

2023 USA LIGHTNING BOLT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Dear Teams and Coaches:

Welcome to the 2023 USA Lightning Bolt Volleyball tournament in Wesley Chapel, Florida. This year's 2023 event will feature 94 girl's juniors' teams playing in a 2-day format at the Wiregrass Ranch Sports Complex.

The weekend will feature the 10-18 divisions playing in a 3-day format.

We wish you the best of luck in the competition! This is the first year of many more to come. We look forward to having you here year after year.

We want to thank all the teams in the Florida for supporting this event. Have a great time and make loads of new friends. Enjoy yourself!!

Sincerely,

Staff

TOURNAMENT INFORMANTION

Lighting Bolt Invitational

TEAM CHECK- CHECK IN ON LINE UPLOAD ROSTER

However COACHES OR CLUB DIRECTORS MUST check in their teams AND picking up coaching credential pass.

WAVE TIMES AND PLAY SITES

COURTS 1-16 WIREGRASS RANCH

AM 8:00AM - 1:00PM PM 3:00PM - 8:00PM

ADMISSION:

- This year's event will have an admission fee for spectators of \$15 per day OR \$28.00 loe
- Athletes will just need to show their jersey to gain admission to the Facility
- Teams will be issued a coaching credential pass for each coach listed on their roster
- Spectators will be able to purchase a colored wrist band at the door each day at 7am,.
- Spectators can purchase pre sale tickets on line only. At www.buymypass.com
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MATCH LENGTH Each division will have a specific format. All matches will be 2/3 games 25 points and 15 in the 3rd game. In some other division there will be a crossover match. Make sure you know the format of your division.

WARM-UP

There will be no shared hitting during warm-ups.

The first match of the pool for each team will have warm-up time of 2-4-4. (4 minutes for one team to have whole court - 4 minutes for the opposing team to have the entire court).

All the remaining matches for that pool will have a warm-up time of 4-4. (4 minutes for one team to have the whole court - 4 minutes for the opposing team to have the whole court. There is no shared serving after the first match for each team.

PROTESTS

If a protest is to be filed, it must be done at the time of the incident. NO LATER. The first referee is obligated to acknowledge and record all protests. Only the floor captain may file protests. (The exceptions to this are the 14 division and under, where the acting team coach may act).

REQUIRMENTS TO ENTER

Each team must have competed in an USA event throughout the year to be eligible to enter this event. You must be a member of USA.

FACILITY RULES:

Due to incidents in previous years there will be a **NO TOLERANCE** policy this year for misbehavior by players/teams and spectators in the venues:

Coolers **NOT ALLOWED** in the at Wiregrass no OUTSIDE Food

Violation of these policies or any other general misbehavior may result in **IMMEDIATE** dismissal from the facility for the remainder of the day.

TRAINERS There will be a trainer available to tape ankles and assist with minor injuries at Wiregrass.

OFFICIATING RESPONSIBILITIES

A rostered adult must be in the Officiating crew. We will provide a certified 1st referee for each match.

Each team is responsible for supplying 1 down official, 2 lines people, 1 scorekeeper, 1 visible scorekeeper and 1 Libero tracker. Each team must provide whistles. Failure to provide officiating for your next assigned match could result in a forfeit of the first game of your next match. For every minute your officiating team is late, 1 point is given to the opponent in your match, up to the 25-0 forfeit. No more than 25 points will be awarded to the team's next opponent, even if the team designed to officiate misses the entire match. The clock begins at the end of warm up.

The second offense will result in the loss of your match.

There will be certified 1st and 2nd referees for the finals in all age divisions.

SEEDING

All seeding for this event is done by the tournament committee.

AWARDS

Each 1st and 2nd place team in Gold division will receive a team award and individual medals.

Each 1st place finish in the Silver division will receive a team award.

TOURNAMENT POSTINGS:

We will be using Advanced Event Systems for this event. It will be live results on the web. It is your responsibility to know when you play. All postings will be at **ON THE WEB.**

ALL COACHES

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

There will NOT be any tie-breaking games played. In the case of a tie, the teams will be ranked by head-to-head results in case of a 2-way tie, or in the case of a 3-way tie: set percentage, and then, if necessary, point percentage.

MATCH AND FORFEITURE TIMES

The FIRST MATCH of any round or wave will not begin before its' scheduled time. Within a wave, a match may be advanced no more than ten (10) minutes from the scheduled starting time. The last round of the wave may be advanced more than the specified 10 minutes if all participants are in agreement (includes both teams playing, and the officiating team).

The second game of the match is forfeited 10 minutes after the forfeiture of the first game.