

NON QUALIFYING DIVISIONS INFORMATION



MINNEAPOLIS CONVENTION CENTER

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NIKE ACE OF CLUBS NON-QUALIFIER DIVISIONS TOURNAMENT GUIDE February 7- 8, 2026

[NIKE Ace of Clubs Tournament Hub](#)

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 and 6

- Two sets to 25, win by 2, no cap
- No deciding set
- 4 pool play matches

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.

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 NIKE Ace of Clubs Volleyball Festival.

Tie Break Determiners:

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

Boys 14 and Younger on Girls Teams

NCR allows Junior Boys/Junior Boy Club to play with and/or against Junior Girls/Junior Girl Club up to the age of 14 age divisions. If a Junior Boys Team plans to compete against a Junior Girls Team or a Junior Girls Team has a Junior Boy on the team, the Club Director or Coach MUST contact the tournament director of the event. The tournament director may accept or deny the request.

NIKE Ace of Clubs allows this rule to be in effect.

Awards

- Gold Division Bracket
 - Gold medal for winner
 - Silver medal for second place
- Round Robin
 - Gold award for winner of the round robin
 - Silver for second place in round robin
- Non Gold Division Brackets
 - No medals are awarded
 - The highest that a team can finish in a silver bracket is fifth and we do not have fifth place medals.

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.

Facility Rules

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

- Ball Handling is NOT allowed off the courts
- 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

NIKE Ace of Clubs Volleyball Festival will have athletic trainers available to tape and assist with minor injuries. Tape and pre-wrap are provided by the tournament for emergency purposes.