

# **USA Throwball Association**

## **FALL CLASSIC 2023**



**October 21-22, 2023**

**San Antonio, TX**

**[www.usathrowball.com](http://www.usathrowball.com)**

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# **Division Structure (Currently 14 teams)**

## **(Superwoman 7 teams - Wonder Woman 7 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

### **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

**If a team drops from  
either division, we will  
move forward with a 13  
team schedule**

# Tournament Format



- ❖ 14 Adult Teams divided into 2 divisions of 7 teams each for scheduling purposes
- ❖ Superwoman (7 Team Division) will play 6 regular season games within the division
- ❖ Wonder Woman (7 Team Division) will play 6 regular season games within the division
- ❖ **6 Regular season games** on Saturday within each division
- ❖ All 14 teams will be seeded after Saturday's regular season games
- ❖ **All teams will qualify for playoffs** (Seeds 1 & 2 first game BYE)
- ❖ Seeding format (tiebreaker) can be found on [www.USAThrowball.com](http://www.USAThrowball.com) under rules
- ❖ Sunday: Pre-Quarterfinals, Quarterfinals, Semifinals, 3rd Place Consolation game, and Finals

**Tie Breaker / Seedings are all automatic based on scores of each game**

Information is subject to change

# Tournament Schedule (14 Teams)



## Saturday

- ▶ Courts will open at 7:15 AM
- ▶ Opening Ceremony at 7:30 AM
- ▶ Warm ups start at 7:45 AM
- ▶ Games will promptly begin at 8:00 AM
- ▶ 6 regular season games
- ▶ Lunch Break @ 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM
  - **Outside food is NOT allowed onsite**
  - **Concessions available for purchase**
- ▶ Coaches/Referees game during lunch if time permits at 1:30 PM
- ▶ Games are scheduled to finish around 6 PM

## Sunday

- ▶ Courts will open for practice from 8:30 AM - 8:55 AM
- ▶ Playoff games start at 9:00 AM
- ▶ All teams make playoffs (Seeds 1 & 2 first game BYE)
- ▶ Knockout format
- ▶ 3rd place game is scheduled for 2:30 PM
- ▶ Final is scheduled for 3:00 PM
- ▶ Trophy presentation at 4:30 PM

# Rules & Regulations

## USAThrowball.com/Rules

**Head Referee** - Namir Thobani

- ❖ Exceptions to the rules for October 2023
  - Shifting is NOT a foul this tournament
  - Sidearm throws and serves are allowed this tournament
- ❖ All USTA tournaments are now played 7 vs 7
- ❖ Service box is 18 feet (half of the court dimensions)
- ❖ 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 waist
- ❖ 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 the court while catching and throwing
- ❖ 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://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

## 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

- ❖ 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 Fall Classic 2023

## Policies for teams in both divisions

1. During each respective game, the team on BYE will be required to volunteer as linespeople.
  - 6 people from each team on BYE are required
  - 2 scorekeepers will be 1 person from each team that is playing
2. Only registered players and coaches from the team that is playing are allowed to be courtside.  
**No Exceptions!** It is captains and coaches responsibility to ensure compliance of this policy.

## Superwoman & Wonder Woman Division Teams:

- ❖ Will be required to provide 6 volunteers for linesperson during their scheduled BYE game.
- ❖ A member from each team is required to volunteer as a scorekeeper during their respective games
  - the scorekeeper must confirm the starting lineup for each set
- ❖ A no-show will result in a first set loss of 25-0 in the team's next game

**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 at 12 PM.

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

# Code of Conduct - Zero Tolerance Policy

A **Zero Tolerance Policy** will be in effect and has been sent to all of the coaches/captains in the Fall Classic 2023 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 **Farid Premjee**.

# Q & A



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