

SIVA Tournament Rules and Guidelines

Playing Schedule & Format:

- Matches are scheduled on 1-hour intervals and will begin as close to the scheduled match time as possible.
- If a match ends early, warm up protocol for the ensuing match will begin so the match will be played at the assigned start time. If a match runs late, warm ups for the following match will begin immediately.
- All teams are scheduled for 5 matches and all teams will have 2-3 officiating responsibilities
- All play will utilize rally scoring with match play consisting of best of three sets. Sets 1 and 2 will be played to 25 points, no cap, win by two, and set 3 will be played to 15 points, no cap, win by two, side change at 8 points.
- SIVA sanctioned events will utilize USAV rules with any modifications announced by the Director of Competition. The libero players may be utilized and must be designated by match. No International pursuit
- Warm ups will include 2 minutes shared court time, followed by 5 minutes shared hitting/serving. The last minute will be indicated by the official and used for serving. Observe appropriate warm up etiquette when hitting into the opponent's court.
- Coaches and/or team representatives are required to review and know the tournament rules. They are also required to review current posted or distributed updates.

Officials/Officiating Responsibilities

- First officials will be provided for all matches. We have an excellent officiating crew that has traveled long distances in order to officiate this event.
- Each team is responsible for 2-3 officiating assignments throughout the day. You are responsible to supply the second official, two linesman, one scorekeeper, and one libero tracker/scoreboard keeper. You will need five players for each officiating assignment.
- When teams are not competing, they may be scheduled to assist officials. Teams not fulfilling this obligation will forfeit the first game in their team's next match. Some work schedules occur prior to a team's opening match, and some occur after the completion of a match. It is the responsibility of each team to determine their officiating schedule from the Master Schedule or to contact the Director of Competition to determine the time and location of their work schedule.

Protests

- All protests shall be filed in accordance with USAV rules (before the next serve), with the first referee. The First Referee shall consult with the Head Referee who shall make the final ruling.

Facilities and House Rules

- The host school has graciously opened their facilities to SIVA for this event. Please respect the facilities and facility staff at all times by abiding by posted signs and house rules.
- Personal property brought into the facility is always your responsibility.
- Individuals and teams are responsible to clean up after themselves and use the receptacles provided. Please avoid bringing food or beverages near any playing courts.
- No hanging on basketball rims.
- "Sportsmanship" is required of all participants at all times. Any behavior or sportsmanship issues must be addressed with the commissioner immediately up to and including yellow/red cards. This behavior will not be tolerated and will be dealt with immediately with serious penalties. You do not want me to find out about behavior issues from anyone else so make sure you come to me along with your team captain to explain to me personally the situation.
- Use or possession of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products is strictly prohibited and will be reported to the campus authorities.
- Participants will be financially responsible for any damages they may cause.
- Violation of these rules may include immediate suspension of the individual(s) or team(s) involved and other sanctions, as appropriate.

Game Balls

- The official game ball of the SIVA conference will be the red, white, and blue Molten Pro Touch and Super Touch. This is also the official game ball for the NCVF Collegiate Club Championships.
- SIVA is providing the game balls for all SIVA events. These are game balls and only to be used for games and not warm-ups.
- These game balls are the property of SIVA. Any individual who is caught with these game balls will be immediately dismissed from the facilities and their team will be disqualified from the SIVA event.

Upcoming SIVA Event Schedule:

- February 4, 2012 – TCU - North Round 1
- February 25, 2012 – Texas State – Women's Crossover
- March 3, 2012 – UTSA - Men's Crossover
- March 24, 2012 – Plano, TX (Skyline Shack/Net Results) – SIVA Championships