

Dear Club Coaches,

I want to thank you for participating in our March 5th, Bulldog Volleyball Camps tournament & clinic. We will be pleased to have you and your teams on our campus for this event.

The event will start with a free player's clinic at 8:00am with tournament play beginning at 10:00am. Doors will be open by 7:30am. It is our desire to provide some activities that may truly benefit your players. The activities in the morning will also provide a good warm up for players before their matches get underway and all players will be able to report to their assigned playing courts no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of their first match. The sessions will focus on providing some basic skill repetitions before the start of the tournament. The clinic sessions are open to all tournament participants. Please pass this information along to your athletes.

Sample sessions will include opportunities to work on serving accuracy, serving speed, passing accuracy, defensive digging, hitting and jump serving. **Balls will be provided for the clinic but PLEASE bring your own balls for the tournament, we will NOT provide balls for the tournament.**

Please see the second page that has tournament details.

Thanks again for your participation and if you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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- **Locations and Parking:** The tournament will be held on Drake's campus in the Knapp Center. **Entrance will be at the front of the Knapp Center (south side) along Forest Ave.** There is parking available in front of the Knapp and along Forest Ave. Additional parking can also be found in the back of the Knapp center in the Tennis Center parking lot.
- **Gate:** There will be an admission fee for spectators; \$3.00, 10&Under are free of charge.
- **No outside food or coolers will be permitted.** Concessions inside the Knapp Center will operate throughout the event and provide a number of choices for everyone to enjoy.
- **Roster-** COACHES PLEASE MAKE SURE TO HAVE A PRINTED CURRENT ROSTER. IT NEEDS TO BE TURNED IN THE MORING OF THE TOURNAMENT.
- **Knapp Center** – is located on Drake University's campus. The address is: 2507 Forest Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50311
- **Seating-** Outside chairs may be used on the track above the courts and some bleacher seating with be available. ONLY participants will be permitted on the floor.
- **Pool Play-** Pool play should begin at 10 am. **Pool play matches will be played best two out of three sets to 25, third set to 15 if needed. Following pool play teams will re-pool and begin at 12:30PM. Round two will follow the same protocol.**
 - First two matches of pool play will follow the 2-4-4 warm up time format; 2 minutes of shared court ball handling, 4 minutes of court time for the serving team, then 4 minutes for the serve receive team. Matches after will follow the 1-3-3 format. PLEASE BE READY TO REF AS SOON AS THE PREVIOUS MATCH HAS FINISHED, WE WILL PLAY AHEAD IF POSSIBLE.
- **Tournament-** Please look at the attached schedule to see how your age division's schedule will be formatted.
- **Awards-** Awards will be handed out to the champions of the top pool only.
- **Players Clinic** – This will run from 8:00-9:30 prior to the start of the tournament. Clinics will be run by Drake assistant coaches or former Drake players and will be a great opportunity for players to get extra touches before the tournament begins.
- **Hospitality Room** – There will be a hospitality room located in the Paul Morrison Room (south side of the gym) for coaches that will have a lunch provided from Jimmy John's.