



## Pool Play and Playoff Format: 12 Teams on 3 court

Pool play format: 3 courts, 4 referees, 12 teams, 28 matches  
3 pools of 4 teams

For pools of 4 teams, the best of 3 sets will win matches. Each non-deciding set will be won by the team that first scores 25 points with a minimum 2-point advantage (no scoring cap). If there is a deciding set, it will be won by the team that first scores 15 points with a minimum 2-point advantage (no scoring cap). Change sides when a team earns 8 points. A point will be scored on each rally. If the receiving team wins the rally, they score a point and gain the serve.

Match order:	<u>Match 1</u>	<u>Match 2</u>	<u>Match 3</u>	<u>Match 4</u>	<u>Match 5</u>	<u>Match 6</u>
[team in () refs]	1 vs. 3 (2)	2 vs. 4 (1)	1 vs. 4 (3)	2 vs. 3 (1)	3 vs. 4 (2)	1 vs. 2 (4)

Tournament format: All teams advance. All teams must be ranked within their pools based on match percentage first. For any ties, use the tie-breaking procedure below. All first-place, second-place, and the top two third-place teams to the Gold playoffs. The remaining third-place and all fourth-place teams to the Silver playoffs.

Playoff positions on the tournament brackets will be based on pool finish to avoid teams from the same pool playing each other in the first round. To avoid third-place teams playing a team from their pool for the first tournament match, a tournament director can choose to switch best third-place and second-best third-place teams on the tournament bracket if both teams consent to the change.

Seeding procedure:	<u>Pool A</u>	<u>Pool B</u>	<u>Pool C</u>
	Seeds 1, 6, 7, 12	Seeds 2, 5, 8, 11	Seeds 3, 4, 9, 10

Teams from the same club, regardless of seed, should not be placed in the same pool.

Tie-breaking: Since all teams advance to playoffs, ties will not be decided by playing a set.

1. If 2 teams from the same pool are tied, their head to head match determines their order of finish.
2. If 3 teams from the same pool are tied after match and set % and point differential have been calculated, a coin flip will determine their order of finish.

For the third-place teams:

3. If 2 teams from different pools are tied after match and set % and point differential have been calculated, a coin flip will determine their order of finish.
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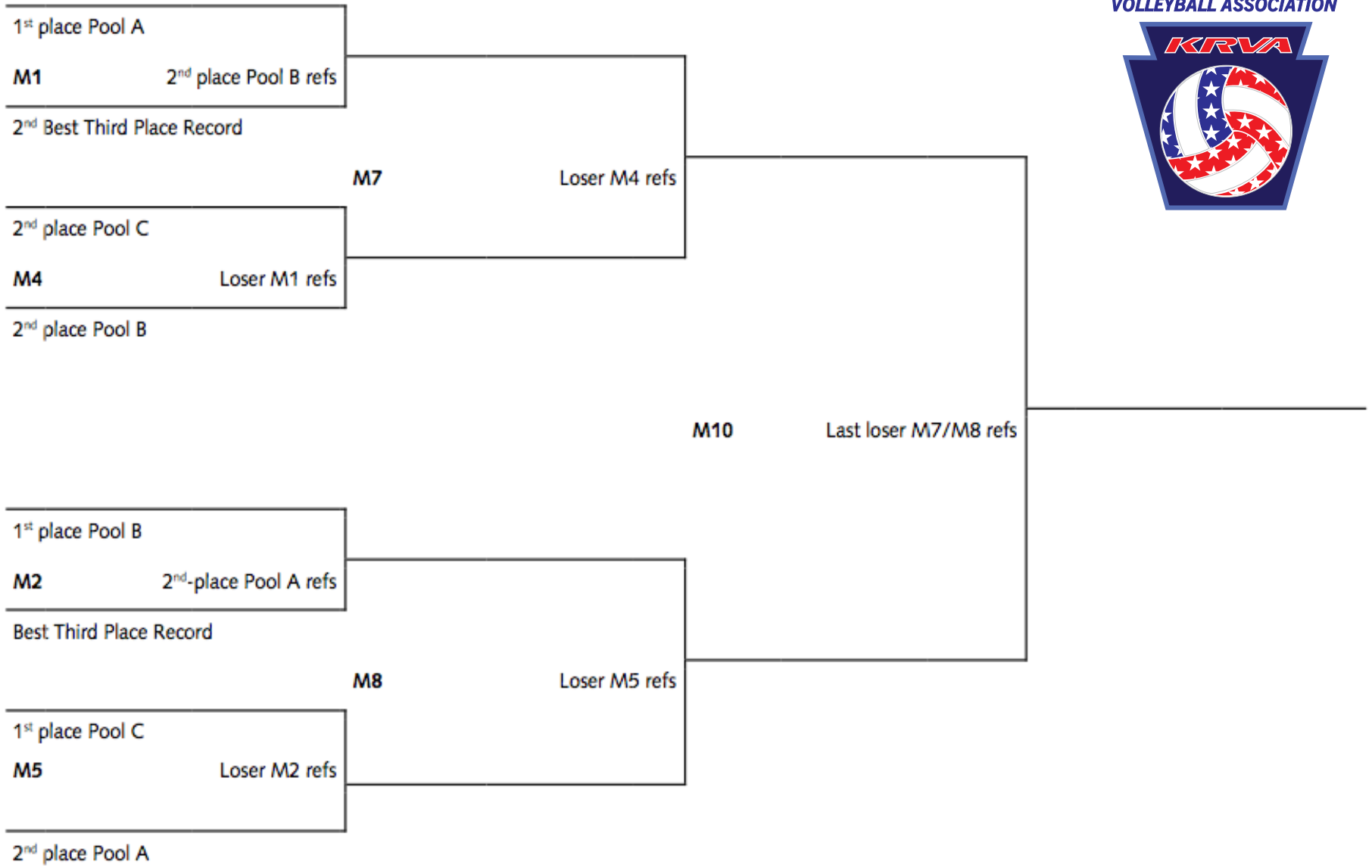
Set % key:	<u>6 Sets</u>	<u>7 Sets</u>	<u>8 Sets</u>	<u>9 Sets</u>
	6-0 1.000	7-0 1.000	8-0 1.000	9-0 1.000
	5-1 0.833	6-1 0.857	7-1 0.875	8-1 0.889
	4-2 0.667	5-2 0.714	6-2 0.750	7-2 0.778
	3-3 0.500	4-3 0.571	5-3 0.625	6-3 0.667
	2-4 0.333	3-4 0.429	4-4 0.500	5-4 0.556
	1-5 0.167	2-5 0.286	3-5 0.375	4-5 0.444
	0-6 0.000	1-6 0.143	2-6 0.250	3-6 0.333
		0-7 0.000	1-7 0.125	2-7 0.222
			0-8 0.000	1-8 0.111
				0-9 0.000

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