



2015 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. COMPETITION RULES: Current USA Volleyball (USAV) Domestic Competition Regulations (DCR), as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).

2. TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

a. Shall be competed at the 2015 USA Volleyball National Championships. The tournament format shall be determined by the number of Service teams participating.

b. If less than four Service teams (per gender) compete, then the Services will enter a pool as selected by USA Volleyball and grouped with other club teams within the A Division using USA Volleyball's tournament play format. The Armed Forces champion shall be determined by the results of head-to-head competition between the Service teams. In the event two or more teams have the same record, the tie-breaking procedures in paragraph 5 below shall be used to determine the 2014 Armed Forces Champion. Teams may advance to the elimination rounds within the A Division.

c. Four or more Service teams per gender competing, USA Volleyball will designate one court for the Armed Forces Championship as a stand-alone pool within the A Division. The tournament format is double round robin (two sets out of three) for seeding, followed by a double elimination bracket (3 sets out of five) to determine the Armed Forces Champion. Service teams then advance to the elimination rounds within the A Division.

3. SCORING AND SCOREKEEPING: IAW current USA Volleyball DCR.

4. DRAW: Within Division A - As determined by USA Volleyball; Armed Forces Division – As determined by establish annual draw.

5. TIE- BREAKER POLICY:

a. Breaking a tie for Armed Forces Championship gold or silver medals at the conclusion of round-robin play within the A-Division is determined in the following order:

1) Head-to-Head competition between the two Service teams during tournament play (based on matches won, NOT sets won).

2) If still tied, the overall record of the Service teams within the pool play, including the club teams.

3) If still tied, the final standings after the Service teams advance beyond pool play.

b. Breaking a tie for seeding at the conclusion of round-robin play within the Armed Forces Division is determined in the following order:

1) Head-to-Head competition between the two teams based on matches won.

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2) In event of three-way ties, ties are broken by head-to-head competition between teams based on matches won.

3) If still tied in three-way ties, seeding shall be based on the teams with the lowest number of sets played. Example, a team winning 2 matches with set scores of 2-0 and 2-0 equals four total sets shall be seeded higher than a team winning 2 matches with set scores of 2-0 and 2-1 (five total sets).

6. GAME BALL: Molten Flistatec USAV V5M5000-3 USA Volleyball.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- a. Day One Teams Arrive
- b. Day Two Team Practice Sessions (Based on USA Volleyball Schedule)
Team Check-in
Organizational Meeting
Team Photos
- c. Day Three Competition Day 1
- d. Day Four Competition Day 2
- e. Day Five Competition Day 3

All-Tournament Team Selection Meetings
(Women followed by Men)

Awards Ceremony – Conducted at competition site

Note: Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service warm-ups and appropriate footwear (no open toed shoes/flip-flops). Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards.

- g. Day Six Teams Depart

8. TEAM STANDINGS: Final team standings are determined by each team's match win record as mentioned in paragraph 2 above.

9. AWARDS:

a. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the entire team composition) receives individual awards.

b. Team: No team trophy is presented.

c. All-Tournament: A six player "All-Tournament" Team will be selected. The team will include at least 1 setter, 1 middle, and 1 defense specialist. The remaining three will be determined based on best players. The Host Project Officer will select and purchase a special "All-Tournament" memento to present to each member of the "All-Tournament" Team.

10. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Roster not to exceed 16 individuals:

12 Players (The designated "libero" is one of the 12 players)

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer

1 OIC

TOTAL: 16

Note: Rosters must be submitted NLT four days prior to championship report date. Only the above personnel are authorized in the designated Service bench area.

11. SELECTION PROCESS - HIGHER LEVEL AND ALL-TOURNAMENT: There will be no further higher level competition for Armed Forces Volleyball in 2015 after the USA National Championship.

12. FORMS AND ROSTERS:

a. All final rosters must be turned in to the Host Project Officer at the Organizational Meeting. Rosters for the Armed Forces Championship will be finalized at this time. Failure to do so shall disqualify athletes from advancing to higher level competition.

b. All participants of the Armed Forces Volleyball Championship shall sign the Armed Forces Sports Participant Code of Conduct (appendix C) prior to the start of the Armed Forces Championship. This includes team coaches, OIC's and medical staff. OIC's shall hold the signed code of conduct forms until the conclusion of the championship, or until all related actions of the championship are finalized.

13. ALCOHOL POLICY: There will be no alcohol consumption at the sports venue by personnel involved in the Armed Forces Sports competition, including sports staff, until all competition for the day has been completed to include the award ceremony on the final day if the awards banquet immediately follows the event. The venue is defined as the playing area, venue parking lot, and the assigned eating/spectator area. This policy will not apply if the awards banquet or ceremony is conducted as a separate event at a later time. However, more restrictive installation policies in regards to alcohol will take precedence. Violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension from the remaining championship/event, disqualification from higher-level competition and selection to the All-Tournament Team, and shall be subject to further disciplinary actions by the AFSWG.

14. ICE-BREAKER SOCIAL. Authorized team members must attend the event in their Service polo shirt, coordinated slacks, and appropriate footwear (exceptions may be made dependant on host site letter of instruction). Guests may attend with pre-coordination with the host site and Service representative. Final decision will be based on availability. Guests will assume costs associated with attending the ice breaker.

a. The Ice-Breaker Social is an official function and shall be conducted in accordance with local base policies and all participants are expected to conduct themselves in the highest professional manner. Informal activities such as skits, hazing and other activities that include offensive language/behavior are not authorized.

15. HANDLING OF RULE VIOLATIONS: If there is a violation of the SOP or specific sport rule, the AFS Representative or in their absence, the project officer, will address the respective Service Representative to resolve the issue. Service Representative will resolve the violation before the Service competes in the next game.