

GREEN BAY SELECT – Tournament information (Check handbook for additional information)

Basic guidelines - All tournaments are run differently but there are a few basic guidelines that you should know. Start and end times will vary and it is often not known until a few days before hand when and where we must be for a tournament. Coaches will get the information to the players as soon as possible. Driving directions to tournament sites can be found for most locations by entering the address into a GPS or mapquest.

Admission - Be aware that some tournaments charge an admission fee (\$2-\$5) for spectators.

Start time - Most tournaments will start between 8:00am and 8:30am. You will be asked to arrive at least 45 minutes to an hour before start time. Athlete needs to be on the court dressed and ready to play for timed warmups 30 minutes before. If our team is assigned to ref first, athletes need to be dressed and ready but can wait to put on court shoes. Slip on sandals or slippers are fine but girls should not be wrapped up in blankets. They are representing Green Bay Select and need to show respect to the team they are officiating for.

End time - They can last the entire day, so it is wise to not plan other activities on tournament dates due to out-of-town travel and the possibility of playing late into the day. Tournaments will usually consist of a 4 team pool with 2 or 3 Courts. Pool play is usually followed by a playoff in a gold or silver bracket. Again, this will vary depending on the tournament format. Teams will be required to supply referees, line judges and score keepers. All team members are expected to stay at the tournament until excused by the coaching staff.

Seating - You will find that often there is not adequate seating at the event so it is a good idea to invest in a portable fold-up canvas chair. They come in handy when the bleachers are full or there are no bleachers.

Temp in gym - The temperature in the facility is often up for grabs - sometimes cold, sometimes steaming. Bring clothing for both players and spectators to cover each extreme.

Concessions - Most tournaments provide food concessions and do not allow carry-ins cooler, food or beverage brought in. It will usually be stated in the tournament information you receive if the site does not allow for carry-in food and drink. Please check with the coach before taking your daughter offsite for lunch. The schedule may change at anytime. Food brought from outside needs to be eaten in the vehicle. This is their fundraiser. Please respect their request.

Code of Behavior - Please remember that while we are in a competitive environment, we still need to abide by the USA Volleyball code of behavior. Referees will make mistakes, but it is unlikely a team will ever lose due to officiating. Please support officiating decisions, even if you feel they are incorrect. Players are normally keeping score and line judging and trying to do their best. Support them as well as they work hard to be correct. If you notice the score being wrong, you can whisper

Winter Driving - Don't forget to check winter driving conditions before you travel to allow for adequate time and safe passage. TOURNAMENTS ARE NOT CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER

Coaches Meeting – Your coach may need to attend a meeting while the athletes should be stretching or warming up. Please help by reminding them to be mindful of the time.

New Program – Enthusiastic – Supportive – Positive cheering.

Green Bay Select coaches or parent helpers will be passing out wristbands and would like our parents to help promote super fans; Keeping a positive attitude along with contagious enthusiasm will improve the energy in the stands, support our athletes and this program.

“I love to watch you play.” They’re the six most important words you can tell your daughter. It sends the whole message: Enthusiastic, Supportive, Positive. These wristbands are for fans, not players. Let’s set a positive example:

- * Get a little crazy.
- * Go the extra mile.
- * Support your team with positive cheering.
- * Recognize the good in your teams and others.
- * Get way off the chain and clap when the other team makes a great play.
- * We need good opponents to get better. Be that good opponent.

Put away the in-your-face cheers, actions and yelling at the officials, and hold others to the same standard

You might hear people screaming “score” when the scoreboard hasn’t flipped fast enough. (If this continues to happen simply let your coach know in a whisper to the bench) Wear your wristband as a reminder. Watch out for negative energy and stay away from it. Being positive will promote your self-esteem and your daughter’s when she needs it most. Don’t get caught being negative or the tournament director may have to take the wristband away from you. That would be embarrassing.

Our goal is to discourage other parents from being negative. If you see a parent that is being very positive and supportive give them your bracelet if they don’t already have one. We will get you another!!!