

## Carolina Kickoff Rules and Formats

### Pool Format

All 3-Team pools will play three sets to 25. All 4-Team pools will play two sets to 25; no tie-breaker sets will be played if teams split sets.

### Officiating Requirements

Each officiating team will be required to provide two line judges, a COACH who will serve as the R1, a score-keeper for flip charts, a scorebook keeper (standard USAV Scoresheets), and a libero tracker. Please take some time this week to review the rules that are different for this tournament.

### What's Different than Normal

1. No up officials. The team that is the designated "officiating" team will have a coach (not a player) standing at the net at ground level where the R2 normally is up on a stand. The job of the coach will be to call Net violations, back row attacks, and doubles ONLY on a ball that is sent over the net (this will be strict). Each site will have 1 or 2 head officials that will roam the area to help with any disputes that may arise. We will have a very low threshold for removing a parent or coach from the tournament for bad behavior. This isn't a qualifier, or an end of the year championship, and even then it's not okay to be a jerk. But especially given those facts, we operate by a very strict "Don't be a jerk" code.
2. MINIMAL WHISTLES: The coach at the net WILL NOT whistle for serve, whistle for subs, whistle to end the point (unless there is doubt as to whether or not the ball was down). If a team is rushing or slowing the pace of play, you can use your whistle to slow them down or speed them up.
3. NO DOUBLES, unless the ball is sent over the net. Double sent over the net (not on a first contact) should be called strictly according to age.