



# LSVC XXXIII



PLAYER TOURNAMENT GUIDE

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# **WELCOME TO HOUSTON!**

#### Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Lone Star Volleyball Association and the Lone Star Volleyball Classic committee, welcome to Houston!

For thirty-three years, we have welcomed our LGBTQ+ players and allies and provided a safe environment for our community to come together through the sport of volleyball. Like last year, we are hosting another record-breaking group of teams.

Your experience would not be possible without the tireless support from our volunteers, the LSVA Board of Directors, Miss LSVA participants - present and former, and the generous offerings from our sponsors. Thank you all for your contributions.

Enjoy your time in Houston, and best of luck in the tournament!

Travis Grossman, Rick Talley & Brian Crumby
LSVC Tournament Committee

## LSVC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

Registration Party at JR's (808 Pacific) 7:30p - 9:30p

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Gyms Open & Late Registration (both gyms) 7:15a

**B & Masters B1 Divisions**: FAST Complex (15400 Hempstead Road, Houston TX, 77040) **Both BB Divisions**: Spike Sport (15250 Hillcroft Avenue, Missouri City TX 77489)

Captains' Meeting - Morning Wave (both gyms) 7:45a

Pool Play Begins - Morning Wave (both gyms) 8:00a

Captains' Meeting - Afternoon Wave (both gyms) 12:00p

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12:30p

Enjoy the Night Out in Houston -Tournament Seeds & Playing Assignments will be promptly e-mailed to Captains.

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

Gyms Open (both gyms) 7:15a

Captains' Meeting (both gyms) 7:35a

Double Elimination Play Begins (both gyms) 8:00a

Cocktail Social & Awards Banquet at Royal Sonesta Houston (2222 West Loop South) 7:30p - 10:15p

Closing Dance Party at South Beach (810 Pacific) 10:30p - close



## THE RULES & FINE PRINT

The Lone Star Volleyball Classic will observe NAGVA Rules & Regulations during tournament play. All teams and players must be registered with NAGVA. If after pool play an individual is not registered, the individual will not be allowed to play in the elimination round. A Captains' Meeting will take place on both dates to review facility rules – see schedule of events. A Captain or Team Representative must be present for both meetings.

**Pool Assignment/Play** – All teams play during pool play. First matches begin at 8:00 am at the FAST Complex (B & Masters B1 Divisions) and at Spike Sport (Both BB Divisions). All matches are for 45 minutes, with two 21 point rally scoring games. A five-minute warm up period is included in all matches. The score will begin at 4-4 for all 21 point matches and will play to 25 with a 27 point cap. If a tie exists at the time of expiration of a game, play continues until the next point is awarded. No timeouts are allowed after the two-minute warning. Substitutions are allowed after the two-minute warning.

**Elimination Round Assignments** – Assignments and identification of all divisions will be according to pool play results. Ties may be broken by (1) point differential during pool play, then (2) coin flip. Point differential is determined by total points won divided by total points played for each specific team.

Referees/Officials – NAGVA Rules & Regulations state in Section 6 that all teams must provide a certified first referee and certified scorekeeper for all matches. The rule states that if a team cannot provide a certified referee and scorekeeper, they must pay the cost of obtaining one (if available), arrange support from another team or risk forfeiting. This cost has been established at \$25.00 per match per position. If a team cannot provide a first referee or scorekeeper, which is the team's responsibility, and does not pay the required fee, that team will not be able to compete at this tournament and will not receive a refund.

**Number of Players** – Under no circumstances may a team play with less than 6 or more than 9 players. If an injury occurs, NAGVA Rules & Regulations will be applied. Roster additions will not be allowed during tournament play, except for injuries and approval by tournament director(s).

**Protest Committee** – A protest committee will be available at both playing facilities. Details of the process and the committee will be provided at the Captains' Meetings. In order to resolve unforeseen conflicts, the committee will objectively examine the facts and render a decision as quickly as possible. All protest committee decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

## THE RULES & FINE PRINT

**Winners Bracket** – All matches will be best 2 out of 3 games. Games 1 and 2 are 25 point rally scoring, with a 27 point cap on Games 1 and 2. Game 3 is to 15 with no point cap. Games 1 and 2 begin at 4-4. Game 3, if necessary, begins at 0-0.

**Contenders Bracket** – One 25 point rally scoring game, with by 2, with no point cap. The game begins at 0-0.

**Player Ratings** – NAGVA player rerating forms have been created to assist in identifying players whose rating needs to be examined. This form should be used primarily to identify players who are currently rated, but may need to be rerated, either up or down. Please complete the top portion of this form and return it to the Tournament Manager or the Regional Commissioner. The Regional Commissioner will complete the rerating requests as time permits.

#### **Facility Rules - FAST Complex and Spike Sport**

- 1. No coolers or outside food allowed in either facility. Water bottles are the only exception. Food is sold inside both gyms. No alcohol is permitted at either venue.
- 2. For your safety, please do not walk behind the courts with net dividers. Walk around the perimeter of courts at all times.
- 3. No food or drinks allowed in or around the playing areas.
- 4. The playing areas will be defined in the captains' meetings.
- 5. When contacting the ball, at least one foot must remain on the volleyball playing area.
- 6. No vaping or smoking is permitted inside the venues or around the entry doors.

**Social Media & Tournament Communication** -We will communicate with team captains and players through the following channels.

- E-mail to captains / team reps
- Facebook NAGVA NETwork and LSVA Player NETwork pages
- LSVA Website <a href="https://www.lonestarvolleyball.org/LSVC">https://www.lonestarvolleyball.org/LSVC</a>



## **TOURNAMENT APP - RECLUB**

This year, to enhance the player experience, we are launching a tournament app for LSVC, via Reclub.

Captains, players and visitors are invited to download the Reclub app, as pictured on the right and using the links below.

Then, follow the instructions below.



- 1. Captains and players should join their divisions via the links below.
  - 2. Captains should invite/add their players.
  - 3. Enjoy interacting in the LSVC Reclub app.

Players and non players can also join the other divisions as spectators.

The application will allow real-time access to pools, playing and reffing schedules, scores, standings and brackets and more.

We'll also still provide visual copies at each venue, and we we'll do our best to keep the application updated as promptly as possible.

LSVC XXXIII - B Division

Click here to join the B Division for LSVC.

**LSVC XXXIII - BB Division** 

Click here to join the BB Division for LSVC.

**LSVC XXXIII - Masters B1 Division** 

Click here to join the Masters B1 Division.

**LSVC XXXIII - BB3 Division** 

Click here to join the BB3 Division for LSVC.



# **POOL PLAY SCHEDULE ALL DIVISIONS**



**IMPORTANT:** Teams will <u>not</u> be able to change divisions between pool play and tournament play. Also, any players whose ratings make them ineligible for tournament play in their current division will not be able to play in tournament play.



## **2024 LSVC BENEFICIARY**

### **Liz Leonard Happel Memorial Scholarship Fund**



Our mom passed away in February after a long fight with cancer. She was a loving parent and dedicated teacher, and also an amazing woman who touched the lives of so many people. She supported all of her kids, but the support that she showed to her two gay sons (both NAGVA members) and their friends is particularly special. She lived a joyful life committed to inclusivity, diversity, and loving everyone as they were.

In honor of her memory and her lifelong commitment to education and inclusivity, some dear friends established the Liz Leonard Happel Memorial Scholarship Fund through Out for Education. This local Houston organization provides scholarships to LGBTQ+ students, empowering them to pursue their educational goals and fulfill their potential.

We are so proud to see our mother's legacy continue through this scholarship fund, which embodies her values of compassion, equality, and education. LGBTQ+ youth face unique challenges, and supporting them in their academic endeavors is a wonderful way to honor our mom.

This donation will not only honor our mother's memory but will also make a lasting impact on the lives of deserving students. We can't think of a better tribute to our mom.

With heartfelt gratitude, Thain, Clay, Tyler and Liza



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