GCCYS 2026 END of SEASON Tournament Info:

Greetings Coaches, Coordinators, Refs and Fans!

The End of Season Tournament is Here!!!

Let's all Work together to have our BEST tournament yet, It's been an Amazing Season... Thank You Everyone!

Let's Work to keep Leading with Kind, Christian Values and Create those Positive Memories for the Kids and Families!!!

Here is the pertinent info:

BRACKETS:

https://gccys.com/tournament-bracket

SCORING:

Best 2 out of 3 SETS (third set not played if one teams wins BOTH first sets)
First 2 sets RALLY score to 25 (no CAP must win by TWO)

THIRD set (if played) RALLY score to 15 all ages (no CAP must win by TWO)

TIMEOUTS: 2 time outs per set regardless of score.

(If Coach accidentally calls an extra time out it is NOT a point to opposing team unless Ref feels it was a "delay of game" but not an automatic point.)

ROSTERS AND PLAYING TIME:

For Tournament play with teams having less than six available players to play at the start of any set, the only permissible solution to avoid a forfeit is to play with 5 players from their own roster resulting in the 6th player as a “ghost” player. Every time the ghost player moves into the serving position it will be an automatic side out to the other team (loss of point and loss of serve). The ghost player should automatically take position #6 in your serving and rotational order. If a team starting with 5 players sustains an injury, the match can continue with only 4 players. This will result in two ghost positions. If the match continues to a new set, the ghost players should automatically take positions #3 and #6 in your serving and rotational order and will continue to be a side out for the other team.
No Non-Rostered Players Allowed in Tournament Play.

Playing time rules from the regular season apply in the Tournament as well. **All teams in all Brackets** in 3rd-4th-5th, and all 6th-8th teams in **Copper or Platinum Brackets,** must play each player one full set from start to finish. Rotating a player in a 7 or 8-player rotation for a full set will comply; substituting a player in and out during a set will not. **This includes 5th, Gold Bracket.**

Playing time requirements must be met in Set 1 or Set 2. Do not wait until Set 3, because there may not be one. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit. **Coaches are responsible for having a scorekeeper to track opponents' playing time and for reporting any violations. Game officials will not be monitoring playing time.**

The Player Tracker form should be used by the scorekeepers and is located here: https://www.gccys.com/sites/default/files/2025-05/GCCYS%20Player%20Tracker.pdf

6th-8th grade Gold, Silver and Bronze Brackets have NO required playing time, but coaches should make every effort for adequate playing time for all players. Absent an injury or illness, there should be no situations where any player does not participate in every game.

NET:

- Grades 3 & 4: 6 feet (or lowest setting possible)
- Grade 5: 6 feet 6 inches
- Grade 6: 7 feet
- Grades 7 & 8: 7 feet 4 1/8 inches

SERVING LINES:

- 3rd & 4th Grade: move in 15' from the end line
- 5th & 6th Grade: move in 10' from the end line
  - Exception is **5th and 6th grade Gold Brackets** will serve from 2 meters in (6ft 6 ¾ inch).
  - ***** However, where 5th and 6th grade teams have been moved up from Level 2 to a Gold Bracket, both teams in match in which one of those teams is playing may use the normal serve line indicated above.**
  - **For example, in 5G Gold Bracket, St. Veronica Kaiser, St. Ursula Villa Dowiatt, St. Francis DeSales Mabry and their opponents will have the option of serving from the normal 5G serve line in those matches.**
- 7th & 8th Grade: must serve behind the end line all levels.

- The serving lines for 3rd-4th grades and 5th-6th grades will be a minimum of 9' in width from the sideline. Every program in the GCCYS is required to comply with the minimum serving line width. The serving lines must be marked with visible floor tape or painted. Programs can choose to exceed the minimum width, but the lines must be marked with visible floor tape or painted.

GATE FEES: (all venues)

$5 per FAMILY

$3 single ADULT

$1 per STUDENT

(many facilities do not charge those over 65 years of age :)

LIBERO:
Libero position will be allowed in 7th and 8th grade SILVER and GOLD brackets only (see below for info).

7th and 8th grade Level 3 teams who have been moved up to a Gold or Silver bracket may, but are not required to, use a Libero.

TROPHIES:

GCCYS will provide trophies only for the Gold Bracket champions and runners up.

If your gym is hosting Sunday Finals matches please look for a separate note regarding pickup/delivery. Any questions, contact Rob at 216-440-9786.

Other bracket champions and runners up may purchase trophies at their on cost. Contact Rob for details.

Libero Rules

1. Available in 7th and 8th grade Gold and Silver brackets only, teams may choose to utilize the Libero position in the GCCYS Girls Volleyball League. If a Libero is not listed on the line-up sheet for a particular set the team may not use a libero for that set. The Libero must wear a uniform shirt that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team.
2. The Libero is restricted to performing as a back-row player and is not allowed to complete an attack hit from anywhere if the moment of contact, the ball is entirely above the top of the net.
3. The Libero may not block or may not attempt to block an opposing team's contact.
4. A teammate may not complete an attack-hit when at the moment of the attack-hit the ball is entirely above the top of the net, if the ball is coming from an overhand finger pass by the Libero in the front zone. Other ball contacts (non fingertip action) are not subject to this restriction.
5. The Libero is allowed to replace any player in a back-row position only. The standard use of the Libero is to replace 1 of the 2 middle blockers in the rotation. The Libero can serve in one position per set or not at all. The Libero can only be replaced by the player who the Libero replaced originally and this is the responsibility of the team utilizing a Libero to track.
6. Replacements involving the Libero are not counted as regular substitutions. These replacements are unlimited. Ideally, each home team should be responsible for supplying a person to track the Libero replacements to ensure that: 1) once the libero is replaced, at least one serve must take place before the libero can replace another player unless the libero is on the court and is replacing the player moving into the serving position (RB) 2) when the libero leaves the court, the player replacing the libero must be the same player that the libero replaced when she last entered the game. However, if the home team does not use the libero player, the school that does use the libero must provide the official libero tracker for the match. This must be clearly established prior to the start of the game in the pre-match meeting with the official.
7. The Libero replacements will be tracked on a separate form (Libero tracking sheet)
8. For a complete list of rules regarding the use of the Libero position please read the NFHS Volleyball Rules regarding this position in its entirety.