



Coaches:

Thank you for participating in the 2020 JV Georgia Challenge. We have nine teams registered for the event. We will compete at Southern Volleyball Center. Address, directions, etc. to SVC are available at <http://southernvolleyball.com/contact/>

Doors will open at 7 a.m. and play will commence at 8 a.m. **It is important that every coach read this document in its entirety, as it will take the place of a coaches' meeting.**

COVID – 19 Response

The Pandemic has affected all of us significantly, and we want to keep the safety of our athletes, officials, and spectators foremost in our planning and execution. While we seriously debated cancelling the tournament season, we know our athletes want to get back into the gym and we believe we can accomplish this safely – as AAU did at their National Championship event last month. Our Covid-19 protocols are summarized in the attachment hereto and will be vigorously enforced. We ask participating coaches to be our first line of defense, asking players and parents alike to follow the precautions.

POOL ASSIGNMENTS AND COMPETITION FORMAT

There are 9 teams entered in the varsity division. They will be organized into three pools of three teams. The results of the first round of pool play will be used to seed the second round of pool play. Again, teams will be organized into three pools of three teams. The top two finishers from the second round pool play will advance to a single-elimination championship bracket.

Pool assignments are available on the website. Please don't spend a lot of time trying to interpret the seedings. While we did attempt to seed the tournament as fairly as available information allowed, we then manipulated the pools to allow those teams traveling the greatest distances to commence their first match later in the morning.

Additional Information:

- 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.
- The first matches will commence at 8:00 a.m.; subsequent matches will commence immediately upon completion of the previous match.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

Tie-breaking matches will not be played in this event. If teams are tied after pool play, each team's position or seed shall be determined by the following methods – in the order shown.

- 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 tied, the superior team(s) will be determined by best match record, followed by set percentage, followed by point percentage
- If still tied, a coin toss will determine playoff positions.

GATE

There is a **gate of \$7/day**; children 10 and under are admitted free. **CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED – SEE OUR COVID GUIDELINES -- CREDIT CARDS ONLY!**

FOOD TABLES

Sorry, but food tables are not allowed in the gym. (Again – Covid restrictions.) Each team may bring a cooler into the premises. Tables and tents may be set up on the lawn outside and tailgating is encouraged.

PARKING

Since we have less than full capacity at this event (Covid again!), we will have plenty of parking. We ask that spectators and athletes check in at the front door, and leave through the back door. A long walk, we know, but – again -- Covid.

CHAIRS

Bleachers and chairs are provided, but you are welcome to bring your own if you desire.

VOLLEYBALLS

Teams must bring their own warm-up volleyballs and ball carts to the event.

Please feel free to call or email either of the undersigned with questions. We look forward to seeing you at the JV Georgia Challenge on the 29th.

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COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS
Southern Volleyball Center
August 15, 2020

Recognizing that we all want to get back into the gym -- we all want to compete -- Southern Volleyball Center is planning to host the tournaments on its docket. We will not do so at the expense of safety, however, so we ask all athletes, coaches and spectators to adhere to the guidelines below. Moreover, we ask individuals with any of the following symptoms to remain home:

Shortness of breath, dry cough, sore throat, headache, runny nose or nasal congestion, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of sense of smell/taste, dizziness, muscle aches, general weakness, fever of 100 or more, chills, shaking, recent contact with a known positive COVID-19 patient.

Upon Entrance

- We ask all participants to enter through the front entrance to SVC and exit to the rear.
- All participants will be temperature checked at the front entrance. Anyone with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be denied admission to the facility.
- Once you have passed the health check, you will be given a wristband to signify that you have passed the check for the day. These wristbands **MUST** be worn at all times in the building, including during competition. This includes all athletes, coaches, officials and spectators. If you are in the building without the appropriate wristband, you may be expelled from the event.
- Officials, event staff, vendors and all others in the building will be subject to the same protocols
- Please wear your mask when entering the building and take it off only upon exiting. This includes athletes except during warmups and when actually competing in a match. (Athletes on the bench are asked to wear a mask.)
- Spectators will be charged an admission fee of \$7. **We will not accept cash. Credit cards only.**
- We ask everyone entering the building to use the sanitary hand wash, and to continue this practice frequently throughout the day.

While in the Facility

- Masks must be worn at all times within the building. Exceptions: athletes warming up or actually playing in a match. (Athletes on the bench must have their masks on.)
- Food tables are not allowed. However, one cooler per team will be permitted inside the competition venue and can be kept with the team.

- Athletes will minimize contact with other participants. We will not switch sides between sets; we will not shake hands before or after a match and we will not give high fives after a good play.
- All participants will wash hands before and after each match.
- Population in the facility will be controlled by accepting significantly fewer teams than the capacity of the facility allows.
- Participants should endeavor to maintain social distancing of six feet. Spectator chairs will be so arranged.
- Officials will sanitize game balls between each match.
- Teams should bring their own pens and pencils for scorekeeping.