

Ask the “2021 Tournament Brain”



The “TOURNAMENT BRAIN”

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Team Pools and Pool Play

Each division is subdivided into 4-team pools using geography and balanced team strength for each pool. Pool numbers are arbitrary mean nothing as to best pool worst pool. The goal is to have teams in a pool that hopefully had not play each other during the season.

Varsity Girls: **8 Pools** (expected)

Varsity Boys: **2 Pools** (projected)

JV Girls: **5 Pools** (projected)

MS: **3 Pools** (expected)

Pool play is “round robin”

All teams in their respective pool will play each other in a **BEST out of THREE** sets. First and second sets to 25 straight, third set to 15 straight. You will either WIN or LOSE a match and earn 3 points for a win, 0 points for a loss

“HOME” TEAM:

- a) Listed first on the schedule
- b) Supplies game ball
- c) Supplies a scorer, libero tracker etc at the scorers’ table and **is the official book.**

“VISITING” TEAM:

- a) Supplies a scorer, libero tracker at the scorers’ table

At the end of the round robin pool play, your team’s overall record will come into play with the tie-breaker systems mentioned next.

Tie Breaker Rules for determining brackets.

- 1) Won-Loss record after 3 pool play matches (see above)
- 2) Head to Head (within Pool)
- 3) TOTAL points scored
- 4) Point differential (points you scored minus points you allowed)
- 5) Least Points scored
- 6) If still tied, coin toss (best 2 out of 3)

HOW BRACKETS ARE FORMED

After pool play has completed for ALL teams in their division and the tie-breaker system is applied, the teams are seeded #1 through #nn (based on number of teams in each division : VG, VB, JVG, MSG)

Varsity Girls: (based on 32 teams)

- Seeds #1-#8 go into the TOP BRACKET and will have an extra quarterfinals for the Grand Championship banner.
- Seeds #9-12 go into Division 6A as seeds #1 - #4 for the 6A Championship banner.
- Seeds #13-16 go into Division 5A as seeds #1 - #4 for the 5A Championship banner.
- Seeds #17-20 go into Division 4A as seeds #1 - #4 for the 4A Championship banner.
- Seeds #21-24 go into Division 3A as seeds #1 - #4 for the 3A Championship banner.
- Seeds #25-28 go into Division 2A as seeds #1 - #4 for the 2A Championship banner.
- Seeds #29-32 go into Division A as seeds #1 - #4 for the A Championship banner.

Varsity Boys (based on 8 teams)

- Seeds #1-4 go into Division 2A as seeds #1 - #4 for the 2A Championship banner.
- Seeds #5-8 go into Division A as seeds #1 - #4 for the A Championship banner.

JV Girls: (based on 20 teams)

- Seeds #1-4 go into Division 5A as seeds #1 - #4 for the 5A Championship banner.
- Seeds #5-8 go into Division 4A as seeds #1 - #4 for the 4A Championship banner.
- Seeds #9-12 go into Division 3A as seeds #1 - #4 for the 3A Championship banner.
- Seeds #13-16 go into Division 2A as seeds #1 - #4 for the 2A Championship banner.
- Seeds #17-20 go into Division A as seeds #1 - #4 for the A Championship banner.

MS Girls: (based on 12 teams)

- Seeds #1-4 go into Division 3A as seeds #1 - #4 for the 3A Championship banner.
- Seeds #5-8 go into Division 2A as seeds #1 - #4 for the 2A Championship banner.
- Seeds #9-12 go into Division A as seeds #1 - #4 for the A Championship banner.

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Quarter Finals (TOP BRACKET ONLY): It is the standard #1 vs #8 and #2 vs #7, #3 vs #6, #4 vs #5. Higher seeds are always the HOME TEAM. Best 2 out of 3 (3rd set to straight 15, 1st, 2nd set capped at 28). Home team has responsibilities, see above. Winners advance to the **Top** semi-finals, Loser to the **Rocky** semi-finals (can reach 5th place match)

Semi Finals (TOP BRACKET) – Quarter final winners to the **Top** Semis, losers to the **Rocky** Semis.

Semi Finals (non-TOP BRACKET divisions): #1 vs #4 and #2 vs #3. Higher seeds are always the HOME TEAM. Best 2 out of 3 (3rd set to straight 15, 1st, 2nd set capped at 28). Home team has responsibilities, see above. Home team has responsibilities, see above.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH: Winners of each semi-finals face off in the Championship match within their division. Best 2 out of 3 (3rd set to 15, all sets win by 2)

3rd Place match: Losing teams of the semifinals play for 3rd place of their division. Best 2 out of 3 (3rd set to straight 15, 1st, 2nd set capped at 28).

- 5th Place match (Top Bracket only)
- 7th Place match (Top Bracket only)

AWARDS and TROPHIES

Immediately at the conclusion of Championship matches:

Each Division Champion will receive:

- a) Championship banner
- b) Trophy/Award
- c) Please take the supersized bracket from the WALL as a

Each Division 2nd place team will receive:

- a) Runner-up Trophy,

No 3rd place trophy.

MVP Awards

- An MVP is awarded to a member of the **Varsity Girls “TOP BRACKET” Championship team.** (Coach to decide)
- An MVP is awarded to a member of the **Varsity Boys highest bracket Championship team.** (Coach to decide)
- An MVP is awarded to a member of the **JV Girls highest bracket Championship team.** (Coach to decide)
- An MVP is awarded to a member of the **MS Girls highest bracket Championship team.** (Coach to decide)



There is a banner for each division

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Pool Play Matches: BEST OUT OF 3

1st set to 25 straight.

2nd set to 25 straight.

3rd set to 15 straight.

BRACKET PLAY:

Semi Finals | Championship | 3rd 5th 7th Place Matches

BEST OUT OF 3

1st set to 25 win by 2, capped at 28.

2nd set to 25 win by 2, capped at 28.

3rd set to 15 straight.