



UNION CHALLENGE 2018

TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK

2018 UNION CHALLENGE

Club Directors and Coaches:

Welcome to the 2018 Union Challenge Tournament. Thank you for joining us and we hope to see you for additional events in 2018 and for years to come! Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make the Union Challenge and future events a great experience for you, your team, and your fans!

This will be your last correspondence related to the tournament; this letter and any future communication will be posted on the tournament's website, www.unionvolleyball.com. **It is important that every coach read this email in its entirety, as this was created in lieu of a coaches' meeting.**

If you did not input your roster on AES, you must submit a copy of your roster upon check-in.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT FORMAT

All Teams:

- Pool play will be Saturday with bracket play on Sunday.
- 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 begin at that time.
- Liberos may serve.
- Every team is guaranteed five matches.
- The first matches on Saturday and Sunday will commence at 8:00 a.m.; subsequent matches will begin immediately upon completion of the previous match.
- Once bracket play begins, the loser on a given court is obligated to officiate the match immediately following unless specifically noted otherwise on the schedule. PLEASE double check AES carefully to note reffing assignments. If in doubt, check with the site director.
- Any details not noted in this handbook will be handled according to Pioneer Region Guidelines posted at pioneervb.com.

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AGE SPECIFIC RULES:

- **10U SERVING RULE**

The 10U division will have a serving line located 6'6" inside the normal serving line. Understand that there is to be no emphasis on foot faults for this age group. We are searching for a fair rule that will aid in the development of these young players. If by chance, this distance is not lenient enough for the two teams competing in the match, they can approach the official to allow more leniency on the service line. This would involve both coaches agreeing to this and would have to be done on a match by match basis.

- **11U SERVING RULE**

The 11U division will abide by the normal serving line.

Once again if the two coaches have teams at a skill level where their players cannot be successful serving, they can approach the official about using the 10U distance or a step in rule.

- **NOTE:** If a 10U or 11U team is playing in a 12U division, they will need to abide by the rules pertaining to 12 & under.

TIEBREAKERS:

DUE TO FEEDBACK FROM PAST EVENTS - THERE WILL BE NO PLAYOFFS. EVEN FOR GOLD vs. SILVER COMPETITION. You DO NOT have to stay and wait for your pool to complete! You can see all finishes/seeding on AES as the pools finish.

ALL TIES WILL BE SOLVED VIA THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOL:

Teams tied for position **shall not** compete in a playoff set to determine seed. Rather, each team's position shall be determined by the priority system described below.

- o Match Percentage
- o Head-to-head (ONLY used if it is 2 team tiebreaker)
- o Set Percentage
- o Point Percentage
- o Flip a coin

All calculations are viewable on AES pools online. Please monitor scores as they are updated to be sure this information is accurate throughout the day.

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VENUES -

Doors at all Facilities will open at 7:15AM

Ohio Valley Volleyball Center (OVVC): 1820 Taylor Ave., Louisville, KY 40213.

Southern Indiana Sports Center(SISC): 620 Park East Blvd, New Albany, IN 47150.

**** Please use the specific ADDRESS in GPS instead of searching the name****

Hazelwood Middle School (HAZEL): 1021 Hazelwood Ave, New Albany, IN 47150.

**** All Silver Creek schools are on the same campus****

Silver Creek Elementary School (SCES): 503 N. Indiana Ave. Sellersburg, IN 47172.

Park by the main entrance and use main door to enter.

"Camper" chairs ARE allowed and suggested at this facility.

Silver Creek Middle School (SCMS): 495 N. Indiana Ave. Sellersburg, IN 47172.

Park by the main entrance and use DOOR A to enter.

PARKING

Free parking is available at each facility. If there are no available spaces in the main parking lot by the time you arrive, we advise dropping the girls off at the entrance to the building and parking in one of the overflow lots. Please regard facility signage. Additionally, **do not park in the fire lanes under any circumstances** and do not park illegally and block someone in. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense.

GATE ADMISSION

There is a **gate admission fee of \$5/day** for adult spectators, **\$4/seniors and \$3/students 6-18** (kids 5 and under are free). College coaches with proper credentials are admitted free.

FOOD/CONCESSION STAND

No outside food, drinks or coolers will be allowed into ANY FACILITY. WATER ONLY. Please do not attempt to "smuggle" in food.

LIABILITY/MEDICAL RELEASE

The UNION Challenge 2018 is a USAV Sanctioned event in the Pioneer Region.

FEEDBACK

If you have any suggestions or comments or general thoughts on how your tournament experience was, please feel free to contact us. We hope you'll continue to compete in our tournaments for years to come!

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