



Tournament Guide

JJVA Volleyball Training Center
8457 Western Way Jacksonville, FL 32256

Information:

The 2023 JJVA Tropical Ice Challenge event is being conducted over two weeks. The OPEN division will participate over three days on January 13 - 15, 2024, played at the JJVA Volleyball Training Center. The USA and CLUB divisions will participate over two days on January 20 – 21, 2024, played at the JJVA Volleyball Training Center, Toco High School, Bolles High School, and Mandarin Middle School. This tournament is sanctioned under USAV and will be governed by all rules and regulations of USAV Volleyball. This is a Level I event.

All matches will be best of three sets to 25 with a deciding set to 15. In the case a Pool of 3 teams without Cross Over matches, the matches will be all 3 Sets to 25. Please pay attention to pool description on Sportwrench.com for clarification within each pool/division. There will be no caps in any set. The OPEN division will receive the equivalent of 7 or more matches. The USA and CLUB divisions receive the equivalent of 4 or more matches.

Spectator Policy:

All tickets must be purchased online from sport wrench. All adult spectators must provide photo ID along with their QR code to enter the playing facility. No outside food or drinks can be delivered or brought in the facility. No Coolers, lawn chairs are permitted in the facility.

Due to allergies and safety concerns, there is a no-pet policy at the facilities – We gladly allow service animals with correct documentation.

Spectator fees are \$15 for a day pass, \$35 for OPEN Division 3-Day pass, \$25 for USA/CLUB Division Weekend pass. Children 5 and under are free

Format/Warmup:

Our goal is to provide the most competitive matches, since it is so early into the 2024 Season we used a combination of rankings, standings and head to head play so far this year if at all possible. We utilized your ending 2023 USAV team ranking, any available rankings this year, Record so far this season, and head to head record this season to rank each team within the division. We also had to move some rankings with the divisions to minimize same club play and rematches.

OPEN Division:



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The format of the tournament will be Pool Play Round 1 (Saturday) , Pool play Round 2 (Sunday), and Bracket Play on Monday. We will have one Wave on Monday. AM wave will start at 7:30 am on Saturday and Sunday. PM wave will start at 1:30 pm on Saturday and Sunday. AM wave will start at 8:00 am on Monday.

Pools of 3 teams with Crossover Matches may have a different flow than it has in the past. We have received feedback that playing 3 to 4 Matches back to back with little to no break wears physically and mentally on the Athletes during high intensity tournaments. The wellbeing and safety of all of our Athletes is our #1 concern. In doing so, we have design the flow of these matches where possible in below flow:

P= Pool M=Match R=Round X=Crossover

Court 1	Court 2
P1M1	
P2M1	
P1M2	
P2M2	
P1M3	
P2M3	
R1X1M1	R1X2M1
	R1X3M2

Throughout the tournament the Tournament Director and Head Referee will be looking to maximize court space to keep play on time as much as possible.

USA/CLUB Division:

The format of the tournament will be Pool Play Round 1 (Saturday) , and Bracket Play on Sunday. AM wave will start at 8:00 am on Saturday and Sunday. PM wave will start at 2:30 pm on Saturday. AM wave will start at 8:30 am on Sunday.

All Clubs must bring their own volleyballs for warmup. Each Club is responsible for keeping their equipment with them at all times.



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Warmup before the first match will be 5-4-4 and every match after will be 2-4-4.

We anticipate releasing the tournament schedule on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 for the OPEN Division and Tuesday, January 16, 2024 for the USA/CLUB Division. The schedule will be hosted on Sportwrench. Everyone should continue to refer to this schedule for any changes and up to minute scoring and results. As with all sporting events in this environment, there is always a chance of a late drop. This could change your schedule and/or the format of the tournament, but that is certainly not our plan.

Tie Breakers:

There will NOT be any tie-breaking games played.

In the case of a tie, the teams will be ranked by head-to-head results in case of a 2-way tie in matches or, in the case of 3 or more teams tied in matches: set percentage. If two teams are still tied on set percentage, the tie will be broken by the head-to-head result of their match OR if three or more teams are still tied the tie will be broken by point percentage. Note that the 3 or more teams tied procedure is slightly different than previous years based on the updated procedures used at the USAV Junior National Qualifiers and National Championship events.

Awards:

Awards will be rewarded to first, second, and third place finishers in the Gold bracket in each Division. The winner of the Silver bracket in each Division will also be rewarded an award. Award information will be given in the Performance Training Facility upon the completion of the division championship match. An award slip will be given to the Coach of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers to gain access to the Performance Training Facility. Only Teams with the award slip will receive medals. Coaches, Athletes, and Fans of the qualifying Team are allowed in the Performance Training Center during the Medal Ceremony.

Officials/Crew:

A first official (R1) will be provided for each match. Each team will be responsible for providing down official (R2), two-line judges, one official scorekeeper, one libero tracker, and one visual scorekeeper per court. A Coach or an Adult on the Team Roster must perform a duty at the table. We prefer the rostered adult perform the duty of the R2 official. Please pay special attention to your pool/bracket to ensure an officiating



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assignment is not missed. *Teams missing an officiating assignment will be fined up to \$150. Teams late to an officiating assignment will be penalized one point per minute in their following match.*

Only Coaches can approach the Tournament Office with questions and/or complaints about play, officiating, or schedule. No parents or athletes will be allowed to enter the tournament office or file complaints without a coach present.

Schedules are subject to change. Please continue to check sportwrench for the most up to date schedule. If you have a question about your schedule, please come to the Tournament Office before leaving the facility.

If a team does not show up for a scheduled match, the team will be penalized up to \$150 per match. Missing or forfeiting a match affects not only your team but your opponent's ability to compete in the number of matches that the tournament guarantees.

Protests:

If a protest is to be filed, it must be done within 60 seconds of the time of the incident.

The first referee is obligated to acknowledge and record all protests. **ONLY THE FLOOR CAPTAIN OR COACH MAY FILE PROTESTS.**

All protests will be handled by the Protest Committee and their decision is binding. A Protest Committee will ideally consist of any two of the following:

- Head Official
- Tournament Director
- Assistant Tournament Director
- Site Director
- Highest rated available official or a non-involved Club Director

All efforts will be made to ensure two of the above members are able to appear at a protest, but protests can be completed with just the Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director, Site Director, or Head Official, if needed.



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Athletic Trainers:

Athletic Trainers will be onsite at the JJVA Training Center for both dates. They will be located at the corner of Gate 2, Court 1, and the Main Walkway. Pre-Wrapping, Taping and Icing Services are free to the Athletes before, during and after matches. Athletes must bring their own Tape and Pre-Wrap or they can purchase Tape and Pre-Wrap in the Pro Shop onsite.

Facility Rules:

Parking at JJVA is free and limited. Teams are encouraged to carpool as much as possible.

Spectators are encouraged to relocate away from the court when their athlete is not playing in an effort to maintain social distancing. Masks may always be worn and is of one's own preference.

Athletes are not permitted to impede onto another playing court during a rally. The ball will be deemed out of play if this occurs.

Due to incidents in previous years, there will be a no tolerance policy for misbehavior by players/teams and spectators in the venues:

- Ball Handling is NOT allowed outside of the playing court and facilities.
- Play on any other Court in the facility is NOT allowed unless designated by the Tournament Director
 - 1st Violation - Warning
 - 2nd Violation - Report to Coach/Club Director
 - 3rd Violation – Discretion of Tournament Director (Dismissal from Tournament, Red Card start of next match, Offenders Out for first Set, etc..)
- NO Food Deliveries will be accepted at ANY of the facilities.
- Coolers and outside food and drink are NOT ALLOWED in ANY of the facilities.
- Only individual water and sports drinks may be brought inside the facility.
- Spectators are NOT allowed on Any court at any time.
- Spectators are NOT allowed to approach an Official, Officiating Team, or Score table at any time.



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Violation of these policies or any other general misbehaviors may result in immediate dismissal from the facility for the remainder of the day/tournament. We ask that all spectators, coaches, and players abide by the: [FL Region USAV Spectator Code of Conduct](#).