**CARDINAL VBC Tournaments**

**LOCATION: Concordia University;** 4090 Geddes, Ann Arbor, MI, 48105

**TIME: Gym opens at 8:15 am. Coaches meeting at 8:30. Play will start promptly at 9 am.** Late teams will forfeit their match. Check in with the site manager when you arrive. Coaches must leave your AAU-generated rosters with the site manager. Teams must have correct paperwork to compete!

**CONCESSIONS / COOLERS**: Teams may bring in small coolers & personal food.

**PLEASE NO TABLES!** “Camping” space is very limited. All teams will be sharing space in 1 locker room. No crock pots or other electrical appliances allowed. **All teams must clean up their area before leaving.**

**THERE WILL BE CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE ALL DAY!**

**ADMISSION CHARGE: $5 per adult and $3 for students. Ages 10 & under are free**.

**SEATING:** There will be bleacher space.

**WARM-UPS: WE DO NOT PROVIDE WARM UP or GAME BALLS.**

10 minutes prior to each team’s first match only – 2 minutes shared ball handling; 4 minutes full court for each team including serving. Serving team has the first 4 minutes. NO SHARED HITTING OR SERVING. after first matches, warm-ups consist of TWO minutes on court, **no balls**. No warming up with balls off court (there is no space for this).

**OFFICIALS:** All teams officiate, score, and line judge. Please bring your own whistles. Please be on time and ready to officiate your assigned matches - it keeps the tournament moving for everyone. Teams that delay matches or leave before completing their refereeing duties may be reported to and fined by AAU**. REFFING CREWS MUST NOT HAVE IPODS/ PHONES!**

For 12s and 14s, the R-1 (up official) should be a coach or qualified parent (players may train with adult).

For 15 & over ages, a qualified, trained player may be the R1, as long as they are directly supervised on the court by their coach. R-2 (down official), scoring, and line judging should be done by players. Please have a coach or experienced parent supervise the score table if your players are inexperienced scorekeepers. **Spectators may not approach the court or score table with questions about the score or officiating!**

**TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

Pool play games will be 2 sets to 25 with a cap of 27. All teams advance to playoffs. Playoff matches will be best 2 out of 3 with no cap, deciding games are 15 points. Seeding will be determined by overall record in pool play. Tie breakers: 1) Head to head games, 2) Head to head points, 3) Overall point differential, 4) Coin flip.

We have scheduled an hour for each match. It typically does not take a full hour so we will start the next match early. This way we can move it along and get out of the gym earlier. I have noticed that when I only allot for 45 minutes for a match then we end up behind schedule. Fans, coaches, and players are always happier being ahead of schedule rather than behind.

**RULE REMINDERS: USA Volleyball rules apply.**