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# 2024 - 2025 SoCal Cup Manual



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Players, Coaches, and/or Club Representatives,

AIM Sports Group is pleased to kick off the new 2024-2025 season. SoCal Cup is going into its fourth season as the premier boys volleyball league in Southern California. SoCal Cup Volleyball was created to help volleyball players and teams showcase their abilities on a local, regional and national level. SoCal Cup is an AAU sanctioned event hosting regional competition throughout the year with three (3) multi day tournaments in December, January, and June.

Our mission is to support the growth of volleyball by enhancing the quality, value, and experience, inspiring all athletes and clubs, and cultivating passion around the sport through uncompromising events and tournaments. The SoCal Cup strives to help club organizations, teams, and athletes achieve their aspirations and goals by providing best in class competition and events.

SoCal Cup Core Values:

- (1) **COMPETITION:** We are committed to creating tournaments and events that are meaningful for all club programs, help showcase both team and individual effort and achievement, and most importantly, are fun for all the players, parents and coaches involved.
- (2) **CUSTOMER SERVICE:** We are a customer focused and customer centric organization that understands the importance of all of the clubs involved. Great communication is key and a standard that should never be deviated from. We will continue to be unwavering in our commitment to provide the best service for every club owner, director, coach, player and parents.
- (3) **CULTIVATION:** We are committed to the growth of volleyball by cultivating a passion that encompasses the sport at every level through a grassroots movement that expands locally, regionally, and nationally.

Please read this manual in its entirety as there is important information for parents, players, coaches, and all club representatives. Be sure to regularly check [SoCalCupVolleyball.com](http://SoCalCupVolleyball.com), [Sportwrench.com](http://Sportwrench.com), and [aau.com](http://aau.com) for detailed information about registration, eligibility, and schedules. We appreciate your cooperation as we maintain a top notch season for all of boys volleyball.

Sincerely,  
SoCal Cup Tournament Staff

## Getting Started

### I. Registration

- A. All club directors must register their club through Sportwrench to participate in the SoCal Cup Season. The club registration will include the registration form and director agreement. Once registered, a QR code will be given for the Player Commitment Form. The commitment form can then be sent out only on or after Commitment Day has taken place.
- B. All members (coaches, players, chaperones, team representatives, and club directors) MUST register with AAU in order to participate in any SoCal Cup activity. Registration information can be found at [Join AAU](#).

### II. Insurance

- A. There is an inherent risk involved in any athletic endeavor whether as an athlete, coach, bench personnel, administrator, instructor, manager, official, team leader, tournament director, volunteer, spectator, parent or event operator. The AAU has addressed many of those inherent risks through a comprehensive insurance program that is second to none in the youth sport industry.

The AAU's insurance program is a benefit of membership and extends to those who are members of the AAU (athletes, non-athletes, club) or affiliated with the AAU through its members. Everyone participating must have an AAU Athlete or Non Athlete Membership

The AAU insurance program is comprehensive in nature and provides protection for athletes while participating in competitions and practices, coaches while instructing, event operators while conducting licensed events, spectators while attending events, and facilities while partnering with AAU members.

- B. There are two broad types of insurance coverage included in their AAU insurance program: Sport Accident and General Liability.
  1. Sports Accident: Coverage is provided for properly registered athletes or non-athletes who are injured during an AAU licensed event, supervised practice or while participating in the Extended Coverage (AB) membership program. Coverage is excess medical and becomes primary if there is no other coverage available.
  2. General Liability: Coverage is provided for properly registered athletes, non-athletes, member clubs/teams, event organizers, promoters, facilities, sponsors, managers, spectators and volunteers covering claims due to

damage or injury caused by negligence or acts of omission during performance of duties or conducting business (such as running events or hosting a practice.)

C. More information about AAU Sanction Insurance [can be found here](#).

### III. Tournament Entries

- A. The 2024-2025 schedule can be found on our website at [SoCal Cup Volleyball](#). Here, you'll find a detailed schedule and registration links. Please note that the registration link will direct you to Sportwrench for online registration. Registration for all tournaments will begin on September 2, 2024 and close on the registration closing date or until capacity of the tournament has been reached.
- B. Tournament entry deadlines and costs are subject to change and depend on a variety of factors. One day season tournaments cost \$375, two day season tournaments cost \$750 and three day season tournaments cost \$1,000. No entries will be accepted unless accompanied by the entry fee for the event. Teams will be accepted into the tournament once payment has been received. Registration into the tournament does not guarantee acceptance.
- C. If a team(s) is unable to participate, the SoCal Cup requests notification via email prior to the event date with submission of the Tournament Removal form that can be found on the SoCal Cup website. Team(s) that drop less than 14 days prior to the tournament start date for single day tournaments will not be refunded. Team(s) that drop less than 30 days prior to the tournament start date for multi-day tournaments will not be refunded. The SoCal Cup will offer credit to clubs in extenuating circumstances.
- D. Confirmation of the site and time will be posted on Sportwrench the week of the tournament date for single day tournaments. Please double check the playing sites on the Friday before the tournament date to make sure there were no last minute site changes. Please take the time to inform your coaches and parents of the site locations for your teams, as it is your responsibility.

### IV. Age Divisions

- A. **AAU 2024-2025 Indoor Boys Volleyball Age Divisions** - The age determination date for AAU *Indoor* Volleyball is July 29th, 2024.

- B. More information about age determination can be [found here on the AAU Website](#)
- C. IMPORTANT: Once a player participates (including but not limited to practicing, training, attending workouts and/or competing) in a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college, or junior college, he is ineligible to compete.

## **Eligibility**

### **I. Beginning of the Season**

- A. Athletes are eligible to play for any club or team as determined by their age eligibility up until the beginning of the sanctioned season. At that time, his appearance on the court will signify his commitment to that club. The athlete must remain a registered member of that specific club for the remainder of the season. Commitment Day for the 2024-2025 season is August 27th, 2023.

### **II. Commitment & Transfer Requests**

#### **A. AAU Player Release & Transfer**

1. A youth member becomes attached to a club member when he/she competes with that club in any AAU licensed event (practice not included). An athlete may attach to additional clubs if he/she participates in additional sports. An attached youth member may transfer to another club in the same sport if the representative of the club to which an athlete is attached signs a release form permitting an immediate transfer. (Athletes released under this provision are subject to National Championship eligibility restrictions as adopted by National Sport Committees.) If the youth member has not competed in any AAU licensed events in that Sport for a period of sixty (60) days, a release form is not needed and the athlete may transfer immediately. The AAU Compliance Department should be notified of disaffiliation from the original club.
2. AAU release forms are only needed if participating in AAU events outside of SoCal Cup. More information on the AAU Club Release Form [can be found here](#).

#### **B. SoCal Cup Player Release & Transfer**

1. A youth member becomes attached to a club when the player signs the SoCal Cup Commitment Form with that club for the upcoming season. An

attached youth member may transfer to another club in the same sport if the representative of the club to which an athlete is attached signs a release form permitting an immediate transfer. Any youth member looking to be released from a club will need to fill out the Player Release Form. Once the form is completed, it must be sent to [info@socalcupvolleyball.com](mailto:info@socalcupvolleyball.com). The SoCal Cup Player Release Form must be received and approved by SoCal Cup before the youth member can participate with a different club. Once approved, the youth member will be released and can begin participating in SoCal Cup events with their new club. Player Release Forms must be sent in by the Club Director of the club the player is looking to be released from. SoCal Cup will not accept the release form from a parent, player, or coach from the club the player is looking to transfer to.

C. Due to the unpredictability of tryouts and team formation, and the break in the calendar for Boys High School Season, SoCal Cup understands there is a tendency for the request to move from one club to another. SoCal Cup will not supersede any club in their decision to release a player to another club.

D. Inter-Region Transfers - A player shall represent no more than one region, club or team in sanctioned competition during the same season. Special circumstances due to military or parent job transfer may be taken up with the AAU National Office.

### III. New Players

A. Players may be registered at any time throughout the year as long as the proper paperwork and fees are received prior to participation.

### IV. Recruiting Policy

A. Although we are aware of certain recruiting actions, we are unable to enforce such a policy because most recruiting violations come to us in a “he said, she said” manner and are very difficult to ascertain fault. Therefore, we are asking the cooperation of all coaches and directors in this manner.

B. The following are guidelines that we ask all clubs to abide by:

1. Allow no coach or club representative to make initial contact with an athlete or his parents in order to persuade that player to leave their current team.

2. Refrain from making negative comments concerning other clubs and/or their coaches. We ask that these guidelines be followed in order to foster a positive experience for the players in the pursuit of their volleyball goals.

## **Season Format**

SoCal Cup will implement a one day bracket format instead of traditional pool play and playoffs. This format is designed to maximize competition and create less parity amongst divisions. The format is subject to change on tournament entry numbers, feedback, and space constraints.

### **I. Qualifying Tournament**

The two (2) day Qualifying Tournament marks the beginning of the SoCal Cup season for each age group, respectively. The format will be pool play on both days without playoffs. The Qualifying will determine the starting division and position within each age division for the teams participating in SoCal Cup league play. Determination of the starting position is based on the Day Two (2) finishes among those in the field using the tie breaking protocol of Match Record, Set Percentage, then Point Percentage, to determine appropriate standings going into Tournament 1. Teams that do not participate in the Qualifying Tournament will be placed in the last division. A complete and detailed format for the Qualifying will be published prior to the event.

### **II. League Tournaments**

Based on the results from the Qualifying Tournament, teams participating in SoCal Cup Gold Divisions will be seeded into divisional brackets of eight teams (8) for Tournament 1. The format is a traditional quarterfinal bracket (1v8, 2v7, 3v6, 4v5) with Round 1 winners moving to the Semifinals, while the Round 1 losers move to the Consolation Semifinals. After the respective Semifinals, teams play one more match to determine final standing in the division. Each team is guaranteed three matches in the bracket.

After the completion of each one day tournament, teams will be reseeded based on the previous weekend's results. In each division, the lowest three finishers (final standing of 6-8) will move down a division and become the top three seeds for the following weekend. The winners of each division (final standing of 1-3 in their respective division) will move up a division and become the three lowest seeds in the higher divisions. Teams finishing 4th and 5th in the final division standing will maintain their positions.

Teams in the remaining divisions outside of Gold Divisions will participate in pool play. The format is a traditional pool where teams will have a guarantee of three matches and

their seed within the pool will determine the team's match schedule. After the completion of each one day tournament, teams will be reseeded based on the previous weekend's results. In each division, the top two finishers (final standing of 3-4) will move down a division and become the top two seeds for the following weekend. The winners of each division (final standing of 1-2 in their respective division) will move up a division and become the two lowest seeds in the higher divisions.

Players who have been competing in the 15s age group for the 2024-2025 season are eligible to compete in the 14s age group, provided they fall within the age definitions set by AAU. This allows flexibility for players who may not be able to compete with their usual age group due to the high school season. This is only allowed for SoCal Cup Regional Tournaments while the high school season is in session. For any multi-day SoCal Cup event and AAU Nationals, players are required to compete with the team they signed up with at the start of the season.

SoCal Cup holds the right to change the format at any time to make the most competitive tournament possible. Factors that might determine changes include but are not limited to the number of teams entered in the tournament, best format to guarantee three matches whenever possible, or level of competition.

The number of points awarded to each team is derived from a predetermined scale based on each team's finish within their respective division. Point totals will be recorded to determine the team's current standing throughout the season and will help inform the seeding committee for multi-day tournaments. Season points and standings can be found on the Standings page on the SoCal Cup website.

#### Point Scale

- 1st - awarded 1,000 Points
- 2nd - awarded 985 points
- 3rd - awarded 975 points
- 4th - awarded 970 points
- 5th - awarded 965 points

### III. Friendly Tournaments

Friendly Tournaments will be one day events with no impact on points or standings. The format for these tournaments will be pool play.

### IV. Championship Tournaments



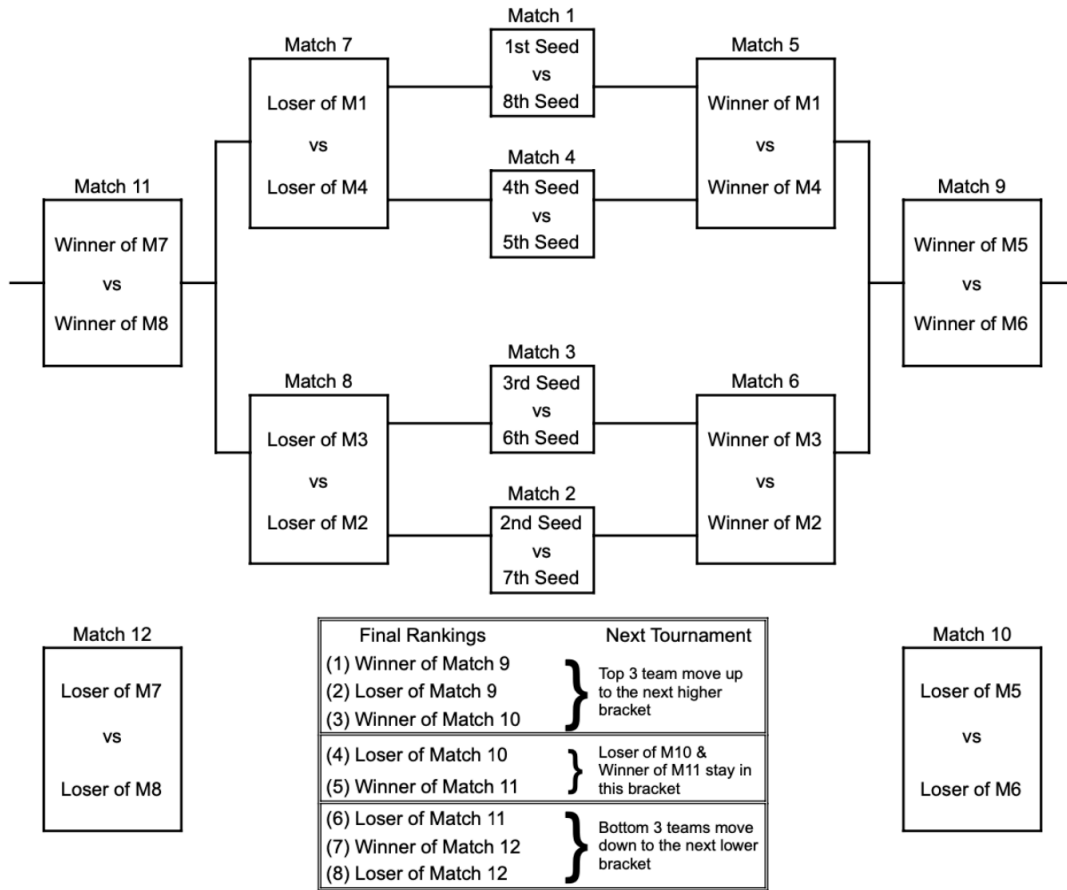
Championship Tournaments will be a two day format for all age groups. Seedings and format will be sent to all participating clubs prior to the tournament date. SoCal Cup holds the right to change the format at any time to make the most competitive tournament possible. Factors that might determine changes include but are not limited to the number of teams entered in the tournament, best format to guarantee three matches whenever possible, or level of competition.

## **Tournament Rules & Regulations**

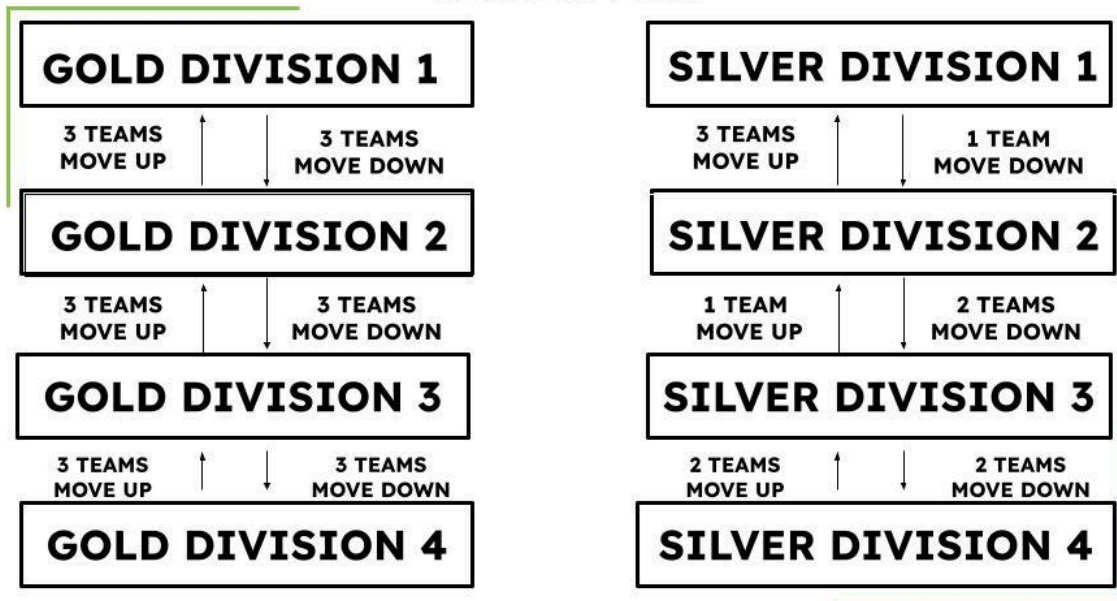
The AAU Volleyball Handbook can be found at [AAUSports.org](http://AAUSports.org).

AAU Volleyball is conducted under the AAU Code, AAU Volleyball Handbook and the current playing rules of USA Volleyball, as modified by the AAU National Executive Committee. For the current USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations, visit [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org).

- I. Tie Breaking Procedure (pool play only)
  - A. In the case of a tie, pool position will be determined by the following formula:
    1. 2-way tie: 1) match record 2) head to head
    2. 3-way tie: 1) match record 2) set percentage 3) point ratio
  - B. Formula: Point Ratio = points for divided by points against
  - C. Note: A pool winner is seeded higher than a second place finisher from another pool even if the second place team has a better match/game record
- II. Standard Bracket Play Schedule



### DIVISION FLOW



### III. Standard Pool Play Schedule

Listed below is the schedule for three, four, and five team pools (please note that there are certain circumstances, which may change the listed order of the matches).

THREE TEAM POOL

Playing Team	Ref Team
1 vs 3	2
2 vs 3	1
1 vs 2	3

FIVE TEAM POOL

Playing Team	Ref Team
1 vs 5	3
2 vs 4	3
1 vs 3	4
2 vs 5	4
3 vs 4	3
1 vs 2	3
3 vs 5	5
1 vs 4	5
2 vs 3	1
4 vs 5	1

FOUR TEAM POOL

Playing Team	Ref Team
1 vs 3	2
2 vs 4	1
1 vs 4	3
2 vs 3	1
2 vs 4	2
1 vs 2	4

\*\*5 team pools will be played on 2 courts whenever possible

IV. Schedule

- A. Schedules will be released the week of the tournament and can be accessed via sportwrench.com. Check the SoCal Cup website for playing waves, locations, schedule updates, and information.
- B. The deadline for schedule changes must be submitted by 2:00pm Wednesday, the week of the tournament. Any requests submitted after the deadline will be void.

V. Warm Up & Ball Handling

- A. There will be no ball handling allowed anywhere in any area of the facility except on your assigned court during your assigned warm-up period.
- B. Each team is expected to provide balls for their team for their allotted warm up time. Warm Up balls will not be provided by the tournament or facility staff.

## VI. Uniform Policy

- A. Each player is required to wear the same jersey number throughout the event with limited exceptions as required by emergency or blood rule applications. This applies to all players in the Libero position. If players share the Libero position from match to match, a player shall wear the same jersey number whenever they play, whether they are or they are not, assigned to the Libero position.
- B. Identical uniforms are required, with the following exceptions:
  - 1. Libero Uniforms
    - a) 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.
    - b) When two Liberos are used, both Liberos can be in uniforms different from each other and from the rest of the team.
  - 2. Different sleeve lengths are permitted.
  - 3. If undergarments are worn in such a manner that they are exposed, they will be considered a part of the uniform, in which they must be similar and the same color for any team member (except Libero) who wears the undergarment. Socks and shoes are not considered part of the uniform.
  - 4. Manufacturer's logo or trademark can vary if it does not exceed 2 ¼ inches.
- C. The jerseys must be numbered in a permanent manner from 1 and 99 and duplicate numbers are not allowed.
- D. Uniform numbers must be clearly visible and centered on the chest and back.
- E. The numbers must be a minimum height of 4" on the chest and 6" on the back. It is recommended that numbers be 6" on chest and 8" on the back. The stripe forming the numbers shall have a minimum width of ¾".
- F. Each jersey must use the same color and number height for all players except the Libero. The color and brightness of the numbers must contrast with the color and brightness of the jerseys. Color combinations including but not limited to purple/black, dark green/black, navy/black or navy/maroon are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules.
- G. USA Volleyball uniform requirements must be followed. For additional specifications, please refer to USAV rule 4.3.

## VII. Officiating Policy

- A. Each team must provide a complete officiating team when scheduled. If the officiating team is late for their assignment, that team will be responsible for officiating the remainder of that match and will be assessed a point a minute to the teams next opponent in the first set of the next match. Failure to officiate for an entire assigned match will result in the forfeit of a game win from that team's overall record. A game win will become a game loss. If a team is late for the last match of the day or misses the assignment, the penalty as described above will carry over to the next tournament.
- B. The officiating team will consist of SIX people:
  - 1. (1) 2nd Official/Down Ref (Must be a Rostered Adult)
  - 2. (2) Linespersons
  - 3. (1) Official Scorekeeper
  - 4. (1) Official Libero Tracker
  - 5. (1) Visible Scoreboard Keeper

#### VIII. Rosters

- A. Team rosters may include up to fifteen players and five adult bench personnel. All bench personnel must be AAU members in the non-athlete category.
- B. Uniform numbers are required to be submitted on the team roster. Each player must wear the same number throughout the event, with limited exceptions.
- C. Rosters will be checked by the Official prior to match start.

#### IX. Protest Procedure

- A. Protestable situations now include a scoring discrepancy.
- B. The coach may handle the protest procedure for any age level; the team or game captain is encouraged to participate for educational purposes.
- C. A protest must be lodged immediately at the end of the rally in which the protested situation occurred; a serve negates a protest of any previous rally.
- D. The last rally of a set/match must be protested within 60 seconds of the end of that set/match.
- E. The coach may not cross the court to speak with the 1st referee; the 1st referee may leave the stand, if necessary, to confer near the team bench.
- F. Judgment decisions are not protestable.
- G. For tournaments with a Protest Committee:
  - 1. Referee(s) stay at the court; send responsible work team member to tournament staff.
  - 2. Referees wait on their respective side of the court; no discussion among referees or with any coach, team member, work team crew, or spectator.
  - 3. Coach and player behavior are still subject to sanction.

4. 1st referee informs Protest Committee which team lodged the protest and then speaks with that coach and/or captain.
5. Protest Committee may request a conduct sanction during this time if behavior is unsporting; the sanction is assessed prior to the next serve at the conclusion of protest proceedings.
6. Protest Committee may approach any member of the officiating team to collect facts to make a ruling.
7. Protest Committee informs both teams of the decision and may assist with preparing the teams and court to resume play.
8. The coach may discuss the decision or ruling with the Protest Committee after the match.

#### X. Side Switches

Side switches will only take place during a match if there is a clear and apparent advantage or if both coaches agree to the side switch prior to the match start.

#### XI. Cancellation Policy

##### A. Multi-day Tournaments

1. Registration for multi-day tournaments will close 30 days prior to the tournament start date or until the tournament has reached capacity. If a team(s) removal form is submitted and received 30 days prior to the tournament start date, a refund will be given to the team(s) and removed from the tournament. If a team(s) removal form is submitted and received less than 30 days prior to the tournament start date, no refund will be given and the team(s) will be removed from the tournament.

##### B. Single day Tournaments

1. Registration for single day tournaments will close 14 days prior to the tournament start date or until the tournament has reached capacity. If a team(s) removal form is submitted and received 14 days prior to the tournament start date, a refund will be given to the team(s) and removed from the tournament. If a team(s) removal form is submitted and received less than 14 days prior to the tournament start date, no refund will be given and the team(s) will be removed from the tournament.

## **Social Media and Online Communications Policy**

### **OVERVIEW**

SoCal Cup (SCC) is committed to safeguarding youth privacy and safety, both online and offline. With online, social media and other electronic communication tools becoming more prevalent in professional communication, fundamentally changing the way many people and organizations interact.

This policy sets forth expectations with respect to the use of online and social media, as well as other forms of electronic communications, by all SCC clubs, players, coaches, officials, parents, staff, volunteers, and administrators (each a “SCC Participant”).

## **POLICY**

The term "online and social media" as used in this policy, encompasses a wide array of digital communications, and their scope is constantly evolving. For purposes of this policy, the terms "online media" and "social media" refer to internal and external websites, blogs, online social networks (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, X (aka Twitter), Snapchat, LinkedIn), wikis, video and photo sharing sites (e.g., YouTube and Flickr), as well as other forms of personal online publishing and discourse now in existence or which may be developed in the future. For clarity, instant messaging, email and individual telephone communications are also covered by this policy.

Social media forums are typically public. Even when using social media for purely personal purposes, a person's public expressions might affect their professional identity and the organizational interests of SCC and our members. Moreover, person-to-person instant messages, emails and other communications can be easily shared online to make them public or widely known within the SCC community and beyond. Accordingly, anyone participating in online or social media must ensure that their participation is consistent with this policy and other SCC policies.

SCC fully respects the interest our parents, players, and volunteers may have in participating in online and social media on a personal basis. What our coaches, players, officials, parents, staff, volunteers, and administrators do outside of SCC activities on their own time is normally their own business. However, activities of SCC Participants outside of SCC activities that affect the organization's reputation, the safety of our players, or other members of the SCC community are within the scope of this policy.

With these objectives in mind, all SCC Participants must be familiar with and adhere to this policy, regardless of whether they personally use online or social media.

## **PRIVACY**

While the SCC league and events are generally open to the public, for the safety and well-being of players and other SCC Participants, no photography, videography or other video or audio recordings of any player or other minor child may be used or posted to online or social media without prior written permission from such player's or other minor's parent(s). All clubs must

obtain written permission from their players and players' parents to post any content regarding the players on any online or social media. Incidental footage of players from other teams may be posted so long as such footage is otherwise compliant with this policy and such other players are not the focus and not named in the footage or related posts, unless permission is obtained.

## **RESPECT**

While we understand that the use of online and social media, including during matches, often occurs during competition, the inappropriate use of online and social media can damage the reputation of SCC, its teams, and its players. In this spirit, SCC Participants posting through statements, pictures, videos, memes or gifs) on online or social media that could be are prohibited from posting anything (including construed – direct, implied, or otherwise – as negative, critical, or derogatory toward any other Participant. This includes any content that:

### **SCC**

- Disparages, criticizes, ridicules, belittles, or embarrasses a SCC Participant;
- Mimics or impersonates a SCC Participant in a negative manner;
- Criticizes officiating or the SCC officiating program; or
- Disparages, criticizes, ridicules, or belittles any other club.

SCC Participants should never disparagingly or negatively refer to an opponent, official, SCC staff or other SCC Participant's personal life, family, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or any other status or characteristic protected by law. Positive comments are of course fine. In addition, clubs may use online and social media for fun and lighthearted banter that does not reflect poorly on any team, player, SCC personnel, or the SCC as a whole. However, such activity should not be inappropriate or offensive.

## **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MANIPULATION**

The developments in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning have created opportunities in the world of sport and competition. They have also made it easier to change, alter, and manipulate images, video, audio, and other content in a manner that is false, misleading, disparaging and/or offensive. These developments pose a serious threat to the safety and well-being of players and other members of the SCC community.

SCC Participants are prohibited from manually or using artificial intelligence or any other technologies to change, alter, or manipulate in any manner any image, video, audio, or other content featuring any other SCC Participant without express prior written permission from all involved.

## **DISAGREEMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

In competitive sports, it is natural for disagreements to arise regarding strategy, tactics, fair play and officiating. Online and social media is not the place to resolve these disagreements. In the event any SCC Participant has a complaint regarding any tournament, match, or other SCC Participant, such complaint should be directed to [Administration@aimsportsgroup.com](mailto:Administration@aimsportsgroup.com) for



review, evaluation, and resolution. In no event should any such complaints be posted to online or other social media.

## **TRAINING AND MONITORING**

Each SCC club is responsible for any content posted by the club. In addition, each club is responsible for communicating this policy to all coaches, players, staff, parents, and family members as well as overseeing/monitoring posts by such individuals, including but not limited to monitoring fans (followers) of pages, monitoring for inappropriate activity, ensuring that any photography with a minor child is not posted unless prior written permission is provided from the parent(s), and ensuring that any element of the applicable page or post (or the page or post itself) can be deleted quickly if directed to do so by SCC.

As such, we encourage clubs to properly and extensively train their players, coaches, staff members, and spectators to ensure that they know what postings are appropriate and what are not, in accordance with this policy. Failure by a club to enforce this policy with its players, coaches, staff members, and/or spectators may be deemed a violation of this policy by the club.

## **REPORTING AND RESOLUTION**

Any inappropriate online or social media content and all suspicious internet and electronic communications should be reported to the Managing Director at AIM Sports Group. Participants may also report inappropriate activity to law enforcement authorities directly, as appropriate.

Once reported, the complaint will be investigated by AIM Sports Group and/or other outside authority designated by them. Each SCC Participant agrees to fully cooperate with any such investigation. Failure to cooperate will be taken into consideration in investigating the claim and reaching a determination regarding the matter.

Upon conclusion of the investigation, SCC shall make a determination regarding the claim, which determination may affect future participation by the individual(s) involved in the policy violation. SCC Participants understand that such determinations may include suspension or termination of an individual or clubs right to participate in SCC events or activities and/or other affirmative obligations and/or restrictions on such individual(s). Factors in determining any penalties for any violation, include, but are not limited to, the severity of the violation and/or the number and severity of prior violations, if any. Further, SCC reserves the right to report any violations of this policy to AAU Volleyball, USA Volleyball, and/or law enforcement.

## **Content Capture and Media Policy**

### **OVERVIEW**

Capturing memories of your children's accomplishments is part of parenthood. We understand that family members and friends will take photographs and record matches and tournaments. For the safety of our players, coaches, officials and other personnel and the integrity of our competitions, the SoCal Cup (SCC) has adopted this content capture and media policy for all SCC events.

## **DESIGNATED SPACE**

In order to ensure the safety of participants and the integrity of competition, any filming, photography, recording or other content capture at any SCC event or in any SCC venue or other facility may only occur in the designated spectator areas. These are typically located in the stands at each venue. However, from time to time, SCC may restrict filming, photography, recording and other content capture to specific areas within the spectator area. Without limiting the foregoing, any filming, photography, recording or other content capture from team benches, locker rooms or other player areas without SCC's prior written approval is strictly prohibited.

## **DEVICES**

Filming, photography, recording and other content capture is intended for personal, non-commercial use only. As such, professional equipment, including telephoto lenses, external microphones, lighting, and other professional equipment are not permitted at any SCC event.

## **USE AND DISTRIBUTION**

Use of any photography, video, recording, or other content captured at any SCC event may not be sold, licensed, distributed, or transmitted in any manner without the prior written consent of SCC. Subject to compliance with this policy and all other SCC policies, images and footage can be used for recruitment purposes and content not exceeding 60 seconds may be posted to the photographer's personal social media handles. Any other proposed uses must be submitted to [media@aimssportsgroup.com](mailto:media@aimssportsgroup.com) for approval, which may be granted or withheld in SCC's sole discretion.

## **ADDITIONAL PERMISSIONS**

In the event any team, group or individual wishes to film, photograph, record and/or capture any content at any SCC event or in any SCC venue or other facilities in any manner not specified in this policy or use any content in a manner not specified in this policy, a written request must be submitted to [media@aimssportsgroup.com](mailto:media@aimssportsgroup.com) for approval, which may be granted or withheld in SCC's sole discretion.

## **Facility Rules**

Clubs are required to follow all facility rules, regulations, and policies as listed by the facility. Clubs are required to obtain and distribute all rules to parents and players prior to tournaments.

## **Code of Conduct**

Directors, Coaches, Players, Parents, and Spectators

### **I. Prohibited Behavior**

- A. Abusive, obscene, and racially charged language, threats, violent play, violent conduct both physical and verbal, and other inappropriate behavior (including, but

not limited to, taunting, harassment, bullying, etc.) will not be tolerated during any SoCal Cup event. "Physical" altercations will not be tolerated at any point and will result in suspension from any SoCal Cup event for the duration of the season.

II. Coaches Conduct

- A. Coaches and all nonplayers on the bench are subject to the Coach Conduct rules and standards outlined by AAU Volleyball, unless otherwise noted.
- B. It is the coaches responsibility to promote respect for officials and support spectator control.
- C. Coaches shall confine their discussions with the opposing team and game officials to interpretation of the rules and not challenge an officials' judgment call.

III. Spectator Conduct

- A. No Spectator shall persistently address a game official at any time. This includes but is not limited to:
  - 1. Spectators shall not make derogatory comments to players of any team.
  - 2. Spectators shall not dispute calls during or after the game.
  - 3. Spectators shall not advise an official to watch certain players or attend to rough play.
  - 4. Spectators shall not yell at the officials, EVER. This includes criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, discriminatory comments, or negative feedback of any kind before, during, or after the game.
  - 5.
- B. The only allowable exceptions to addressing an official are:
  - 1. Spectators may respond to an official who has initiated a conversation with a parent or attendee.
  - 2. Spectators may point out an emergency or safety issues, such as a player injury or observed fighting.

IV. Policy Violation

- A. Any person not in compliance with the Code of Conduct will be removed from the event facility at the discretion of the SoCal Cup Tournament Staff, without admission refund, and cannot attend a SoCal Cup Volleyball event in the future, pending attendance reinstatement review.
- B. Any participant listed on the official roster who is causing unfavorable situations either prior to, during, or after the event is subject to disciplinary action by the SoCal Cup Tournament Director(s).
- C. SoCal Cup Volleyball may take any corrective action it deems appropriate to assure proper sportsmanship; the safety and well-being of all participants, spectators, officials and event staff; and the integrity and standards of the event. All teams, coaches, players, and spectators are subject to rulings and corrective actions.
- D. Anyone discovered in possession of or consuming illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, or e-cigarettes will be immediately expelled from the event. There are no warnings for possession or consumption of materials listed above for players or any other underage person whose name appears on the tournament roster. Expulsion will be immediate. Pets (other than service animals) and weapons of any kind will NOT be allowed in any event.



## SOCAL CUP CLUB REGISTRATION FORM

Please see the enclosed Club Registration Form below. Any Club participating in the SoCal Cup Season must complete this form. Only when the completed form is received will a confirmation be emailed to the Club Director. Clubs must provide an accurate email address on the Club Registration Form.

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**Please fill out the information below to register the following Junior Club for the 2024-2025 SoCal Cup Season.**

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Phone (1): \_\_\_\_\_

Club Phone (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Club Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Location (primary practice city): \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your club's regional location(s) [2 at most]

Greater Orange County

South Orange County

San Diego

North Orange County/Long Beach

South Bay

Los Angeles/The Valley

Signature of Club Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## SOCAL CUP DIRECTOR AGREEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ 11. I understand that sexual abuse, sexual assault, and sexual harassment is against the law, is very detrimental to all parties involved, and often goes unreported. I understand that under the law it is my responsibility to report any and all known sexual abuse, sexual assault, and/or sexual harassment to the proper authorities. I attest that I know of no sexual abuse, assault, or harassment that is occurring within my club and will report such if found, regardless of whom is involved.

\_\_\_\_\_ 12. I agree that I will use the certificates of insurance for my club's sanctioned practices and/or hosted tournaments only.

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. I agree to cooperate fully with SoCal Cup Volleyball in the event a complaint is filed against me, my club, my coaches, my players, or my parents. My responses will be complete, truthful, and prompt to expedite a quick resolution.

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. I recognize that disputes and differences may arise and that litigation in court can be time consuming and expensive, and, therefore, I agree it is in the best interest of all parties to appoint an arbitrator to resolve disputes as they arise. Any decision as a result of any such arbitration shall be issued in writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. I agree to be truthful and respectful in my business practices, to behave in a trustworthy manner, always showing respect for all parties involved, and to accurately represent the programs and services offered by my club.

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. I agree to act in a professional manner and to demonstrate exemplary business practice, to honor the "intent and/or spirit of the law" when making decisions that may be considered the gray area of a policy, procedure, rule or guideline, and to request clarification from SoCal Cup Volleyball before taking any action if a "gray" area arises.

As club director, I acknowledge my responsibility to adhere to the rules and policies of SoCal Cup Volleyball. If these agreements are not adhered to, I agree to abide by sanctions imposed by SoCal Cup Volleyball. Any violation of this Club Director Agreement Form will result in my club forfeiting its good standing status along with all rights and/or privileges available to clubs in good standing. In the event that I fail to comply with the rules and policies of SoCal Cup Volleyball, I understand that my privilege to operate a club in SoCal Cup may be revoked.

Club Director Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable:

Co-Club Director Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Club Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# SOCAL CUP COMMITMENT FORM 2024-2025

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!  
DO NOT SIGN PRIOR TO AUGUST 27, 2024

**Basic Penalty:** I understand that by signing this letter. I am committed to joining the club named with this document for the entire 2024/2025 season. If I compete for another club, I may be subject to suspension for the remainder of the season.

**Early Signing Period:** No players can sign a Letter of Commitment before August 27, 2024. Any player who signs a Letter of Commitment before these dates is subject to suspension for the entire season.

**Pre-Signing / Pre-Payments:** Under no conditions may the Letter of Commitment be pre-signed or pre-dated before this time frame, regardless of the date of the tryout. In turn, no deposit monies, team or club fees can be collected before these dates.

**Only one Letter of Commitment Permitted:** A player who signs more than one Letter of Commitment with more than one club is subject to suspension for the entire 2024/2025 season.

**Verbal Commitments:** A player may commit verbally to a club prior to August 27, 2024. A verbal commitment is not binding. The player may revoke the commitment at any time, before signing the Letter of Commitment, without penalty.

**Recruiting Ban after Signing:** I understand that all clubs are obligated to respect my signing and shall cease to recruit me upon my signing this document. I shall notify any recruiter who contacts me that I have signed.

**Parent/Guardian Signature Required:** Athlete's parent, or legal guardian, is required to sign this Letter of Commitment if athlete is less than 18 years of age at the time of signing.

**Falsification of Letter of Commitment:** If I falsify any part of this Letter of Commitment, including the date, I understand that I am subject to suspension for the entire 2024/2025 season.

**Nullification of Other Agreements:** Signature(s) on this Letter of Commitment nullify any agreements, verbal or otherwise, which would release the athlete from the conditions stated within this document.

**Binding Agreement:** I understand that I have signed this Letter of Commitment with the club and not with a particular individual. If the coach or any player(s) leave the team, I remain bound by the provisions of this document for the entire 2024/2025 season. I certify that I have read all terms and conditions in this document. I have discussed them with the club representative named within, and I fully understand, accept, and agree to be bound by them.

**Transfer Policy:** Transfers are reviewed on a by case basis. No transfers will be permitted without the written consent of the club associated with this signed agreement.

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



# VOLLEYBALL PLAYER MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

2024-2025

This must be completed - legibly - and signed in all areas by both the player and his/her parent or guardian. I understand and agree that this document will be kept in the possession of authorized adult team personnel and that reasonable care will be used to keep this information confidential. By signing this form the participant affirms having read and agreed to the terms and conditions listed below.

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary Guardian Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### Secondary Contact:

Parent/Guardian  Other

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Insurance Co: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Group/Policy # \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Family Physician Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Physician Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please elaborate on any medical history:

Please list any medications currently being taken: \_\_\_\_\_

In the past 24 months, have you been tested, diagnosed and/or treated for a concussion:  Yes  No

If yes, provide the date (months and year), who performed the testing/diagnosing/treatment and what was the outcome: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies (write NONE if no allergies): \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Participant, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to participate in training, competition, events, activities and travel sponsored by The SoCal Cup, AIM Sportsplex, LLC or the AAU. I certify that the participant has full medical insurance with the company listed above. I understand and agree that this document will be kept in the possession of authorized adult team personnel and that reasonable care will be used to keep this information confidential. I agree to allow the authorized adult team personnel to release this information in the event of a medical emergency to a third party medical provider. I also certify to the best of my knowledge that the participant named hereon is physically fit to engage in the activities described above.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to Participant:** \_\_\_\_\_

If, during the course of my daughter's/son's activities in volleyball, she/he should become ill or sustain an injury, I hereby authorize you to obtain emergency medical/dental care. I will assume financial responsibility for the bills incurred through my insurance company.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

OR I do not authorize emergency medical/dental care for my daughter/son.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## SOCAL CUP PLAYER RELEASE FORM

A youth member becomes attached to a club when he/she signs the SoCal Cup Commitment Form with that club for the upcoming season. An athlete may attach to additional clubs if he/she participates in additional sports. An attached youth member may transfer to another club in the same sport if the representative of the club to which an athlete is attached signs a release form permitting an immediate transfer.

Any youth member looking to be released from a club will need to fill out the information on this form below. Once the form is completed, it must be sent to [info@socalcupvolleyball.com](mailto:info@socalcupvolleyball.com) from the club director the youth member is looking to be released from. The SoCal Cup Player Release Form must be received and approved by SoCal Cup before the youth member can participate with a different club. Once approved, the youth member will be released and can begin participating in SoCal Cup events with their new club.

*Forms sent in from players, parents, or the director the member is looking to be released to will not be approved.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, as the contact for \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Director Name Club Name

release \_\_\_\_\_ from participation in my club. This release is  
Athlete Name

effective immediately.

Club Director Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete this form and send to [info@socalcupvolleyball.com](mailto:info@socalcupvolleyball.com)**

*Additional questions regarding this form or the release and transfer process, please email [info@socalcupvolleyball.com](mailto:info@socalcupvolleyball.com)*





## SOCAL CUP TOURNAMENT REMOVAL FORM

If a team needs to be removed from a tournament due to certain circumstances, please fill out the form below. Once this form is completed, please send to [info@socalcupvolleyball.com](mailto:info@socalcupvolleyball.com). Once SoCal Cup has received and approved the club's removal form, the individual team will be removed from the tournament. If more than one team from a club can no longer participate in the tournament, please submit more than one form (one form per team).

### REFUNDS

#### *Single Day Tournaments*

If a team(s) removal form is submitted and received 14 days prior to the tournament start date, a refund will be given to the team(s) and removed from the tournament. If a team(s) removal form is submitted and received less than 14 days prior to the tournament start date, no refund will be given and the team(s) will be removed from the tournament.

#### *Multi-Day Tournaments*

If a team(s) removal form is submitted and received 30 days prior to the tournament start date, a refund will be given to the team(s) and removed from the tournament. If a team(s) removal form is submitted and received less than 30 days prior to the tournament start date, no refund will be given and the team(s) will be removed from the tournament.

### CREDITS

The SoCal Cup will offer credit to clubs needing to be removed from a tournament in extenuating circumstances. These circumstances will be discussed and deliberated with SoCal Cup before being approved

Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Removal: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete this form and send to [info@socalcupvolleyball.com](mailto:info@socalcupvolleyball.com)**

*Additional questions regarding this form or the removal process, please email [info@socalcupvolleyball.com](mailto:info@socalcupvolleyball.com)*



## SOCAL CUP TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

### 2024

18/17 QUALIFYING	10/5-10/6
16/15 QUALIFYING	10/12-10/13
14/13/12 QUALIFYING	10/19-10/20
18/17 TOURNEY 1	10/26
16/15 TOURNEY 1	10/27
18/17 TOURNEY 2	11/2
16/15 TOURNEY 2	11/3
14/13 TOURNEY 1	11/9
12 TOURNEY 1	11/10
16/15 TOURNEY 3	11/16
18/17 TOURNEY 3	11/17
14/13/12 Friendly	11/23

 **WINTER FORMAL 12/13-12/15**



**THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 1/18-1/20**

### 2025

16/15/14/13 FRIENDLY	1/11
18/17/12 FRIENDLY	1/12
14/13/12 TOURNEY 2	2/8
14/13 TOURNEY 3	2/22
12 TOURNEY 3	2/23
14/13 TOURNEY 4	3/22
12 TOURNEY 4	3/23
14/13 TOURNEY 5	4/12
12 TOURNEY 5	4/13
14/13 TOURNEY 6	4/26
12 TOURNEY 6	4/27
14/13/12 CHAMPIONSHIPS	5/17
14/13/12 CHAMPIONSHIPS	5/18
16/15 TOURNEY 4	5/24
18/17 TOURNEY 4	5/25
16/15 CHAMPIONSHIPS	5/31
16/15 CHAMPIONSHIPS	6/1
18/17 CHAMPIONSHIPS	6/7
18/17 CHAMPIONSHIPS	6/8

### FEATURED TOURNAMENTS



**THE EQUINOX 3/8-3/9**



**THE SHOWCASE 6/13-6/15**

