play a consolation match.

#### **16 Club – a.m. wave - -SVC courts 1, 3, 4 & 5**

Fourteen teams have registered in this division. They will be organized into two pools of four teams and two pools of three, with members of the three-team pools playing in a cross-over match upon the completion of pool play. The top two finishers in each pool will advance to the Gold Bracket, with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers advancing to the silver bracket. First-round losers in Bracket play will play a consolation match.

#### **15 Club – p.m. wave – SVC courts 1, 3, 4 & 5**

Fifteen teams have registered in this division. They will be organized into two pools of four teams and two pools of three, with members of the three-team pools playing a crossover match upon the completion of pool play. The top two finishers in each pool will advance to the Gold Bracket, with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers advancing to the silver bracket. First-round losers in Bracket play will play a consolation match.

#### **14 Club – p.m. wave – SSA courts 3 - 7**

Twenty teams have registered in this division. They will be organized into five pools of four teams each. The top two finishers in each pool will advance to the Gold Bracket, with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers advancing to the silver bracket. First-round losers in Bracket play will play a consolation match.

#### **13 Club – p.m. wave – SSA courts 1A, 1B & 2**

Eleven teams have registered in this division. They will be organized into two pools of four teams and one pool of three, with members of the three-team pools playing three sets to 25 irrespective of the results of the first two sets. The results of pool play will be used to seed the Championship Bracket, to which all teams will advance. First-round losers in Bracket play will play a consolation match.

#### **11/12 Club – a.m. wave – SSA courts 1A, 1B, 2 & 3**

11 teams are entered in the 12 club division, and 4 teams are entered in 11 club. They will be combined for pool play and organized into three pools of four teams and one

pools of three, with members of the three-team pool playing three sets to 25 points irrespective of the results of the first two sets. The divisions will be broken apart for Bracket play, to which all teams will advance. First-round losers in Bracket play will play a consolation match.

### **More Information:**

All ages:

- All 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.
- 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, teams 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 reffing assignment.
- Net height will be 7' 0" and matches will be played using Volleyleite balls for 12C competition. All players may serve from the "short", 20' service line in accordance with SRVA protocol.

### **TIEBREAKERS**

Tiebreakers will be played (or not) as per SRVA protocol. I.e., they will be played out on Saturday only to the extent that a tied team would be eliminated from gold medal contention.

If two teams are tied for two playoff positions for the tournament championship, [Example: two teams advance to the playoffs for a tournament championship and the top two teams in the pool are tied] no playoff set is necessary. Rather the higher-seeded team is determined by the result of the match between the two teams

If three teams are tied for two playoff positions:

1. determine the seeding among the tied teams using the best set record, or—if still tied—point percentage. The highest ranked team is awarded the first position in the playoffs for the tournament championship.
2. The remaining two teams will play a one-set tiebreaker (best of 25; win by two; no limit) to determine which team remains in contention.

If three teams are tied for one playoff position:

1. determine the seeding among the tied teams using the best set record, or—if still tied—point percentage.
2. The two lowest ranked teams will play a single tie-breaking set (best of 25; win by two; no limit) while the highest-ranked team officiates.
3. The winner of that match will play a similar tie-breaker against the highest-ranked teams to determine which team advances.

Note: Officiating support teams are provided by the lowest seeded non-playing team for the first playoff match, then the loser of the previous playoff match for all subsequent playoff matches. If a team involved in a tiebreaker match – whether playing or reffing the match – has left the building, they will forfeit their position and be assigned to the lowest spot for bracket play.

## **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 a few of the 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 admitted free.

## **FOOD TABLES**

Food tables are allowed in SVC, but the venue 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.

Food tables are not allowed at SSA. Concessions are available on site, and food and drinks may be brought into the facility, but the tables in the facility are for the use of those who dine at the concession.

## **VOLLEYBALLS**

Though we will furnish game balls, teams must bring their own warm-up volleyballs to the event.

Please feel free to call or email one of the undersigned with questions. We look forward to seeing you at the second annual Dogwood Donnybrook on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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