



Welcome to VOLT Volleyball and your first club volleyball experience!

Here's a helpful guide on what to expect at your first club volleyball tournament:

This will be a full day event – be on time, be positive, and be a team supporter!

- Player arrival time 7:00 – 7:30AM depending upon the team's schedule
 - Pool play is typically a 4-team round robin format which determines the tournament seeding
 - The team may play or ref the first round based on their seeding in pool play
 - Teams will both play and ref throughout pool play and tournament play
 - Ref duties include scorekeeper, bookkeeper, line judging, and officiating
- 8:00AM is a typical start time for all local, single day tournaments
- Pool play will typically run from 8:00AM to 1:00-2:00PM. You may have an hour to 20minute break between pool play and tournament play. Players are not allowed to leave the playing site during this time.
- Tournament brackets are typically posted and ready to go by 2:00PM if not sooner
- There are typically 3-4 brackets for tournament play: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Cooper. Teams are seeded in the tournament based on their tournament play record, wins/losses, and point differential.
- Tournament play is typically single elimination. There are some tournaments that play out a 3rd and 4th place finish but not all.
- Tournament play will typically run from 2:00 – 6:00PM based the team's success
- If your team loses the first or second round of the tournament, they will have to ref. All players are expected to stay in the gym as they will have responsibility to ref

What to pack or prepare for a single day club volleyball tournament:

- **Players**
 - Volleyball equipment: warm-up shirt, uniform, shoes, socks, kneepads, etc.
 - Healthy snacks and a packed lunch box (skip the concession stand and fuel your body with healthy, nutritional choices during athletic events)
 - Water bottle
- **Parents, Spectators, Fans:**
 - You may need a collapsible lawn chair based on the playing facility
 - Food, snacks, water bottle and/or anything to keep you a happy fan throughout the day
 - There are breaks throughout the day so plan accordingly: a good book, computer, etc.