



Kearney SportsPlex | 1415 Younes Drive, Kearney, NE

Saturday, October 17 | 3rd-6th Grade Divisions

- Doors open at 7:45 a.m.
- Play begins at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 18 | 7/8th Grade Division

- Doors open at 7:45 a.m.
- Play begins at 8:30 a.m.

Admissions:

- Adults: \$10
- Students (6-18 Years): \$5
- Children (5 & Younger): Free
- Players and two coaches per team get free entry.
- **Cashless payments only.**

COACH INFORMATION

Team Check-in: Coaches will need to check in at the Tournament Desk just inside the gym entrance. Coach wristbands (limit of two per team) will be distributed at that time.

Hospitality Room: Please join us in the Coach Hospitality Room, located in the conference room just behind the SportsPlex check-in desk, courtesy of Visit Kearney and the Nebraska Sports Council.

PLAYING RULES

Net Height:

- 3rd/4th: 6'6"
- 5/6th: 7'
- 7/8th: 7'4¼"

Balls:

- 3rd/4th: Baden U10 competition ball
- 5/6th: Baden U12 competition ball
- 7/8th: Regular balls
- Bring your own balls for warm-ups.
- Game balls will be provided.

Serve/Receive: Do rock, paper, scissors for first serve.

Warmups:

- 2-4-4 (two minutes shared, four minutes for serving team, four minutes for receiving team)
- After each team's first game, warm-up is 1-2-2 (if needed).

Timeouts:

- 3rd/4th and 5/6th: One 30-second timeout per set
- 7/8th: Two 30-second timeouts per set

Serving: Overhand and/or underhand is allowed.

- **3rd/4th Grade**
 - Since the goal is to create volleys, 3rd/4th graders will be allowed to:
 - Serve up to the 15' line for up to three potential serves
 - Then must move back to the 20' line for up to three potential serves
 - Then must move back to the 30' line for unlimited serves.
 - **Foot faults will be called from all service lines. Players must declare a service line to start their service.**
 - No do-overs are allowed if the first serve is missed.
 - There is no limit to the number of serves once a player serves from the 30' line. However, the player must follow the rules mentioned above regarding moving back and may not return to a shorter service line during that service rotation.
- **5/6th Grade**
 - 5/6th graders are allowed to:
 - Serve from the 25' line for up to three potential serves
 - Then must move back to the 30' line thereafter for unlimited serves.
 - **Foot faults will be called from all service lines. Players must declare a service line to start their service.**
 - *Coaches: Please use your discretion. If a player is able to serve from the 30' line, please have them do so.*
- **7/8th Grade**
 - Follow high school rules.

Rotations: Players must rotate on the court according to regular high school rules. Unlimited number of substitutions are allowed.

Game Times: Begin warming up for the next game within one minute of the previous game ending. All games will start immediately after the previous game concludes.

Officiating: Teams will officiate according to the schedule on AES. Each team is responsible for providing line judges, score table workers, R1, and R2. In pool play, players may serve as R1 if a coach is standing next to them. In bracket play, coaches or another adult must serve as R1. **Losing teams in bracket play MUST stay to officiate the next game (we will do our best to accommodate drive times).**

SCORING

3rd/4th Grade:

Please have a coach and/or parent at the score table and with R1 for all your officiating duties.

Round 1: Pool Play

- Four-team pool: 2 sets to 25, start at 7, cap at 25

Round 2: Bracket Play

Two-game guarantee in bracket play.

- Gold Bracket: Top two teams from each pool
- Silver Bracket: Bottom two teams from each pool
- Scoring: Best of 3, 25-25-15, start at 7/4, cap at 30/20

5/6th Grade:

Please have a coach and/or parent at the score table and with R1 for all your officiating duties.

Round 1: Pool Play

- A-B and C Division | Four-team pool: 2 sets to 25, start at 7, cap at 25
- C Division | Five-team pools: 1 set to 25, start at 0, cap at 25
- *With offsetting pools, the five-team pool teams will have a maximum point potential of 100 and the four-team pool of 108, so they are virtually equal.*

Round 2: Bracket Play

Two-game guarantee in bracket play.

- A-B Division
 - o Gold Bracket: Top eight teams
 - o Silver Bracket: Next eight
 - o Bronze Bracket: Next four
 - o Scoring: Best of 3, 25-25-15, start at 7/4, win by 2
- C Division
 - o Gold Bracket: Top two teams from each pool
 - o Silver Bracket: Next four
 - o Bronze Bracket: Next four
 - o Scoring: Best of 3, 25-25-15, start at 7/4, win by 2

7/8th Grade:

Round 1: Pool Play

- Four-team pools: 2 sets to 25, start at 0, cap at 30

Round 2: Bracket Play

Two-game guarantee in bracket play.

- Gold Bracket: Top eight teams
- Silver Bracket: Next eight
- Bronze Bracket: Next four
- Scoring: Best of 3, 25-25-15, start at 0, win by 2, no cap

Tiebreakers: Teams will be ranked based on set win percentage, head-to-head results, and point differential.

Note: Because there is no statewide ranking system, AES will rank teams based on win percentage and point differential after pool play to determine bracket seeding. Brackets may be adjusted as needed to ensure teams of similar skill levels compete against each other in bracket play.

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