

# TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK



**January 20-21, 2018**

# 2018 UNION CLASSIC

## Club Directors and Coaches:

Welcome to the 2018 Union Classic 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 Classic 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](http://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](http://pioneervb.com).

## **AGE SPECIFIC RULES/NOTES:**

- **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.

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- **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.
- **NOTE:** If you think your team needs a more lenient line, please approach the official BEFORE the match and consult with the tournament/site director if needed.
- **13s Division:** This division has 20 teams. We are dividing into 5 pools of 4. In the transition to tournament play on Sunday there will be a 6 team gold bracket. The top team from each pool, along with the next "highest" team will go to gold. The next "highest" team will be determined by match percentage, set percentage, points (detailed in the tiebreaker section below) as shown in AES.

## **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**

**NOTE:** From the East there is a new bridge that may provide easier routes. Some bridges also now require tolls (electronically). Please research ahead. Mapping route on [google.com/maps](http://google.com/maps) will take the new bridge into consideration, some GPS's do not.

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

From I-264: Take Exit 14 – head west and go to first stoplight @ Wendy's. Take a right (Taylor Ave) and go 1.5 blocks. Parking lot on the right.

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

From I-65 North: Follow I-65 North across the Ohio River. Stay on I-65. Take I-265 West to the Grant Line Rd exit. Go north on Grant Line Rd.

From I-64 West: Follow I-64 West across the Ohio River. Take I-265 East and go to the Grant Line Rd. exit. North on Grant Line Rd.

From North Grant Line Road: One block to Hausfeldt Lane. Take a left on Hausfeldt, cross the railroad tracks and turn right into Park East and SISC.

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

From I-65 North: I-65 N toward Indianapolis. Merge onto US-31 N via exit 1 to 10th St/Stansifer Ave/Jeffersonville/Clarksville/New Albany. Take the ramp onto Brown's Station Way/ Old IN-62 W toward New Albany/Brown's Station Way. Continue on E Spring St. Turn right at Silver St. Turn left at Beeler St. Turn right at Hazelwood Ave. End at 1021 Hazelwood Ave.

From I-64 West: Merge onto I-64 W toward NEW ALBANY / ST LOUIS, Take EXIT 123 toward IN-62 / NEW ALBANY. Stay STRAIGHT to go onto W ELM ST. Turn LEFT onto BANK ST. Turn RIGHT onto CULBERTSON AVE. Turn LEFT to stay on CULBERTSON AVE. Turn RIGHT to stay on CULBERTSON AVE. Turn LEFT onto VINCENNES ST / IN-111. Turn RIGHT onto LOCUST ST. Turn RIGHT onto HAZELWOOD AVE. End at 1021 Hazelwood Ave

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

Take I-65 north into Indiana to Exit 9. Merge onto IN-311. Go about 1½ miles. The school will be on the left. **Park by the main entrance and use DOOR A to enter.**

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## **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.

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

## **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 Classic 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!

### **Contact info:**

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