



Southside Swarm Volleyball
Home of the Killer Bees

Tournament Brief

Team: Swarm: **13-1 Juniors FJ3SWARM1HAG**

Tournament: **Powerleague Qualifier Volleyball Tournament**

Date: **Sunday, January 20, 2008**

Location: **HOA Facility – 548 S. Coy Street, Kansas City, KS 66105**

Arrival Time: **7:30**

First Game: **8:00**

Coolers: **Not Allowed**

Food List: **No**

Summary

The Powerleague Qualifier is hosted by the HOA. Matches will be played at the HOA facility in KCK Sunday, January 13th. There will be twenty teams competing to qualify for eleven positions in the Powerleague. This is a Gold tournament which means that it is open to Gold teams only. Warm-up begins at 7:45a.m. Coaches meeting will be at 7:30 a.m. The first round of pool play begins at 8:00 a.m. with a 2-4-4 warm-up. Warm-ups will be 1-3-3 after 1st and 2nd round of play.

What is Powerleague?

The HOA Power League has been developed to provide a challenging means of encouraging in-region competition among elite teams that would ordinarily not see one another on the court very often, if at all. Top-level teams by necessity must seek out the best competitive opportunities, in order to develop and maintain maximum levels of performance. This quite often, necessitates travel to outlying regions where many high quality events have been developed. This can be costly as well as time-consuming and though we are not going to eliminate or discourage travel needs, the Power League will provide much of the same competitive opportunities for many of the teams in the HOA region without the need for such time-consuming travel. Noteworthy to those aspiring to compete in the coming seasons' Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (JOVC's), Power League top finishers in each age division will be offered the region's bid to the National Club Division. If the HOA region receives a fourth bid in an age division, this bid will be awarded through the Powerleague.

The Power League will be made available to all Gold-level girls teams in the 13 thru 18 and under divisions. There will be a maximum of 11 teams competing in each division, selected through a one-day qualifying tournament. There is a limit of 20 to play in the qualifier.

The general play format for the Power League will involve three play dates, one for the qualifying tournament (QT) and two actual league play dates. The Qualifying Tournament will be an all day event. Subsequent Power League rounds will also involve two full days of competition. Each Power League will consist of single round robin competition.

Again this year, HOA will run a series of Gold level tournaments on the same dates as the Power league's. Spots will be held open for teams that do not qualify for the Power league's (up to 3 days after the qualifier). We hope, that way, to make it easier for teams to find tournaments on those playing dates if they do not qualify.



Seeding Procedure

The Qualifying Tournament will be seeded based on last season's results/rankings, where possible. Keep in mind that for an 18 & under team registering for the Power League Qualifier Tournament, the HOA seeding committee will look at the 'same' team's prior season or 17& Under results/rankings. It is up to the coach/club director to provide all pertinent information for use in seeding the qualifier tournament! The top eleven finishers in each age division of the qualifying tournament will be those invited to participate in the actual Power League. The order of finish in the QT will determine where each team is seeded in the power league.

Playing Formats

The qualifying tournament will be standard pool play followed by single-elimination bracket play, designed to narrow down the field to 11 teams.

In the Power League: each team will play 5 matches on each playing date, with the exception of the 11th seeded team (6 & 4 matches). All matches will be best two out of three sets. All sets, except the third, will be to 25 points. The third, if needed, will be to 15 points.

Officiating

One certified adult referee will be provided for all matches. When teams are not playing, they may be assigned to help referee matches.

Winners

The winner of the Power League will be the team that wins the most matches. In case of a two-way tie, the result of the match between the tied teams will be used to determine the winner.

The winner of each age division of the Power League will be offered a National Club Division bid to the Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (JOVC's). A team which has been formally offered a bid for JOVC's must either accept or decline such offer on or before 12:00 Noon of the first Monday following the conclusion of the last round of the Power League. Notice to accept or decline must be made in writing, signed by the subject team's coach or club director, and delivered to the HOA office by the above-prescribed deadline. If such notice is not received in the prescribed form and by the above-referenced deadline, the bid will be offered to the next finisher. If such occurs, the next finisher will have 24 hours to either decline or accept the bid.

A team that accepts a JOVC bid thru the Power League is required to prepare and submit all appropriate forms and fees that may be required by the JOVC registration process. It is highly recommended that each team make itself aware in a timely manner, of all requirements. Any team allowing a bid to 'drop' and be lost for use by an HOA team, will be subject to sanctions, including but not limited to, being denied entry into the following season's HOA Power League and/or the HOA Regional Championships. It is imperative that a team that has accepted a bid for JOVC's, notifies the HOA office immediately if unable to attend. This increases the likelihood that another HOA team can attend.

Important Note!!... A large number of HOA teams attend National Qualifiers. It is possible that a Power League bid winner could qualify at such an event. In such a case the JOVC bid previously won in the Power League by that team will 'trickle' down to the next unqualified (for



JOVC's) finisher. Bids will, under no circumstances, be offered to a team finishing less than 4th Place in the Power League. In the event that a Power League JOVC bid is not accepted by any of the top-four teams in an age division, the bid will be re-allocated to the appropriate age division of the HOA Regional Championships. HOA Region encourages the top four finishers in all Power League divisions to notify the Region Office of their interest in attending the JOVC's. This will expedite the bid process if an opening should occur.

In the event that HOA does not receive two 'automatic' bids for JOVC's, the Power League winners will receive priority for the first re-allocated bid received by HOA. Any additional re-allocated bids will be awarded via the HOA Regional Championships.

Ties

The tie-breaking procedure for the Qualifying Tournament shall be the official USAV "Method One", as found in the 2007-2008 "Official USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations".

Tie breaking for 2008 for the actual Power League: When after the completion of the 2 Power League rounds teams are tied in match record:

2 way tie: Head to head match result will determine tie-break (no play-off set)

3 or 4 way tie affecting top 4 ranking: First look at head to head match result. If still tied, then 2 or 3 play off sets will be necessary. These tie breakers will be played at the end of the second playing date. Teams that are not available for these matches will be considered forfeits.

Procedure for tie-breaking matches

- 3-Way tie: The 3 tied teams will be seeded for the tie-breaking matches by head to head set differential (sets won minus sets lost) and if still tied by head to head point differential (points won minus points). The first tie breaking set will be played between the two teams with the lowest seed, officiated by the team with the highest seed. The winner of this match will be playing against the highest seed, officiated by the losing team of the first tie-breaking match. All tie-breaking matches will be one set to 15 points.
- * 4-Way tie: The 4 tied teams will be seeded for the tie-breaking matches by head to head set differential (sets won minus sets lost) and if still tied by head to head point differential (points won minus points). The first tie breaking set will be played between the number 1 and the number 4 seed, officiated by the team with the 3rd seed. Then the 2nd and 3rd seed will play each other, officiated by the loser of the 1 versus 4 match. The two winners will play each other after that, officiated by the loser of the 2 versus 3 match. All tie-breaking matches will be one set to 15 points. If there are enough officials and courts available, the first two sets can be played simultaneously.

No tie-breaking matches will be played for tie's that do not affect the top 4 in the final Power League standing. National Bids will not trickle down lower than to fourth place teams.



Rosters

The Powerleague is one event, played over 2 playing dates. Teams will sign off their roster before play starts on the first playing date. No player can be added to the roster after that moment. No player can play on either playing date who is not on that original roster (no player can be added for the 2nd playing date if they are not on the roster). Players can be added to the roster after the powerleague qualifier.

Extraneous

If a team misses a round or day of play, that team will be listed as losing all sets and matches in the Powerleague (both playing dates). Wins will be recorded to the appropriate teams' records

Under extenuating circumstances, the HOA Regional Commissioner or designated agent (ie...Site Director) may modify set or match formats. However, every reasonable effort will be made to follow the event's intended play format.

Powerleague Qualifier: January 20, HOA Facility

	Pool A - Crt 1	Pool B - Crt 2	Pool C - Crt 4	Pool D - Crt 5
1	Asics MAVs 13-1	Invasion 13-1	Topeka Elite 13-1	KC Extreme 13-1
2	Club North 13-1	Topeka Jrs 13-1	Asics MAVs 13-2	Highlands 13-1
3	Southwind Tribe 13-1	North Stars 13-1	Southwind Tribe 13-2	Team KC 13-1
4	Southside Swarm 13-1	Lawrence MAVs 13-1	Titan Juniors 13-1	Invasion 13-2

	Match	Ref
8:00 am	1 vs 4	2
8:50 am	2 vs 3	1
	1 vs 3	4
	2 vs 4	1
	3 vs 4	2
	1 vs 2	3

Playoff Schedule:

	Court 1	Ref	Court 2	Ref
2:00 pm	(A) 1st PI A vs 1st PI D	1st PI C	(B) 2nd PI A vs 2nd PI D	2nd PI B
	(E) 1st PI B vs 1st PI C	Loser (A)	(F) 2nd PI B vs 2nd PI C	Loser (B)
	(I) Win (A) vs Win (E)	Loser (E)	(J) Win (B) vs Win (F)	Loser (F)



	Court 4	Ref	Court 5	Ref
2:00 pm	(C) 3rd PI A vs 4th PI B	4th PI C	(D) 3rd PI B vs 4th PI A	4th PI D
	(G) 3rd PI D vs 4th PI C	Loser (C)	(H) 3rd PI C vs 4th pl D	Loser (D)
	(K) Win (C) vs Win (G)	Loser (G)	(L) Win (D) vs Win (H)	Loser (H)
	(M) Los (K) vs Los (L)	Winners (K/L)		

All Pool and playoff matches are best 2 out of 3. First 2 sets to 25 points, starting at 4-4. Third set, if needed to 15 points starting at 0-0. Since no team is eliminated from Powerleague after pool play, ties will be broken according to DCR-Method 1. No tie-breaking sets will be played.

First and seconds from each pool qualify for Powerleague. These 8 teams will play in 2 single elimination playoffs. The remaining 8 teams will play for 3 more slots in the powerleague. 8 team playoff. The winners of the semi finals (matches (K and L) will qualify for the Powerleague. The losing teams of those matches will play for the last slot in the powerleague (match M). Be aware, the winners of matches K and L have to officiate these last 2 matches.

Driving Directions

From I-70: Take the 7th Street exit and go South one block to Kansas Avenue. Turn West on Kansas Avenue. Go one block and turn right onto Coy Street. Right before the HOA facility, turn left onto the access road to the parking lot. Main entrance and parking lot are on the West side of the building. **DO NOT PARK IN THE GROCERY STORE PARKING LOT SOUTH OF THE BUILDING.**

From I-35: Take the 7th Street/Rainbow Blvd exit (exit 234). Turn North on 7th Street to Kansas Avenue. Turn West on Kansas Avenue. Go one block and turn right onto Coy Street. Right before the HOA facility, turn left onto the access road to the parking lot. Main entrance and parking lot are on the West side of the building. **DO NOT PARK IN THE GROCERY STORE PARKING LOT SOUTH OF THE BUILDING.**

Coolers and Food

Absolutely no outside food or drink will be allowed in the facility. We will not use the tournament food list.

Notes

HEART OF AMERICA STRICTLY PROHIBITS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND ILLICIT DRUGS AT ANY TOURNAMENT SITE.

Please respect the rules of the host tournament site and their directors regarding food and beverages within their facility.

ABSOLUTELY NO alcohol, smoking, profanity, drugs, or harassment of officials will be tolerated any place on the grounds! NO PETS!



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