



Directors and Coaches,

Welcome to the 5th annual Georgia Foothills Festival. We are glad you have chosen to join us and look forward to this event. Our goal is to present an affordable, well-run tournament that provides teams the opportunity to play volleyball against a variety of opponents while providing an experience that you will want to continue to return to for years to come. We are glad to host you in our beautiful city of Gainesville and hope you have a chance to visit our wonderful area and all that it offers when you are not in the gym.

The tournament is being held at local gyms throughout the Gainesville area, but all are within 15 min driving distance of one another. The locations and addresses can be found on our tournament webpage at <https://laniervolleyball.com/georgia-foothills-tournament/>

**12 Club Division - AM WAVE - East Hall High School (3 Courts)**

3534 E Hall Road, Gainesville, GA 30507

**13 Club Divisions - AM WAVE - Chestatee High School & Chestatee Academy (3 Courts)**

3005 Sardis Road, Gainesville, GA 30506 &

2740 Fran Mar Dr, Gainesville, GA 30506

**14 Club Division - AM WAVE - Lakewood Baptist Church (4 Courts)**

2235 Thompson Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30501

**15 Club Division - PM WAVE - Lakewood Baptist Church (4 Courts)**

2235 Thompson Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30501

**16 Club Division - PM WAVE - East Hall High School (3 Courts)**

3534 E Hall Road, Gainesville, GA 30507

**17/18 Club Division - PM WAVE - Chestatee High School & Chestatee Academy (3 Courts)**

3005 Sardis Road, Gainesville, GA 30506 &

2740 Fran Mar Dr, Gainesville, GA 30506

Pool Play Schedules will be posted on the SRVA website. Details on location specifics, parking, food rules, seating, etc. are posted on the Lanier Volleyball Club website, <https://laniervolleyball.com/georgiafoothillsfestival/>

### **COVID Protocols**

- There is a limit of 2 spectators per athlete/coach in attendance. Max of 30 spectators per team.
- Temperature checks required at the door (individuals with temperatures over 100 deg. F will not be permitted).
- Mask requirement of all but athletes who are on the court playing (spectators, coaches, referees must wear a mask at all times while in the building), players on the bench must wear masks.
- Do not enter or request admission if you cannot answer in the negative to the following questions:
  - Have you contact with anyone confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infected person within the last ten (10) days?
  - Have you been diagnosed with at COVID-19 infection within the last ten (10) days?
  - Do you have any of the following occurrences or symptoms: a fever over 100.4 degrees F., cough, shortness of Breath or difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.

### **Important Information Regarding Seeding and Pool**

Seeding and scheduling is provided by the SRVA for most all SRVA sanctioned tournaments. The SRVA does adjust seeding in an effort to put teams from the same club or sister clubs in separate pools whenever possible.

### **Tournament Format**

Pool Play for AM WAVE begins at 8 am. Doors to each location will open at 7 am.

Pool Play for PM Wave begins at 3 pm. Teams & Spectators may enter at 2:15 pm.

The first match will not start before the scheduled time. After the first match, all subsequent matches should start their warm-up period immediately.

At all locations, a coaches meeting will begin promptly 30 min prior to the wave start time; all teams entered should have a coach or team representative present. Specific details regarding pool play formats, warm-ups, playoff formats, lunch breaks, teams advancing to playoffs, and such will be provided by the tournament director at the event. It is also highly recommended that your teams be on-site for the first match of the day in case of last minute schedule changes.

\* Please note the intended schedule includes 3 team pools seeding directly into bracket play. All teams are guaranteed at least 4 matches.

A schedule will be posted at each location in a centralized location.

In divisions with multiple pools, a Gold/Silver tournament format is being used.

### **Match Protocol and Warm-up**

All pool play matches will be 2 sets regardless of outcome. Scoring will begin at 4 and go to 25 points.

Warm-ups will use the standard 2-4-4 USAV warm-up.

### **Tie Breaking Procedures**

Are more fully described in the SRVA handbook.

### **Team Referee Obligations**

A certified 1st Referee is provided for all courts.

### **Team Referee Obligations cont.**

Team referee assignment schedules are included in the pool assignments by the SRVA. Teams losing in bracket play will ref the next match on that court. Please check with your location's site director prior to leaving the tournament to ensure all of your team duties are complete.

Coaches, please remind your players that Cell Phones & airpods are not to be used while working the As team referee assignments and that snacks and drink bottles should not be on the table. For courts without an electronic scoreboard, scorekeepers should lift the score board and show the score frequently, minimally at serve changes and time outs.

### **Admission**

Gate admission is \$5/ person. Children 12 and under are free. Players and adults listed on an SRVA roster are admitted free. Due to COVID requirements at our gym locations, there is a limit of 2 spectators per athlete/coach in attendance. Max of 30 spectators per team.

Parking at all locations is ample and free.

### **Trainers and First Aid**

There will be no trainers or first aid personnel on site at any location. Please have all necessary care items with you in case of an emergency or injury.

Feel free to call or email us with any questions you may have. Your feedback is welcome.

We hope you enjoy the tournament.

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