



# “TOURNAMENT BRAIN”

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## ELIGIBILITY RULES

### Volleyball Teams that East Coast Nationals will permit:

1. A volleyball team that is directed by homeschool parents and/or homeschool organization with the intent of serving homeschool students,  
AND
2. A volleyball TEAM roster that was put together in August through September 5<sup>th</sup> and will be confirmed by the posting of an online roster completely by Sept 5<sup>th</sup> and can be supported by an official game in your scorebook for this current season,  
AND
3. Student-athletes have not achieved high school graduation prior to August 1, 2022  
AND
4. Student-athletes have not turned 19 before August 1, 2022. (We use August 1<sup>st</sup> because just about every school team starts their Fall sports schedule in August nowadays, so it just makes sense),  
AND
5. Student-athletes meets the age/grade requirements

**For East Coast Volleyball Nationals, teams are classified as Varsity, JV or MS based on this **AGE ELIGIBILITY CHART** regardless of how your team is constructed during the regular season.**

<b><u>TEAM</u></b>	<b><u>Age</u></b>
<b>MS</b>	<b>14-under as of 8/1/22</b>
<b>JV</b>	<b>16-under as of 8/1/22</b> <i>(1 older girl is allowed, only if a JV team is all you have)</i>
<b>VARSITY</b>	<b>18-under as of 8/1/22</b>

## **These limited exemptions may be requested:**

**If this is you, YOU MUST CONTACT HSPN WITH COMPLETE ROSTER by September 1st.**

1. With a small roster, you might be able to add student(s) from another Christian school (not Public) that must be on your roster by Sept 1<sup>st</sup> as reflected in your scorebook and approved by HSPN.
  - a. The added students did not play volleyball for any school on any day during the 2022 volleyball season. HSPN will search the internet for verification.

AND

- b. The composition of your team **must still be a wide majority of traditional homeschool students (85%)**.

**2. We may consider other hardship cases, send e-mail to [coach4life@yahoo.com](mailto:coach4life@yahoo.com)**

## **Team Pools and Pool Play**

Each age division is subdivided into 4-team pools using geography and balanced team strength for each pool. Pool numbers are arbitrary and 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.

### **Pool play is “round robin” best of 3 matches!**

All teams in their respective pool will play each other in a **BEST out of THREE** sets. 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.**
- d) Supply a LINE JUDGE

#### **“VISITING” TEAM:**

- a) Supplies a scorer, libero tracker at the scorers’ table
- b) Provides a scorer to use a flip chart
- c) Supply a LINE JUDGE

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.

## **Pool Play 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 win by 2, capped at 18.**

## **Tie Breaker Rules for determining brackets.**

- 1) Won-Loss record after 3 pool play matches (see above)
- 2) Point differential (points you scored minus points you allowed)
- 3) Least Points allowed during pool play
- 4) Avg Pts Scored per set during pool play
- 5) If still tied, coin toss.

## **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 **Elite Eight** and will compete for the Grand Championship banner OR (new) 7A 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)

**Elite Eight** and will compete for the Grand Championship banner OR A Championship banner.

**JV Girls:** (based on 20 teams) Depending on the number of teams, there might be a TOP BRACKET for the JV GIRLS. For now...

- 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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## **BRACKET PLAY:**

### **Semi Finals | Championship | 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 win by 2, capped at 18.**

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## **AWARDS and TROPHIES**

Immediately at the conclusion of Championship matches, **NO CLOSING CEREMONY:**

Each Division Champion will receive:

- a) Championship banner
- b) Trophy/Award

Each Division 2<sup>nd</sup> place team will receive:

- a) Runner-up Trophy

**No 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

### **ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAMS ??**

We need a few helpers to pull this off! Interested? Please email me at [coach4life@yahoo.com](mailto:coach4life@yahoo.com)