



41st Texas Firefighter Summer Games July 16-22, 2023 Lubbock, Texas

Volleyball Tournament General Information Guide

On behalf of the the Texas Firefighter Summer Games Board of Directors, thank you for entering the 2023 TFFSG 6v6 Indoor Volleyball Tournament. This guide contains info for the volleyball program, and will help to clarify what to expect to help the program run smoothly. Good Luck.

General Tournament Info

- **USAV** Rules with exceptions (see attachment)
- **USVA** certified official oversight
- Bring water and nutrition
- Be at court at least 30 minutes prior to match
- **ALL** players **MUST** sign release waiver
- There is a Player Pool for athletes seeking a team
- No alcohol consumption by players/team staff while entered in the tournament
- Presiding officials will have final decision on all game related issues
- Athletes are responsible for knowing rules and their exceptions
- Gold, Silver, and Bronze will be awarded

6v6 Tournament Info

- Libero rules in effect
- A designated captain must be on the court at all times
- Coin side will be assigned at toss
- Position fault rules in effect
- Rotation fault rules in effect
- Substitution procedure rules in effect

4v4/2v2 Tournament Info

- Coin side will be assigned at toss



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Volleyball Tournament Entry Form

Team Captain: _____ Team Name: _____ Home City: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Local #: _____

Team Roster

Player 2: _____	Player 8: _____
Player 3: _____	Player 9: _____
Player 4: _____	Player 10: _____
Player 5: _____	Player 11: _____
Player 6: _____	Player 12: _____
Player 7: _____	

***Roster limit: four (4) for 2v2, six (6) for 4v4,
and twelve (12) for indoor**

Select one entry per form

2v2 Outdoor	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100/team
4v4 Outdoor	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$120/team
6v6 Indoor	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250/team

Point of Contact:

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San Antonio, TX 78258
PHONE: 210.596.9923
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volleyball@texasfirefightergames.com

Payments (please mark in notes):

PayPal: @MikeSD
Venmo: @MedicMikeD
Step: @MikeSD
ApplePay: 210.902.1131

Rules Acknowledgement and Release Agreement

All those signed hereby agree to release and forever hold harmless the host city/cities venues used, Texas Firefighter Summer Games Committee and their officers, agents, and representatives, as well as all other entrants, from any rights or claims for damages as a result of participation in aforementioned event. Additionally, signees also stipulate to being adequately informed of, received, and understand the officiating format and rules of the tournament and agree to abide by said rules. Officials/R1 decisions are final.

Captain's Signature: _____



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Volleyball Tournament Schedule

2v2 Outdoor	4v4 Outdoor	6v6 Indoor
Date: 18 July 2023	Date: 19 July 2023	Date: TBD
Time: 0800hrs	Time: 0800hrs	Time: TBD
Site: Urbanovsky Park	Site: Urbanovsky Park	Site: Apex Event Car
Format: TBD	Format: TBD	Format: TBD

General Tournament Guidelines

- **Rules:** USAV with modifications (indoor and outdoor)
- **Rulebooks:** <https://usavolleyball.org/play/rules> (free download)
- **Captains MUST** report at least 30 minutes prior to match time
- **Teams must be ready** to take court at respective match time
- **Bring drinking water**
- **No alcohol consumption** during splay or playing under the influence
- **Minor first aid** on site
- **Games will be overseen/officiated** by certified USAV official(s)
- **Additional information** will be released closer to tournament time
- **4 team minimum** per format entered by June 1, 2023
- **Tournament websites:**
 - www.challenge.com/2023tffgvb2
 - www.challenge.com/2023tffgvb4
 - www.challenge.com/2023tffgvb6
- **Late entries** will be accepted if minimum is not met
- **Info subject to change** (info: www.texasfirefightergamesvolleyball.com/www.facebook.com/tffsgvb)
- **Cities with less than 300 employees** may combine personnel

Tournament Point of Contact

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6v6 Indoor USAV Rules Exceptions

Rule exceptions are designed to facilitate conducting the volleyball program as smooth as possible. All other rules outlined in the USAV Indoor rulebook remain in effect. Any additional rule exceptions not noted in this guideline that do not give a particular team or individual a distinct advantage

2.1 HEIGHT OF THE NET

- 2.1.1 Net shall be played at Male/Co-Ed height for 55 years and above age group (7'9 5/8").

4.1 TEAM COMPOSITION

- 4.1.1.b A team may consists of no more than 12 player and 2 coaches/tea personnel.
- 4.1.3.a Final roster must be with presiding officials (R1, R2, scorer) at least 5 minutes prior to the start of match.

4.3 EQUIPMENT

- 4.3.1 Team apparel need not be identical although it is highly encouraged; however, liberos **MUST** utilize a highly visible unique identifier. This exception supersedes all other uniform requirements outlined in USAV 4.3.

7.1 THE TOSS

- 7.1.1 Home team will call the coin toss. Home team will be decided by blind draw prior to the start of the match.

7.2 OFFICIAL WARM-UP SESSION

- 7.2.1 Duration of warm up will be determined by presiding officials prior to the start of the match with respect to the event timeline. Official warm-up session will be no less than 5 minutes prior to starting the match.

15.6 LIMITATIONS OF SUBSTITUTIONS

- 15.6.a There will be no limit to the number of substitutions a team can make. It is at the official's discretion to determine if excessive substitutions are impeding gameplay.

18.2 CHANGE OF COURTS

- 18.2.1 A change of court will be preformed between sets, and at 8 points of any deciding set.



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Player Pool Guidelines

The Player Pool is designed to include players from smaller departments and/or players that cannot field a legal team.

1. ELIGIBILITY AND COMPOSITION

- 1.1 Athlete must meet criteria for eligibility in the tournament omnes altiore
- 1.2 Athlete must be employed in a eligible Department of 500 members or less
- 1.3 One (1) Player Pool will exists wherein all eligible athletes are drawn from
- 1.4 Teams seeking an athlete from the Player Pool must :
 - a. five (5) players
 - b. originate from a qualifying department
- 1.5 Teams may be comprised solely of athletes from the Player Pool without limitation to the origin of the athletes making up said team as long as criteria in 1.1.4 are met

2. SELECTION PROCESS

- 2.1 Athletes will be drawn at random to be placed on the next available qualified team
- 2.2 Drawing will be done by blind draw using an objective means of selection, such as using an app, drawing from a hat, or other equitable means
- 2.3 Eligible team requesting athletes from the Player Pool will be placed on an order of merit list (OML). This list shall:
 - a. Be maintained by the program's presiding authority
 - b. Generated by random selection from entire field of Teams requesting athletes
 - c. Subject to final approval by the presiding authority
 - d. Be static whereas teams may not be added to the OML once finalized

3. POST SELECTION TEAM AND ATHLETE CONDUCT

- 3.1 Athletes place on a team must remain on that team for the duration of the tournament
- 3.2 No athlete from the Player Pool may be traded or otherwise play for a team in which it was not initially placed during the selection process



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ATHLETE WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

READ BEFORE SIGNING

EACH ATHLETE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A WAIVER

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in The 41st **TEXAS FIREFIGHTER SUMMER GAMES** (heretofore referred to as "TFFSG") athletic sports program, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. The risks of injury and illness from the activities involved in this program are significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce these risks, the risks of serious injury and illness do exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND FOREVER HOLD HARMLESS TFFSG committee, their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, the host city/cities, venues used, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
5. Further, I grant to the TFFSG Committee and their representative the right to use any photographs, movies, video recordings or other media during the games, practice, or training sessions prior thereto, and,
6. To the use of my name and likeness with said material in promotional efforts on behalf of the TFFSG. This constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and is binding and runs the benefit of the heirs, assigns executors and administrators or the parties heretofore. Furthermore, all media shall be the property of the TFFSG and their representative indefinitely and will be released at the discretion of the possessing entity.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Participant Name: _____

Participant Signature: _____

Date Signed : _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone Number: _____

The following waiver is required for
athletes using the
APEX EVENT CENTER
for the TFFSG 6v6 Indoor Volleyball
Tournament ONLY



7806 CR 7050
Lubbock, Texas 79407
806.686.0799
info@apexcenter.com

FACILITY/PLAYER WAIVER

Applicant Information

Team Name: _____
League Name: Texas Firefighter Summer Games 2023 Fire Department: _____
Player Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email: _____ Birthdate: _____
Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Conditions

Apex Event Center will be referred to in the following paragraph as AEC.

By enrolling at AEC, I understand that attending the programs and using the facilities at AEC is at my own risk. AEC and its owners, employees or agents, shall not be liable for any damage whatsoever arising from any personal injury or property loss sustained by my participation with my family in or about any programs on the premises. Participants and parents assume full responsibility for all injuries and damages, which occur in or about any programs or activities on the premises. I hereby full and forever release AEC, its owners, employees, and agents from any and all claims, demands, damage, or rights of action, present and future resulting from any person's participation in any programs or use of the facility. In addition, I agree to follow the rules of conduct as stated below and play set by AEC. Failure to do so may result in suspension from participation.

Consent: I the undersigned parent or guardian/participant do hereby grant authority to the staff at AEC to render a judgement concerning medical assistance or hospital care in the event of an accident or illness during my absence. I do hereby authorize AEC and its assignees to utilize any and all photographs, pictures or other likeness of me, or anyone assigned guardianship to me, as they deem appropriate in its promotional materials or team films. If registering as an individual, I give AEC permission to share my contact information with team captains and managers in order to facilitate my placement with a team.

ALL BAGS WILL BE SEARCHED UPON ENTERING THE FACILITY, NO EXCEPTIONS!

- No outside food or drinks, except for player water in a clear water bottle
- Dispose of all trash in containers
- No ball/kicking in the commons area
- You must pay before you play
- Absolutely no alcohol prior to or during play
- Use the bathroom lockers for changing
- Shirts must be worn at all times
- No fighting, spitting, foul language
- Flat, non marking shoes on wood floor must be worn
- Play at your own risk
- No cleats are allowed
- No Gum
- Secure all valuables. APEX is not responsible for lost or stolen valuables
- All Children must be accompanied by parents or an adult
- Any vandalism to the facility will result in immediate removal

SIGNATURE: _____

Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

Date: _____