



Club Directors and Coaches:

Thank you for participating in the sixth 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. 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; 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 eleven courts available in total – four at Southern Volleyball Center (“SVC”; courts 1, 3, 4 & 5), and seven at Suwanee Sports Academy (“SSA”; courts 1 – 7).

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

Fourteen teams have registered for 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 cross-over match upon the conclusion of pool play. (1 v 1; 2 v 3; 3 v 2).

The top two finishers in each pool, including winners of the cross-over matches, will advance to the 8-team Gold Bracket; the other six teams will compete in the Silver Bracket. First-round losers in bracket play will play a consolation match.

16 Club – a.m. wave - -SSA Courts 1 - 3

Ten teams have registered in this division. They will be organized into one pool 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 (1 v 1; 2 v 2; 3 v 3). The 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 a consolation match.

15 Club – p.m. wave – SSA courts 4, 5 & 6

Twelve teams have registered in this division. They will be organized into three pools of four teams each. The top two finishers in each pool will advance to the six-team Gold Bracket, with 3rd and 4th 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 1 - 3

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.

13 Club – p.m. wave – SVC Courts 1, 3 & 5

Nine teams have registered in this division. They will be organized into three pools of three teams each. Upon the completion of pool play, teams will play a cross-over match (1 v 1; 2 v 2; 3 v 3). 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 – SVC Courts 1, 3 & 5

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.

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 not be played. In the event of a tie, it will be broken per SRVA protocol (i.e., match percentage; set percentage; point percentage; coin flip).

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 3rd.

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