

Heart of Dixie Rules and Procedures:
Welcome to Capital City Junior's Heart of Dixie Tournament!
Club Director's please forward this letter to coaches attending HOD.
THERE WILL BE NO COACHES' MEETING.

Team Check-In:

- Team check-in is Friday evening from 5:30-8:30 in the lobby of [The Montgomery Sportsplex](#) . (220 Hall St, Montgomery, AL 36104). Late check in is available from 7:00 - 7:45 am Saturday for the morning wave and 12:30-1:30 pm for the afternoon wave. Head coach or team representative must verify that **USAV #s** are correct, provide jersey numbers and sign copies of the team roster prior to competing. One copy will be retained by the tournament desk, the second copy will be submitted by the coach to score table prior to each match. A note to coaches: please have your players remove trash and personal items from the bench area after each match as a courtesy to the next competing team and the volunteers working hard to make HOD a first rate tournament.

Seeding:

- It is impossible to accurately seed teams this early in the season. Where possible seeding is based on the previous year's ranking or previous year's performance in HOD. The key to success is not seeding but playing your best in every match!

Tournament Format:

- Matches will be 2 out of 3 to 25 points, starting at 4 for the first two sets on Saturday. Set 3 will be to 15 points, starting at 0. Three team pools may play 3 sets to 25, starting at 4, or 2 out of 3 sets as outlined above with a cross over match or new pool assignment depending on the number of teams registered in the division. No team will play less than 6 sets on Saturday.
- **Once play commences for the day match times are on a rolling start based on the previous matches end time, not the times listed on the schedule. The only exception being that the first match of a new Division on a court will not begin earlier than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled match time. Have your team courtside early to be ready when the court becomes available**
- All teams will advance to a Gold Bracket on Sunday.
- **Liberos will be allowed to serve during this tournament Two liberos may be designated at the beginning of the match and will remain the same for the entire match (except for an injury situation)**

Warm up:

- Each team will have the court for minimum of two minutes of shared ball handling, followed by four minutes each of individual team warm-up, including serving.
- The designated serving team for the match will have the court for the first warm-up period.
- In playoff matches, a team just finishing a match will be offered a minimum rest period of ten (10) minutes before the coin toss for the next match is conducted. Warm up period commences after coin toss.

WORK TEAMS (REF DUTIES):

- Please check your team's officiating duties for pool play, and for Sunday Bracket play. **Some teams will have to ref an 8:00AM match before they are scheduled to play, please have your entire team AND coach to the court no later than 7:45AM.** Failure to be on time will result in region approved sanctions. If you miss your assignment you could forfeit your next match. If you lose on Sunday you WILL ref the next match until all matches are completed. Check with tournament desk before leaving if you think there are no more matches on your court as you may be needed to ref on an alternate court. Failure to remain and ref will result in region approved sanctions. **Coaches are required to stay and supervise their teams during their ref assignment.**

TRAINERS: Certified trainers will be provided during the Heart of Dixie tournament.

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Tie Break Procedures:

- If two or more teams are tied for the same number of playoffs positions each team's position shall be determined by the following methods (this same method will be used when re-seeding is required). When using these methods to determine positions of teams the following order will be followed without repetition. In all cases SRVA Region Procedure will be followed.
 1. If two teams are tied, the higher seed is determined by the results of match between the two teams, first on sets won and lost.
 2. If the two teams are still tied, then by point percentage using the match between the two tied teams.
 3. If the two teams are still tied, the higher seed is determined by:
 - [A] Best set percentage record using total sets played, and if still tied
 - [B] Highest point percentage using total sets played.
 4. If three or more teams are involved or if two teams are still tied after the above method, a comparison of set record, then a comparison of the total point spread for all of pool play will be used.
 5. If still tied, coin toss will determine playoff positions.

Note: **Point percentage** is determined by dividing each team's total points scored by the total points scored by all the team's opponents in that pool using all sets played. The team with the highest point percentage has the next highest finish in the pool.

Set percentage is determined by dividing the sets won by each team by the sets lost by that same team using all sets played.

AES and Paperless:

- All pools and brackets will be available online by noon on Thursday before Heart of Dixie at: www.advancedeventsystems.com/VolleyballResults/ On this page select Alabama from the drop down menu, then select 2019 Heart of Dixie
- Please check your team's schedule prior to the tournament because we all know that last minute changes can and do happen. In the event of a change we will do our best to contact you but ultimately the coaches are responsible for checking the schedule.
- Results computers will be available on site to keep up with your team and division progress.
- Brackets will populate after wave play is complete and results verified. There will be no consolation matches. All teams go to the single elimination Gold Bracket. **If you lose a match during the Gold Bracket, you will ref the next match which may or may not be on the same court. Check with tournament director for ref assignment if there are no more matches scheduled on your court before leaving the tournament.**

ADMISSION:

- Wristbands are required for admission and will be provided to coaches and players at check-in. They will be available to the public for purchase at the Registration Desk located in the Sportsplex Lobby outside the court area for \$10.00

FOOD & COOLERS:

- Teams may set up food and coolers in designated grassy area just outside the Sportsplex but they may not be brought inside the facility. Full concessions are also available inside.

VENDORS:

- Please support our vendors!

LOST & FOUND:

- Please check the Lost & Found area before leaving HOD. All items left are donated to charity Monday morning.

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS & PHOTOS:

- After you win the championship round remain at your court and a Heart of Dixie Staff Member will provide your Championship t-shirt token and take a championship photo!

Best Wishes for a great Heart of Dixie!