



**Twin Cities River Rumble  
TOURNAMENT GUIDE  
April 29, 2023 – Boys Division  
April 29&30, 2023 – Girls Division**

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**Match Length**

Pools of 4 or more and Championship Brackets:

- Best of 3
- Sets 1 and 2 to 25, win by 2, no cap
- Deciding set to 15, win by 2, no cap

Pools of 3 – no crossover match

- 3 sets to 25, win by 2, no cap

Pools of 3 – with crossover after pool play

- Best of 3
- Sets 1 and 2 to 25, win by 2, no cap
- Deciding set to 15, win by 2, no cap

Pools of 5 – round robin on 2 courts

- Best of 3
- Sets 1 and 2 to 25, win by 2, no cap
- Deciding set to 15, win by 2, no cap
- WT will need to work two courts at same time– this is normal tournament format for 5 team pools\*

Pools of 7 – round robin over 2 days

- Best of 3
- Sets 1 and 2 to 25, win by 2, no cap
- Deciding set to 15, win by 2, no cap
- No bracket play

**Work Team Assignments**

- R2 with **whistle**
- 2 line judges per set
- 1 score book
- 1 libero tracker
- 1 score flip

Coach or club director must be at score table or present at the court when team is working a match

*\*If a work team is working two courts at once and does not have a roster size to fill all work team roles/responsibilities, then the following protocol occurs:*

- R1 makes a recommendation on what roles/responsibilities can be unfilled. Recommendation is based on level of play, abilities of the work team, and number of work team participants available.*
- Preference is that flip score person can fill an R2 or line judge role and flip score can be done by libero tracker or participant parent*
- In some divisions, the R1 may request no line judges. If that is the case, it is expected that honor calls by the team/team bench are made when R1 needs assistance, cannot see the play, and/or missed the call.*

**TEAMS MISSING ANY OFFICIATING ASSIGNMENT WILL BE PENALIZED: ONE POINT PER MINUTE LATE, UP TO 25 POINTS, ON THEIR NEXT MATCH. NO SHOW IS AUTOMATIC FORFEITURE OF NEXT MATCH.**

Prior to leaving the building, check AES for your team's work schedule and play schedule to ensure it is okay to leave the facility.

### **Tie Breakers**

There will NOT be any tie-breaking games played in the River Rumble/

Tie Break Determiners:

- Head—to-head results for 2 way tie
- Set percentage for 3 or more teams tied
- In the rare case of same win-loss record and same set percentage, coin flip

### **Awards**

- Gold Division Bracket
  - Gold award for winner
  - Silver award for second place

If there is not bracket play, then

- Round Robin
  - Gold award for winner of the round robin
  - Silver for second place in round robin

### **Officials**

USA Volleyball certified officials will be provided as R1s for all matches. In the rare instance, that an officials shortage occurs, NCR will pay the head coach of the work team to R1 the match.

### **Protests**

If a protest is to be filed, it must be done at the time of the incident, **NOT LATER**. The first referee is obligated to acknowledge and record all protests.

**ONLY THE FLOOR CAPTAIN MAY FILE A PROTEST** – the exception applies to the 14U and younger divisions, where the rostered head coach of the team may file a protest. **Coaches may not approach the R1 on the stand at any time.**

### **Facility Rules**

**NO TOLERANCE POLICY** for misbehavior by players, teams and spectators in the public areas of the Minneapolis Convention Center, River Rumble competition areas, and rooms reserved for players and coaches to utilize during the event.

- Ball Handling is NOT allowed off the courts
- Ball Handling is NOT allowed in the players lounge or coaches lounge
- Coolers, outside food and drink are NOT ALLOWED
- Only water and sports drinks may be brought inside the facility
- In order to comply with the fire marshal, **OUTSIDE CHAIRS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE VENUE**

Violation of these policies or any other general misbehaviors may result in **IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL** from the Minneapolis Convention Center and from the tournament.

#### **Athletic Trainers**

The River Rumble will have athletic trainers available to tape and assist with minor injuries.

**ATHLETE MUST PROVIDE TAPE AND PRE-WRAP FOR ANY PRE-EXISTING NEEDS.** Tape and pre-wrap are provided by the tournament for emergency purposes.