

Welcome Captains and Coaches!

# SUMMER CLASSIC 2024

May 25th - May 26th, 2024  
Chicago, Illinois





# AGENDA



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# DIVISION STRUCTURE

Currently 18 teams (9 Superwoman teams and 9 Wonder Woman teams)

## Superwoman Division

1. Superwoman Team 1
2. Superwoman Team 2
3. Superwoman Team 3
4. Superwoman Team 4
5. Superwoman Team 5
6. Superwoman Team 6
7. Superwoman Team 7
8. Superwoman Team 8
9. Superwoman Team 9

## Wonder Woman Division

1. Wonder Woman Team 1
2. Wonder Woman Team 2
3. Wonder Woman Team 3
4. Wonder Woman Team 4
5. Wonder Woman Team 5
6. Wonder Woman Team 6
7. Wonder Woman Team 7
8. Wonder Woman Team 8
9. Wonder Woman Team 9

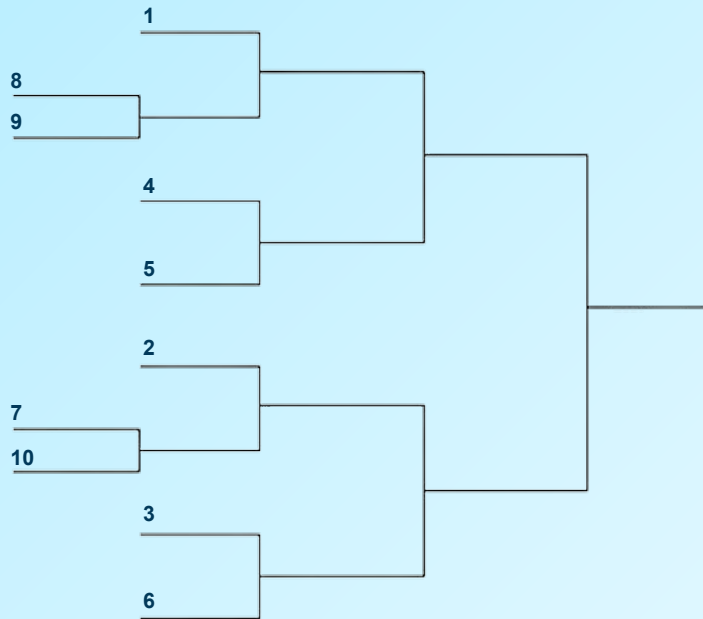
Teams will be randomly drawn on live video to separate into two divisions  
If a team drops from either division, the schedule will be modified at the discretion of USTA



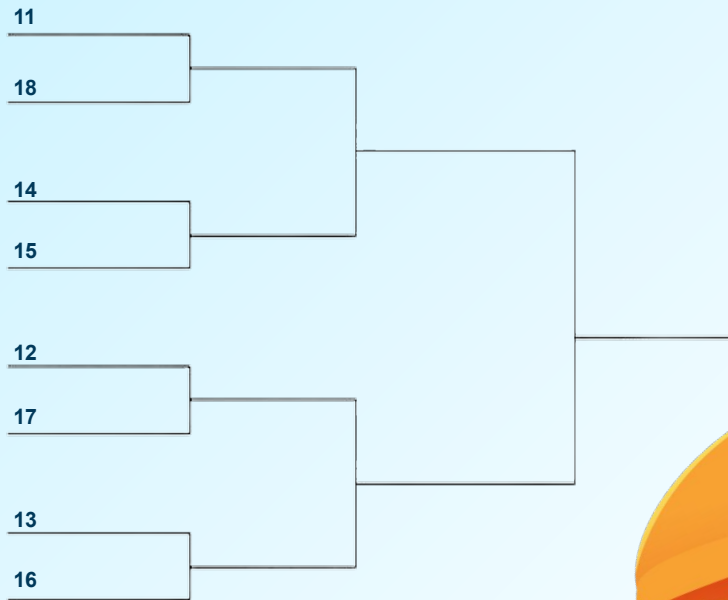
# TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- 8 regular season games on Saturday and Sunday
  - 14 teams will play 6 games on Saturday and 2 games on Sunday
  - 4 teams will play 7 games on Saturday and 1 game on Sunday
- After all regular season games are over on Sunday, all teams will be seeded 1-18
- Seeds 1-10 will compete in **GOLD** playoff bracket
- Seeds 11-18 will compete in **SILVER** playoff bracket
- Both playoff brackets will have a champion and runner-up
  - *Please note: winner of SILVER playoff bracket will be 11th seed overall and SILVER runner-up will be 12th seed overall*
- This is a qualifying tournament for **Invitational Tournament 2024!**
  - Top 4 teams will qualify for Invitational

## GOLD Playoff Bracket Seeds 1-10



## SILVER Playoff Bracket Seeds 11-18



# TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY

- Courts will open at 7:00 AM for warm-ups
- Opening Ceremony at 7:30 AM
- Captains & Coaches meeting at 7:40 AM
- Games will promptly begin at 8:00 AM
- Lunch Break at 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM
  - **Outside food is allowed onsite (upstairs floor)**
- Coaches/Referees game during lunch if time permits at 1:30 PM
- Games are scheduled to finish around 6 PM

## SUNDAY

- Courts will open at 7:00 AM for warm-ups
- Regular season games begin at 7:45 AM
- Lunch break 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM
  - **Outside food is allowed onsite (upstairs floor)**
  - **Seeds 1-6 have first round BYE**
- Silver finals at 3:15 PM
- Gold 3rd place game at 3:15 PM
- Gold finals at 3:30 PM
- Trophy presentation for both tournament brackets will follow the Gold finals at around 4:45 PM

# RULES & REGULATIONS

- All USTA tournaments are now played 7 vs 7 and upper arm throw/service only
- Service box is 18 feet (half of the court dimensions)
- Shifting or pushing the ball is **NOT** allowed
- Player's back facing the net while catching the ball is a foul
- 360 is not allowed - cannot throw the ball with back facing the net, no underhand throws allowed
- Hook throws are not allowed and all throws must be above the shoulder
- Once ball is thrown, second player can only catch and throw if it is a rebound off the net
- While throwing the ball, step and jump is **NOT** allowed
- Substitution on spot 7 is **NOT** allowed
- Sliding is **NOT** a foul
- Catching outside of the court is a foul - one foot has to be in contact with court while catching and throwing
- If the ball touches a player's hair while catching or throwing, it is considered a foul
- 7 players are needed for a team to play
  - If a team runs out of substitutions and 1 out of the remaining 7 players on the court gets hurt and the team cannot continue, the team will have to forfeit - a team cannot play with 6 players
  - Use your substitutions properly!

Please review all the rules on [USAThrowball.com/Rules](https://www.usathrowball.com/Rules)

# RULES & REGULATIONS

## Rotations

- The same rotation position must be maintained throughout the set that has been selected. If referee notices out of rotation:
  - 1st time - team loses 1 point and service (if they are serving) and opposing team gets a point
  - 2nd time - team loses 2 points and service (if they are serving) and opposing team gets 2 points
  - 3rd time - team loses a set 25-0
  - Team violations carry throughout the tournament, they do not reset per game

## Timeouts

- There are (2) - 1 minute timeouts in each set
  - At 0:45 seconds, referee will give warning whistle
  - At 1:00 minute, the referee will whistle for end of timeout

## Set Change

- Each team has 2 minutes to start the next set
  - At 1:45 seconds, referee will give warning whistle
  - At 2:00 minutes, the referee will whistle for end of set change

*Handshakes between sets are not necessary and will count towards the 2 minutes of set change time.  
Please wait until end of game to shake hands.*



# POLICIES FOR SUMMER CLASSIC 2024

## Policies for teams in both divisions:

1. During each game, the team on BYE will be required to volunteer as linespeople.
  - 8 people from each team on BYE are required on Saturday and Sunday
  - BYE teams will provide volunteers during playoffs
  - 2 scorekeepers will be 1 person from each team that is playing
  - No-show of a volunteer will result in a first set loss of 25-0 in the team's next game
2. Only registered players and coaches from the team that is playing are allowed to be courtside. **No Exceptions!** Spectators can only be seated on the bleachers in the facility or the upstairs floor. It is captains and coaches responsibility to ensure compliance of this policy.

*Please note: Players/coaches volunteering will not miss any part of their games.*



# HOUSEKEEPING

## All participants are responsible for the cleanliness of the facility

- Teams will be responsible for cleaning the courts that they play on after the 11:45 AM game (prior to lunch break).
  - If a team does NOT clean the area prior to the start of the next game, then **BOTH** teams that played on that court will start their next game in a 25-0 loss for set 1.
  - The teams that have a BYE are responsible for cleaning the bleachers/spectator common areas.
- Teams will be responsible for cleaning the courts and their respective bleachers that they play on after their last game scheduled at 4:45 PM.
  - If a team does NOT clean the area before departing the facility then **BOTH** teams that played on that court will start the next game in a 25-0 loss for set 1.
  - The teams that have a BYE are responsible for cleaning the bleachers/spectator common areas.
- On Sunday, all teams are responsible for cleaning the courts and their respective areas before the semi-finals begin.

We humbly request all teams to please keep the facility clean 😊

# CODE OF CONDUCT

## ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

### USTA ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The USA Throwball Association is committed to creating a safe and fair environment for all participants. Respect for the game, the opponents, coaches, and officials is a critical part of the environment that is created. This Zero Tolerance Policy summarizes required actions to be taken when violations occur. All players, coaches, officials, team officials, directors, and parents/spectators are required to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during, and after all USTA Throwball games. Thus, the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all USTA Throwball participants and spectators.

#### Players

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (zero tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Taunts or insults an opponent.
3. Visually creates a disturbance during the game.
4. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.

#### Coaches

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (zero tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene, profane, or abusive language to anyone at any time.
3. Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, players, or spectators.
4. Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

In addition, any player/coach who uses language that is hateful or discriminatory in nature anywhere on the court before, during, or after the game shall be penalized, resulting in a game penalty or more. Such behavior is reprehensible and has absolutely no place in our game. The offender shall be immediately suspended until a hearing is conducted by the directors of USA Throwball.

#### Officials

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial, and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as "baiting" or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited.

Officials are strongly encouraged to introduce themselves to the coaches prior to the game to establish a basis of mutual respect and to facilitate/define in-game communication.

Officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

#### Parents/Spectators

Parents are expected to be positive role models by treating all players, coaches, officials, and fellow spectators with respect and support.

The game will be stopped by game officials when parents' spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The game officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parent/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

1. Use of obscene, profane, or abusive language to anyone at any time.
2. Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, the threat of physical violence or physical violence.
3. Throwing of any object in the spectator's viewing area, players bench, or on the court, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

USA Throwball strongly recommends that each local youth Throwball registered team designate a volunteer to serve as a parent/spectator monitor during all team games. This monitor will, ideally, address inappropriate spectator behavior prior to the situation escalating to the point it has an impact on the game. This designated monitor shall have the full support of the USA Throwball association and the site management to remove any spectator in violation of the Zero Tolerance Policy.

#### USA Throwball Directors

Directors are the key to building a positive, growing and safe USA Throwball community. Create a culture that is:

1. Welcoming
2. Protected
3. Respected
4. Connected
5. Valued

Directors are responsible for enforcing the rules and policies established and approved by USA Throwball. This includes taking disciplinary action, as deemed appropriate, towards any parent/spectator removed from a game as a result of a violation of the Zero Tolerance Policy.

A **Zero Tolerance Policy** will be in effect and will be sent to all of the coaches/captains in the Summer Classic 2024 chat. Please ensure all players and coaches read and understand the policy.

This is a requirement to participate in this tournament to ensure a fun, safe, and fair environment for all.

If you have any questions, please reach out to  
**USTA Board Members.**

**Q & A**

