



Directors and Coaches,

Welcome to the 7th 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 15-20 min driving distance of one another. The locations and addresses can be found on our tournament webpage at <https://laniervolleyball.com/georgia-foothills-tournament/>

11 Club Division - Lakewood Baptist Church, Ministry Center

2235 Thompson Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30501

12 Club Division - East Hall High School, Main Gym

3534 E. Hall Road, Gainesville, GA 30507

13 Club Divisions - Cherokee Bluff High School, Main & Aux Gyms

6603 Spout Springs Road, Flowery Branch, GA 30542

14 Club Division - Gainesville High School, Main Gym & SAC

830 Century Place, Gainesville, GA 30501

15 Club Division - Lakewood Baptist Church, Ministry Center

2235 Thompson Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA 30501

16 Club Division - First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Family Life Center

751 Green Street, Gainesville, GA 30501

17/18 Club Division - North Hall High School, Main Gym

4885 Mount Vernon Road, 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/>

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 begins at 8 am. Doors to each location will open at 7 am. 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 at 7:30 AM; 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.

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

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

Match Protocol and Warm-up

All pool play matches will be 2 sets regardless of outcome. Pool play scoring will begin at 4 and go to 25 points. There is no cap on the scoring.

All bracket play matches will be best 2 out of 3. Bracket play scoring will begin at 0 and go to 25 (15 on the 3rs set if necessary). There is no cap on the scoring

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

Tie Breaking Procedures

Are more fully described in the SRVA handbook. No tie breaking sets will be played.

Team Referee Obligations

A certified 1st Referee is provided for all courts.

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. 1st Responders are Free. Active and Retired Military are Free. Players and adults listed on an SRVA roster are admitted free.

Admission is Cash or Venmo ONLY. Venmo is @laniervolleyball. Please have purchase protection TURNED OFF.

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.

Your Tournament Directors

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