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**Attention: Boys Volleyball Coaches**  
**Re: The Bobcat Invitational Volleyball Tournament**

Thank you for the time and energy you're investing in your team. Thank you also for your commitment to participate in the 2018 Northeastern Bobcat Invitational Tournament. **If your Junior Varsity is participating (Friday, March 29)**, please forward the appropriate information in this letter to your JV coach. Our J's tournament features 24 teams with the top two teams in each of six 4-team pools advancing into a playoff. **Note the J's Tourney starts Friday at 3:30 PM.**

**The Varsity portion** of the 2018 Bobcat Invitational Boys Volleyball Tournament is again a 40 team tournament with play designed to produce a Bronze, a Silver and a Tournament Champion.

This pre-tournament mailing is to give you helpful information and guidelines that will make this tournament a great experience for everyone involved. **This letter has numerous pages. Please read all!**

**Here's what you need to do:** We will be including **the roster** of all participating teams (both JV and Varsity) in our tournament program. We would like you to fill in your roster on the excel spread sheet that is also attached to this e-mail with the appropriate information: name, grade, jersey number, etc. You have already made the key cuts and alignments to your rosters, so take the time to **forward them (or ask your AD or a team manager to do so). Do it now!** **The sheet has a Varsity and a JV tab, and your roster must be in the format provided!** **These rosters must be forwarded to Dawn Lemen by March 18 via her e-mail address: cdlemen@comcast.net. She is overseeing the compilation of our tournament program. PLEASE SEND THEM DIRECTLY TO DAWN... NOT ME!**

Two varsity pools will be played in each of 4 gyms; one of these is the nearby Spring Forge Intermediate School. After pool play every team will be seeded into the Play-in rounds. Results in these rounds will determine whether a team is seeded into the Championship (16 teams), Silver (16 teams), or Bronze (8 teams) brackets. With few exceptions, **every team will need to move from gym to gym** during the playoffs. **Teams needing to go to (and/or from) Spring Forge will need to use their own transportation (bus or otherwise) to quickly get to where they will be playing next.** On tournament day maps, directions, and assistance will be given to coaches and fans to make these moves as smooth as possible.

**Concessions (and Food Policy):** The Bobcat Volleyball Booster Club sponsors a concession stand in the High School, the Middle School and at Spring Forge Intermediate School. A wide variety of foods will be available at very reasonable prices. The support of your teams and fans is appreciated. **Individual players may bring personal food,** but PLEASE, make your booster club aware **that outside food is not permitted.**

**When you arrive: COACHES in Pools G & H may go directly to Spring Forge. ALL others (Pools A - F) MUST REGISTER** at the Tournament Director's Office in the Lobby outside the High School Cafeteria. Please note that unless otherwise directed Courts E and F can only be accessed through the Lobby that connects the High School Gym and the Cafeteria Lobby; this will take you right past the Director's office. Directions to the Northeastern Campuses and gyms are on the last page of this information letter. Should you have traffic issues or delays in arriving **my cell phone # is 717-873-5651.**

# 2019 Bobcat Invitational Volleyball Tournament

## Northeastern School Complex

### March 29<sup>th</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019

DATE AND TIME: Junior Varsity – Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:30 PM  
Varsity – Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 AM

OFFICIAL INFO: The Bobcat Invitational Tournament is sponsored and hosted by the Northeastern School District and sanctioned by the P.I.A.A. Only certified referees and umpires will be used. The team listed first will be the home team. **Work teams must include *FIVE* people: 2 linesmen, a score keeper, a score keeper’s helper (to post the score and ensure accuracy), and a libero tracker.** (If your work crew is not able to properly keep score, you, as coach, will be required to do so). Teams scheduled to work immediately after playing will have just three minutes from the completion of their match to report to the officials.

**JUNIOR VARSITY PLAY:** Twenty-four teams are entered in the JV tournament. They will be a part of six 4-team pools. Pools A & B will play in the high school’s main gym. Pools C & D will play in the Middle School. Pools E & F will play in the High School Annex. JV pool play is two 21-point sets starting at 4-4 with a 27 point cap.

JV PLAYOFF QUALIFIERS First and second place teams in each pool will be seeded into the playoffs. Pool play ties for **all JV playoff spots** will be resolved based on:

1. head to head competition between tied teams
2. point differential between tied teams
3. point differential against the pool
4. coin toss

JV PLAYOFF FORMAT Pools A,B,C compete on one side of the playoff bracket and Pools D,E,F compete on the other. The two first place teams with the best record on each side of the bracket (A,B,C and D,E,F) will have a bye in the first round of the play-offs. **All JV playoff matches** will be one 25-point set (no cap). **JV Playoff and Courts for each playoff match are on a pdf. file also attached to this e-mail.**

**VARSITY PLAY:** Forty teams are entered in the Varsity Tournament. They will compete in one of Eight 5-team pools. Pools A & B will play in the high school’s main gym; Pools C & D in the Middle School; Pools E & F in the High School Annex; Pools G & H at Spring Forge Intermediate School. All pool play matches will be one 30 point set with no cap. All teams will be seeded into the “Play in Bracket” based on their “place of finish” in pool play (The first round of the play-in will be one 30 point set. The second and third rounds of the Play-in bracket matches will be best two of 3 sets to fifteen points). Teams losing Round 1 will advance to the Bronze playoffs on Courts G & H. Teams losing Rounds 2 & 3 will advance to the Silver playoffs on Courts D, E, & F. Teams winning Rounds 2 and 3 will advance to the Championship Bracket on Courts A, B, & C. Bronze and Silver playoffs are 1 set matches to 25. The Championship Bracket “Round of 16” **and** the Quarter-finals matches will be best 2 of three sets to 15; semi-finals and finals will be best 2 of three sets to 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> set to 15). **There are NO CAPS in any set of the varsity tournament.**

VARSDITY TIE-BREAKERS FOR POOL PLAY Tie-Breakers for first through fifth place in varsity pool play will be resolved based on:

1. Head to head competition (wins/loses) against teams in the tie.
2. The tied teams total point differential against the entire pool.
3. The point differential against only the other teams in the tie.
4. The point differential against the best team in the pool that isn't involved in the tie (then against the next best team not in the tie)
5. Coin toss

VARSDITY PLAYOFFS Play-in Brackets, Playoff Brackets, Courts and work teams for each match are part of the attachments (pdf file) to this e-mail.

GENERAL INFO Each team will have **10** minutes (5 minutes/team) of warm up time **prior to their first match**. After that, there will be **5** minutes of warm up (2 ½ minutes/team) between the conclusion of the previous round and the start of the next. Warm up with balls must be confined to the gyms. Please do not allow your teams to use balls in the hallways or cafeterias. **Please bring your own warm-up balls.**

FACILITIES: Gyms will be open Friday at 3 PM and Saturday at 7:45 AM. Camping areas will be available for all teams. Each team is responsible to remove trash, water bottles etc. from their area. Teams are responsible for their own valuables. **There are surveillance/security cameras in all the schools. Remind your players their behavior is being recorded!** Please inform your players that the Bobcat Booster Club will have a wide variety of hot and cold foods available for purchase.

TRAINER: Certified trainers will be available for the benefit of your players prior to and throughout both the Junior Varsity and Varsity tournaments. **The training room is located beside the main gym of the high school.** Please allow plenty of time prior to the start of your match if a player needs "pre-play" trainer attention.

AWARDS: Trophies will be given to the Champion and Runner-up in both the Varsity and Junior Varsity Tournaments. Individual awards will be given to players on the Championship teams (There are no awards for winning the Varsity Silver or Bronze Brackets).

SPECTATORS: Admission for the Tournament benefits the Bobcat Booster Club. Junior Varsity admission is \$5 for adults. Varsity admission is \$8. A two day adult pass is available at a cost of \$10. Admission is \$3 each day for Students and Senior Citizens. Children under 5 are free.

The entire Northeastern Campus is a smoke free area.

Tournament Programs will be available at no cost.

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# 2019 - JUNIOR VARSITY PAIRINGS

**Pool A**  
Court 1 - Main Gym

1. Central York
2. Spring Grove
3. Chambersburg
4. State College

**Pool B**  
Court 2 - Main Gym

1. Northeastern
2. Warwick
3. Nazareth
4. Neshaminy

**Pool C**  
Court 3 - Middle School

1. Dallastown
2. Garden Spot
3. Cumberland Valley
4. Cochranton

**Pool D**  
Court 4 – Middle School

1. Central Dauphin
2. Red Lion
3. Daniel Boone
4. Susquehannock

**Pool E**  
Court 5 – H.S. Annex

1. Dover
2. Red Land
3. Emmaus
4. Manheim Central

**Pool F**  
Court 6 - H.S. Annex

1. Lower Dauphin
2. York Suburban
3. Parkland
4. Saegertown

Round	Time	Play	Work
1	<b>3:30 PM</b>	1 - 2	4
2	ASAP	3 - 4	1
3	ASAP	3 - 1	2
4	ASAP	2 - 4	3
5	ASAP	2 - 3	1
6	ASAP	1 - 4	3
Play-in Round	ASAP	Six 2nd place teams and two 1st Place Teams Work: four 1st place teams with bye	
Quarter-Finals	ASAP	Play-in winners vs. 1st place teams with bye Work: losers of Play-in round	
Semi-Finals	ASAP	Qtr. Finals winners; Work: Quarter-Final losers (On Courts A & B)	
Finals	ASAP	Semi - final winners; Work: Lines: Officials Table: Semi-final loser with shortest travel	

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# Bobcat Invitational – Varsity

## 2019 - Varsity Pool Play Pairings

### Pool A

Court A - Main Gym - Court B

1. Susquehannock
2. Exeter
3. Ambridge
4. Parkland
5. Quakertown

### Pool B

1. Daniel Boone
2. Northeastern
3. Council Rock North
4. Nazareth
5. William Tennent

### Pool C

Court C – Middle School Gym - Court D

1. Red Land
2. Central York
3. State College
4. Erie McDowell
5. Neshaminy

### Pool D

1. Spring Grove
2. Cumberland Valley
3. Holy Redeemer
4. Lower Dauphin
5. Seneca Valley

### Pool E

Court E - High School Annex Gym - Court F

1. Chambersburg
2. York Suburban
3. Pennsbury
4. Bishop Guilfoyle
5. Freedom

### Pool F

1. Red Lion
2. Palmyra
3. Whitehall
4. Manheim Central
5. Pennridge

### Pool G

Court G – Spring Forge Intermediate Gym - Court H

1. Dallastown
2. Central Dauphin
3. Emmaus
4. Garden Spot
5. Cochranton

### Pool H

1. Dover
2. Warwick
3. Saegertown
4. Central Bucks West
5. Liberty

	<b>Round Time</b>	<b>Playing Teams</b>	<b>Work Team</b>	<b>Officials</b>
1	<b>8:30 AM</b>	1 - 2	4	3, 1
2	ASAP	3 - 4	2	2, 3
3	ASAP	5 - 1	3	1, 2
4	ASAP	2 - 4	5	3, 1
5	ASAP	3 - 5	1	2, 3
6	ASAP	4 - 1	2	1, 2
7	ASAP	5 - 2	3	3, 1
8	ASAP	1 - 3	4	2, 3
9	ASAP	4 - 5	1	1, 2
10	ASAP	2 - 3	5	3, 1

# VARSITY PLAY-IN ROUNDS

All Matches in these rounds are best 2 of 3 sets to 15 (no caps)

**First Round...** (Work team: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Finisher on each court)

The letter refers to the original pool; the number refers to the place of finish in pool play (example: C4 means Pool C's 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher; E5 is Pool E's 5th place finisher).

Ct A	Ct B	Ct C	Ct D	Ct E	Ct F	Ct G	Ct H	Officials
C4 vs E5	D4 vs H5	A4 vs G5	F4 vs B5	G4 vs D5	B4 vs C5	H4 vs F5	E4 vs A5	2, 3

**Second Round...** (Work team: 1<sup>st</sup> round match winner or loser as designated)

Ct A	Ct B	Ct C	Ct D	Ct E	Ct F	Ct G	Ct H	Officials
A2 vs D3	B2 vs C3	C2 vs B3	D2 vs A3	E2 vs F3	F2 vs G3	G2 vs H3	H2 vs E3	1, 2

**Third Round...** (Work: Round 2 losers on Cts. A, D, E, F, & H; Round 2 Winners on Cts. B, C, & G)

Ct A	Ct B	Ct C	Ct D	Ct E	Ct F	Ct G	Ct H	Officials
A1-C4/E5	B1-D4/H5	C1-A4/G5	D1-F4/B5	E1-G4/D5	F1-B4/C5	G1-H4/F5	H1-E4/A5	3, 1

## Championship Bracket

This bracket will be the 16 winners of the second and third rounds of the Play-In Bracket. Play and work teams as designated.

## Silver Bracket

This bracket will be the 16 losers of the second and third rounds of the Play-In Bracket. Play and work teams as designated.

## Bronze Bracket

This bracket will be the 8 losers of the first round of the Play in Bracket. Play and work teams as designated.

## Bronze Bracket

(All matches 1 - 25 point set, no cap)

	Court G (Spring Forge Intermediate School)	Court H	Officials
RD 1	S vs T (Work: U)	Y vs Z (Work: X)	2, 3
(Work team for all remaining matches: losers of previous matches)			
RD 2	U vs V	W vs X	1, 2
RD 3	S/T vs U/V	W/X vs Y/Z	3, 1

**Bronze Finals...** on Court H: Play teams: Bronze Semi-winners.

Work: Semi's loser with the least travel distance home.

**Officials:** H3, G3

## Silver Bracket

(All matches 1 - 25 point set, no cap)

	<b>Court D</b> (Middle School Gym)	<b>Court E</b> (H.S. Annex Gym)	<b>Court F</b> (H.S. Annex Gym)	<b>Officials</b>
RD 1	KK vs LL (Work GG)	AA vs BB (Work: CC)	OO vs PP (Work: EE)	2, 3
	(Work team for all remaining matches: losers of previous matches)			
Rd 2	GG vs HH	CC vs DD	EE vs FF	1, 2
Rd 3	II vs JJ	AA/BB vs CC/DD	MM vs NN	3, 1
Rd 4	II/JJ vs KK/LL	EE/FF vs GG/HH	MM/NN vs OO/PP	2, 3

### **Rd 5 - Semifinals...** on Courts E & F

Play teams: Court E: AA//BB/CC/DD vs EE//FF/GG/HH; Court F: II/JJ/KK/LL vs MM/NN/OO/PP

Work: Losers of previous round on Courts E & F      **Officials: Ct E:** H2, E1;    **Ct. F:** D1, F1

### **Rd 6 - Finals...** on Court F:    Winners of the Semis

Work team: semi's loser with least travel distance home

Officials: F1, E1, D1, H2

## Championship Bracket

All Matches in Rounds 1 – 4 are the best 2 of three to 15 (no caps)

Semi-finals and Finals are best 2 of three; sets one and two to 21; third set to 15 (no caps)

	<b>Court A</b> (H.S. Main Gym)	<b>Court B</b> (H.S. Main Gym)	<b>Court C</b> (Middle School)	<b>Officials</b>
RD 1	A vs B (work: Silver MM)	K vs L (work: Silver II)	G vs H (work: Silver JJ)	2,3
	(Work team for all remaining matches through the semi-finals: losers of previous matches)			
RD 2	C vs D	E vs F	M vs N	1, 2
RD 3	A/B vs C/D	I vs J	O vs P	3, 1
RD 4	E/F vs G/H	I/J vs K/L	M/N vs O/P	2, 3

### **RD 5 - Semifinals...** on Courts A and B

Play teams: Court A - A/B//CD vs E/F//G/H; Court B - I/J//K/L vs M/N//O/P

Work Team – Loser of previous round on Courts A & B

A1, SCR; C1, B1

### **RD 6 - Finals...**

Play Teams... Winners of Semifinals on the Main Court

Work Team... Officials

B1, SCR, A1, C1

## Directions to Northeastern High School

These directions are primarily for those “out of the area” teams who need some assistance in finding Northeastern High School. I leave it to you to get to the places at which these directions begin. If you are traveling GPS or Mapquest, the school’s address is:

**300 High Street - Manchester, PA 17345.**

**From the east (Lancaster County):** Follow US Route 30 across the Susquehanna River. The third exit beyond the river will be PA Rte. 24. **Turn right - carefully following PA Rte. 24 North (note the right turn immediately at the bottom of Mt. Zion Hill).** In 6 miles Route 24 ends in Mt. Wolf, PA. Turn left onto PA Rte 921 West. At the top of a long gradual hill, turn right at the second light (a Rutter’s Convenience Store will be on your left)... then follow instructions at “\*\*\*\*\*” below.

**From the North and Northeast (Harrisburg, Allentown and beyond):** Follow Interstate Routes to I-81 South and then to I-83 South. Follow I-83 South to the Emigsville Exit (Exit 24). Turn left at the light, crossing back over the interstate. Continue a quarter mile to the light at N. George St. Extended. Turn left onto Route 181N. After a half-dozen traffic lights there will be a Rutter’s Convenience Store on your right. Continue straight following the directions at “\*\*\*\*\*” below.

**From the east or west (if using the PA Turnpike):** Get off the Harrisburg West Exit. Go south on I-83 following the directions “From the North” above.

\*\*\*\*\* Then go one-mile turning right at the light on Meeting House Road **(We formerly could use Parkview Ave, but that is off limits to buses - and they do ticket!).** Two tenths of mile (on Meeting House) to Board Road. The Middle School is in front of you; the High School to the right across the Parking Lot. Buses will be directed to the assigned bus parking area.

**REMINDER: All coaches from Pools A - F must report to the Tournament Director’s Office in the High School Lobby before going to their designated courts.** Pools A, B, E and F must enter through the high school gym entrance. Pools C and D will be in the Middle School Gym (enter the parking lot end of the building – the courts are immediately to your left). Varsity **Pools G and H** should go directly to Spring Forge Intermediate School. From the east turn left onto Hartman street at the light part way up the gradual hill. All others, at the Rutter’s Convenience Store turn right (continuing East on 921) to the first light. Turn right on to Hartman Street; then make an immediate right to the school at the top of the hill.

My Cell Phone Number... 717-873-5651 – Wayne Heberlig