



Directors and Coaches,

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Georgia Foothills Festival. We are glad you have chosen to join us and look forward to this event. Our goal is to present an affordable, well-run tournament that provides teams the opportunity to play volleyball against a variety of opponents while providing an experience that you will want to continue to return to for years to come. We are glad to host you in our beautiful city of Gainesville and hope you have a chance to visit our wonderful area and all that it offers when you are not in the gym.

The tournament is being held at local gyms throughout the Gainesville area, but all are within 20-minute driving distance of one another. The locations and addresses are as follows:

**14 Club and 16 Club Divisions - West Hall High School (2 Courts)**

5500 McEver Rd Oakwood, GA 30566

**18 Club Division - East Hall High School (2 Courts)**

3534 E Hall Rd Gainesville, GA 30507

**12 Club Division - East Hall Middle School (2 Courts)**

4120 E Hall Rd, Gainesville, GA 30507

**15 Club Division - Lakewood Baptist Church (2 Courts)**

2235 Thompson Bridge Rd Gainesville, GA 30501

Pool Play Schedules will be posted both to the SRVA website (usually the Tuesday before the tournament) and on our website as well. Details on location specifics, parking, food rules, seating, etc. will be posted on the Lanier Volleyball Club website, <http://www.laniervolleyball.com/georgiafoothillsfesitval.html>.

**Important Information Regarding Seeding and Pool**

Seeding and scheduling is provided by the SRVA for most all SRVA sanctioned tournaments. As many of you are aware, seeding the first few tournaments of the year usually involve quite a bit of speculation. The SRVA makes a great effort to put teams from the same club or sister clubs in separate pools whenever possible.

## **Tournament Format**

Pool Play begins at 8 am. Doors to each location will open at 7 am. The first match will not start before the scheduled time. After the first match, all subsequent matches should start approximately 10 minutes following the completion of the previous match.

At all locations, a coaches meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 am; all teams entered should have a coach or team representative present. Specific details regarding pool play formats, warm-ups, playoff formats, lunch breaks, teams advancing to playoffs, and such will be provided by the tournament director at the event. It is also highly recommended that your teams be on-site for the first match of the day in case of last minute schedule changes.

\* Please note the four team pools in divisions that have multiple four team pools will include reseed pool play matches in addition to what is shown on the posted SRVA schedule.

A schedule will be posted at each location in a centralized location.

In teams with multiple pools, a Gold/Silver tournament format is being used.

## **Match Protocol and Warm-up**

All pool play matches will be 2 sets regardless of outcome. Scoring will begin at 4 and go to 25 points.

Warm-ups will use the standard 2-4-4 USAV warm-up.

## **Tie Breaking Procedures**

Are more fully described in the SRVA handbook.

## **Team Referee Obligations**

A certified 1<sup>st</sup> Referee is provided for all courts. In some cases, a referee not working a current match will also act as R2 on courts occasionally. For most Gold Bracket Championship matches, a certified R2 will also be present.

Referee schedules are included in the pool assignments by the SRVA. Teams losing in bracket play will ref the next match on that court. Please check with your location's site director prior to leaving the tournament to ensure all of your team duties are complete.

Coaches, please remind your players that MP3 players and Cell Phones are not to be used while working the score table and that snacks and drink bottles should not be on the table. For courts without an electronic scoreboard, scorekeepers should lift the score board and show the score frequently, minimally at serve changes and time outs.

## **Admission**

Gate admission is \$5/ person. Children 12 and under are free. Sorry, but we are not equipped to take credit cards. Players and adults listed on an SRVA roster are admitted free.

## **Trainers and First Aid**

There will be no trainers or first aid personnel on site at any location. Please have all necessary care items with you in case of an emergency or injury.

Feel free to call or email us with any questions you may have. Your feedback is welcome.

We hope you enjoy the tournament.

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