



Memorandum

TO: Team Managers, 2019 Co-ed Tough Turkey Volleyball Tournament

FROM: Katie Blood, Recreation Supervisors/Tournament Director

SUBJECT: Tournament Information and Format

Please review the following information about the 2019 Co-ed Tough Turkey Volleyball Tournament. Tentative tournament schedules will be posted online at www.cityofgreenriver.org on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 after 5:00pm. If scheduled, teams should **be ready to play OR referee at 8:00am on Saturday, November 23, 2019.**

LOCATIONS:

Saturday, November 23 & Sunday, November 24

Green River Recreation Center

* 1775 Hitching Post Drive * Green River, Wyoming * 82935

**Packet Pick-up: Friday 5:00pm-8:45pm & Saturday 7:30am

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

Pool play begins – Saturday, November 23 at 8:00am;

Tournament resumes with bracket play at 8:00am on Sunday, November 24

1. Saturday Pool Play – Pool play will be a single round robin with all teams of each pool advancing to the championship round. Specifics are listed at the bottom of each Pool Sheet. Power/Semi Power Division: Matches in the pool play will consist of two games to 21 points (must win by 2/Cap 25). Recreation Division: Matches in the pool play will consist of two games to 25 (must win by 2/No Cap). In the event of ties for advancement to the elimination rounds or for seeding in those rounds, the first tie-breaker will be head-to-head records, the second will be total points for and against (%) in head-to-head and the third will be total points (%) for and against in the pool.
2. Championship Rounds – The championship round will be double elimination with winner's bracket matches consisting of the best 2 out of 3 games. The first two games to 25 points and tie breaker game (game 3) will go to 15 points.
3. *All teams will be required to provide officials (referee and umpire), line judges, and scorekeepers per the schedule. The Green River Parks and Recreation Department will provide a whistle to each team in their team packet. **If a team fails to referee a match for which they are scheduled, they may be eliminated from future tournament play or be required to forfeit their following game.** NEW! Enough teams voted (in our online survey) to bring back the refereeing each other throughout the tournament and bringing in officials for the semi-finals and finals on bracket play, so we will continue this for 2019.*

4. Good sportsmanship and observance of Green River Recreation Center rules will be required. Players may use the Recreation Center throughout the tournament based on regular hours of operation. Spectators are free to watch the tournament but must pay admission to the Recreation Center if they intend to use the facility. Women's and Men's lockers cost \$1.00 a day for rental. ****PLEASE** respect the host facilities and the team you represent by taking care of your trash and cleaning up after yourself.
5. Gym Shoe Policy: Shoes worn in from the street are not allowed on the playing surface of the gymnasium. Please carry your shoes into the facilities. Thank you for your cooperation.
6. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY: All players must be at least 15 years of age by Saturday, November 23, 2019, and must be included on the roster which is submitted and finalized before your first match. Roster forms are available in your team packet. No roster additions will be allowed after this time without permission from the tournament director. Players will be required to show proof of age and identification, if the opposing team protests, to the referee prior to the end of the match.
7. When playing with 3 or less players, at least one of those players must be female. A team may have no more than 3 men on the floor at the same time. When the ball is played more than once by a team, at least one of the contacts shall be made by a female player. There is no minimum number of players to play a game. However, one player must be female. There is also no **designated** rotation of play by gender (i.e. hitting the ball in order of Guy, Girl, Guy, Girl) except what has been stated above in this paragraph. There is just no set serving order.
8. Due to safety concerns for the children and patrons, children must remain seated in the bleachers and be supervised by a non-participating adult at all times. Children 8 years old and older may be in the spectator area without an accompanying supervisor, but will be expected to remain seated at all times.
9. Protests must be voiced to the referee and settled immediately upon occurrence. Remember, judgment calls cannot be protested.
10. All players rostered who played in the 2019 Co-ed Tough Turkey Volleyball Tournament match will receive a tournament shirt. Please include shirt size on tournament roster.
11. All start times on the schedule are merely estimates. **Teams should be ready to play immediately after the proceeding match even if it is running ahead of the estimated start time.** If a team is not present for the start of the match, after the 10 minute warm-up period, their 1st game shall be forfeited. If another 10 minutes passes, the team shall forfeit their 2nd game, even if the games are running ahead of estimated start times. **This rule also applies to teams scheduled to officiate.**
12. The Division you sign-up for is the Division you will play throughout the tournament. There will not be any shuffling of teams unless deemed necessary by the tournament director.
13. **NEW!** Practice balls and Game balls are provided every year. If both teams agree, you may use a ball from either opponent to play. If the teams do not agree, you will use the provided game ball for play. Please ask a staff if you do not know where the balls are located. Do you prefer a type of ball that you wish we provided for the game ball? We are open to suggestions. Please leave the information on the survey we provide every year for your feedback. Survey information can be found on bullet point 17 below.
14. **NEW!** We will do our hardest to keep people playing in the bracket that they sign up for, please help share the word about our tournament so we get more teams and less of a

chance of moving divisions, the only time we will consider doing this is if it is a last resort and if a division has a minimum of 3 teams.

15. NEW! There was talk in 2018 of not letting someone play on Sunday if they didn't play on Saturday. We will only enforce this if the person is NOT on your roster. Please make sure they are on your roster and there will not be any issues.

16. NEW! There will be no social this year. There was a low attendance. Is there anything new you would like to see? Please use our anonymous (if you wish) "Survey Monkey" survey and let us know how we can improve each year to help make it worth coming back to join us again!

17. NEW! The AWARD for the 2019 1st and 2nd place teams will be Performance Long Sleeve Shirts! Please be sure to get us your sizes before you leave on Sunday! These will also be available for purchase at the tournament and shipped to you once the order come in. Just ask the front desk about how to purchase the performance shirts!

18. Care to share information with the tournament director on how to help improve the tournament? The 2019 survey can be found on the City of Green River's Website <https://cityofgreenriver.org/627/Tough-Turkey-Volleyball-Tournament>.