



FORMAT

BOYS DIVISION – FORMAT

Non-League Tournaments

- Non-League tournaments will be offered in the following age groups: 18, 16, and 14 & under. All teams are eligible to play in Non-League tournaments.
- The cost for these tournaments is \$75 each.
- The deadline to enter these tournaments will be 8:00 a.m., 12 days prior to the event. You must register and pay online to be entered into the tournament. After the deadline, teams entering late may be added on a first-come, first-served, space-available basis.
- Unless a Non-League tournament is cancelled, there are no refunds.
- Play will begin at 8:30 a.m.
- Each match is the best two-out-of-three sets to 25 points in the first two sets and to 15 points in the third set, if necessary. All sets will use rally scoring with no cap. Some pools can be all 3 games to 25 points based on format.
- After pool play, teams will advance to playoff brackets. If bracket play cannot be completed by 6:00 p.m., the tournament director may change the scoring method from best two-out-of-three sets to one set to 25 points. Teams will switch sides when one team scores 13 points. The decision will be based on the need to leave the site by 6:00 p.m.
- Each team will have the option to play as close to home as possible or to travel; typical travel time is 90 minutes. However, sites and travel times are subject to change.
- Points will not be given for Non-League tournaments. Tournament formats may change from tournament to tournament due to the number of entries received.

League Tournaments

- The League consists of a two-day Qualifier, four League tournaments, and a two-day Region Championship. These tournaments are mandatory, which means that a team entering this League will play eight (8) mandatory days. Upon entering the League, a team will automatically be entered into each League event.
- Teams entering the League will be divided into divisions (Gold, Silver, Bronze, etc.) and age groups based on results from the Qualifier.
- The format for these divisions will be determined by the number of teams entered. **Travel** is required for this League.
- The deadline to enter the League online is **5:00 PM on Monday, September 15, 2008**.
- There are no refunds for the league.
- A team may choose to enter the League event after the Qualifier, but they will be entered at the lowest level and only if space is available.
- Points will be awarded to each team based on their results.
- If a team either No Shows, Cancels or Forfeits a tournament, they will receive last place points for that tournament and take the last seed in that division and additional sanction will/can be applied. See page 31 (Sanctions).
- See page 40 for additional deadlines.**

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2008 League Qualifier & Regionals

- ❑ The Qualifier & Regional Championships will both be held in Convention Centers
Qualifier – Sacramento Convention Center & additional sites if needed
Regionals – Sacramento Convention Center & San Mateo Expo
- ❑ During the Regional championships an All-Tournament team will be chosen based on the entire season of play. The All-Tournament Form is located on page 71.
- ❑ New this year! The Ed Weber Sportsmanship award will begin at the Regional Tournament based on play during the entire season.

Warm-Ups

- ❑ A 5-minute warm-up (including ball handling, hitting, and serving) will be allowed ONLY before a team's first match of the day. Following your first match, a 5-minute shared warm-up will be enforced throughout the remainder of the tournament.
- ❑ Teams should retrieve their own balls. Due to insurance and liability requirements, retrievers must be NCVA-registered members ONLY. Although all players, coaches and club directors are NCVA-registered members, a parent, guardian or family member is not automatically considered an NCVA-registered member simply because of their acquaintance or association with a player.

Tie-Breaking Procedure

2-Way Ties

2-way ties, in match record, in a pool are broken by head-to-head competition results between the two tied teams.

3-Way Ties

3-way ties in a pool are broken by:

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| 1 st | Matches | Won/lost record. |
| 2 nd | Sets | Won/lost percentage. Calculation: the team's total number of sets won divided by the team's total number of sets played equals the won/lost percentage. The highest percentage wins the pool. |
| 3 rd | Point Differential | Determined among the tied teams. Calculation: the team's total points scored minus the team's total points allowed in ALL the matches of the pool. |

Note: If three teams have the same match record but a different set record, only the teams with identical set records are tied. If match record and set record are the same for all three teams, then point differential will be used to break the tie.

Protests

- ❑ A protest must be filed at the time of the incident. When the ball is out of play, the team captain may speak to a referee to request an explanation of the Rules and also to submit to the appropriate referee any requests or questions from teammates. If the explanation is not satisfactory, the team captain must immediately indicate to the first referee the right to record the disagreement on the score sheet as an official protest. (For 14-and-under competition, the coach may act instead of the captain.)
- ❑ The set should not continue until the protest is resolved by the tournament director or an NCVA-appointed Protest Committee. A protest cannot be filed after the completion of the match.
- ❑ Protests to be considered include misinterpretation of a playing Rule, failure of the first referee to apply the correct Rule to a given situation, or failure to charge the correct penalty (sanction) for a given fault. Judgment calls by an official cannot be protested.
- ❑ The protest facts recorded on the score sheet should include:
 - The score of the set at the time of the protest.
 - Players and positions at the time of the protest.
 - Player substitutions and team substitutions taken up to the time of the protest.
 - Team time-outs taken up to the time of the protest.
 - Description of the situation that caused the protest.
 - Signatures of the scorekeeper, captains, and first referee, indicating that the facts are correct.

League Point Structure

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Gold Division	100	97	95	93	91	90	89	88	87	86	85	84
Silver Division	80	77	75	73	71	70	69	68	67	66	65	64
Bronze Division	60	57	55	53	51	50	49	48	47	46	45	44
Aqua Division	40	37	35	33	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24

* No Shows, Tournament Cancellations and Forfeits will result in a last place finish and last place points for League Tournaments.

Reviewing Points

The NCVA makes every attempt to post points 3-4 days after each event. Postings can be delayed due to computer malfunctions or when results by the tournament director are not submitted to the NCVA office in a timely manner.

To review league points:

1. Login to the NCVA home page at www.ncva.com.
2. Click on the boys' **Power League** link to display the Power League home page.
3. Click the **Points** link.
4. Click the appropriate age group link to view the points for that age group.