**GRANITE STATE VOLLEYBALL CLUB**

**TOURNAMENT EXPECTATIONS**

**SCHEDULE/TIMES**

Tournament schedules will be posted on [sportwrench.com](http://sportwrench.com/) when finalized by NERVA and Tournament Directors. AM/PM waves are posted in advance for planning purposes however, it can be as late as the Thursday before the tournament that schedules are posted. Please check [sportwrench.com](http://sportwrench.com/) for your schedule and court.

For any convention center tournaments, players are expected to arrive at the facility 1 hour before the first scheduled game and no later than 30 min at the court. There can be long lines at bag checks, crowds, or long walks so this hour is the perfect amount of time to avoid being late. This includes being early to a “work” assignment (if we are not all present to officiate a game, we will be penalized significantly). If a player is later than this expectation, they may forfeit the opportunity to play in the first set, match or tournament. Also, being absent for unexcused reasons from a practice before the tournament may result in the loss of playing time in the first match of the tournament or more (depending on the circumstance).

For any NERVA tournaments, players are expected to arrive at the facility 45 min before the first scheduled game and no later than 30 min at the court. Usually, the site tournament director will send out information for parking and an entry time and this will be shared with you via email and our team Facebook page.

**NERVA**

3-4 hour ½ day tournament.

NERVA 1: February 11

NERVA 2: March 10

NERVA 3: March 24

NERVA 4: April 14

NERVA Championship: April 28

Schedules, rosters and scores will be announced on [sportwrench.com](http://sportwrench.com/) and updated promptly throughout the tournament day.

NERVA consists of pool play and playoffs (usually 1 game to 25… loser works and winners continue playing until there is a 1st place winner).

Some sites will allow camping chairs and coolers however, some will have restrictions. This will be shared with you via email and our team Facebook page if the site director has communicated with us. It is a good idea to have a chair with you just in case there is no seating available. If you would like to be proactive, there is a web page on [nevolleyball.org](http://nevolleyball.org/) with information on all the sites and information regarding their rules on spectator seating, coolers, parking, etc.

**CONVENTION CENTER TOURNAMENTS**

Wicked Good Challenge: December 16-17

Winterfest: January 6-7

Volleyfest: February 17-19

Nike: March 1-3

Rhode Island Rumble: April 20-21

North Atlantic Championships: May 4-5

Teams must meet the rooming requirement (min 7-8 rooms depending on the tournament) to participate in the tournament. If a team does not meet the requirement, they are disqualified from the event and will have to pay a fine to the tournament.
Please be mindful of cancelling any rooms if you are in our team room block as this may disqualify us from being able to participate. If you have missed booking with the team room block and would like to make your own arrangements, please email granitestatevolleyballclub@gmail.com.

Parents and fans will need to purchase admission tickets to all convention center tournaments. A code will be sent to you prior to the event, along with a team code to purchase on [sportwrench.com](http://sportwrench.com/). Players and fans will all have to participate in a bag check before entering the site. Parking details can be found on the tournament website which can also be accessed through [sportwrench.com](http://sportwrench.com/).

Players do not need to purchase admission tickets and will use their jersey to enter.

It is highly suggested that players have plenty of healthy snacks, water and/or electrolyte drink with them. These can be long days and it is important that our players stay hydrated and fuel their bodies appropriately.

**FOOD AND DRINK AT TOURNAMENTS**

Players need to bring plenty of healthy food and snacks to tournaments. Good examples of healthy foods include: yogurt, nuts, granola bars, fruit, veggie straws, raw vegetables, sandwiches, salads, etc.

Players need to bring plenty of water and/or electrolyte drinks to tournaments. Coffee and other dehydrating drinks are STRONGLY discouraged before and during tournaments.

There is no food allowed at the scoring table when our teams are working.

We need our players to have stamina throughout the day and feel able to always compete at their best. Fueling our bodies is one of the most important ways to keep us competitive and at our best. Players who choose to eat unhealthy/greasy foods or drink dehydrating drinks during tournaments will possibly forfeit playing time.

**WORKING**

Players will be required to work games throughout tournaments. All will have to participate in performing a duty.

No food, airpods or phones at the scorer’s table.

**BUDDY SYSTEM**

Players are expected to stay together throughout the tournament. These are wonderful opportunities for our team to bond and foster relationships. When players are “off” throughout the day, it is expected that they stay together, sit together and eat together.

**TEAM SOCIALS/BONDING**

Every convention center tournament, we will try to set up a team bonding event. The hope is that parents will take turns volunteering to set up a social for each convention center tournament for all the players to attend. These events should be all inclusive and no player should be left out. We will try to be cost sensitive with all socials. Each player is responsible for paying for themselves.

\*When playing in the PM wave, this can be very difficult for us to gather together but we will do our best to create bonding experiences if the opportunity allows.

**UNIFORMS**

Please make sure that players are wearing their GSVC warm up suit in and out of tournaments. GSVC backpacks should be used by all players. **Please make sure players bring BOTH jerseys to every game. Players are not required to wear the spandex that they were provided with their uniforms however, they will need to wear navy Under Armour spandex.**

**PLAYING TIME**

Playing time is fair but not equal.

Missing practices, being late, a poor attitude, not following expectations, etc. can affect playing time.

Pool play playing time is fair however, during playoffs, coaches will have a “playing to win” mentality and this may influence lineups and substitutions. Please respect the decisions made by the coaching staff regarding playing time, positions and decisions (like timeouts, etc.) and help support the success of our team and every role that each player has in contributing to our team success.

Please practice the 24hr rule with any discussions on playing time. Wait 24hrs before approaching and discussing any playing time concerns with the head coach. Players should be discussing playing time with coaches prior to any discussion with a parent.

Remember to be positive when talking about our players, coaches, other parents, and our program in general. This is mentioned in our Code of Conduct that was signed at the beginning of the season and impacts the success of our team and program.

**SPORTSMANSHIP**

Stay positive, have fun and encourage!

Winning is important and being competitive is fun and great however, let’s keep in mind that we are all here to create a positive environment for our players to grow, learn and make memories. Mistakes happen and we can move on.

Please let the officials officiate. Players, please do not motion or make comments to officials or line judges about calls unless you are the floor captain and asked to communicate with the up-official.

Parents/fans, if you feel that the score is incorrect, please only communicate this with the coaches and in a polite and considerate manner. Coaches will be keeping score during tournaments and we can compare our score with the book.

Players will be asked to “fist bump” the officials at the end of the match and say “thank you” for officiating the game. Players will be encouraged to high-five the opposing teams at the end of each match. Good sportsmanship is important for us at Granite State Volleyball Club.

**CLEAN UP**

At the conclusion of every match, it is the responsibility of the players to make sure that the bench area is cleaned up and trash is properly disposed of.

Each team will be entering each tournament with 7 volleyballs, a med kit, two electronic whistles, and flags. It is the team’s responsibility that all GSVC property be returned with the team.

**COMMUNICATING WITH COACH**

Please communicate with your coach in an email and/or text message ASAP if you will be late or missing a tournament.

Players can text coaches but only if they have also included a parent on the text chain.

**PHOTOS**

We will organize at least one team photo at every tournament to post on social media.

Please take lots of photos! Send them to granitestatevolleyballclub@gmail.com so that we can share on our social media pages.

**STREAMING**

Coaches will do their best to stream all games on our team facebook page however, at times this is not feasible due to poor internet connection or rushing to get to the next task. Parents are welcome to stream onto the facebook page if they have a better connection or if they are able. Also, at most convention center events, games will be streamed and available using BallerTV.

**QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions at all regarding the process of the tournament, please feel free to ask your coaches at any time. We are happy to help and understand that tournaments can be stressful for all. We hope that you can enjoy every second and if there is any way that we can assist in this, we are happy to listen.