2010 Bobcat Invitational Volleyball Tournament
Northeastern High School (and Middle School)
APRIL 9 & APRIL 10, 2010

DATE AND TIME: Jr. Varsity, Friday, April 9 starting at 4 PM
Varsity, Saturday, April 10 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.**
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: Sixteen teams are entered in the JV tournament. They will be a part of four pools. Pools A & B will play in the high school's main gym. Pool C will play in the high school's auxiliary gym. Pool D will play in the Ninth Grade Academy (the former Middle School gym. This year it can only be accessed through the High School entrance). All pool play matches will be two 21-point sets with a 23 point cap (23-22).

JV TIE BREAKERS: Ties for first/second place in pool play will be resolved based on:

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

Ties for 2nd place will be resolved by one 11-point set.

JV PLAYOFFS: First and second place teams in each pool will be seeded into the playoffs. **All playoff matches** will be one 25-point set. Playoff Brackets and Courts for each match are part of the second attachment to the e-mail you received with this file.

VARSITY PLAY: Thirty teams are entered in the Varsity Tournament. They will compete in one of six pools. Pools A & B will play in the high school's main gym. Pool C will play in the high school's auxiliary gym. Pool D will play in the Ninth Grade Academy (the former Middle School gym; this year Pool D can only be accessed through the High School's Gym Lobby). Pools E & F will play in the new Middle 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 (These matches will all be best two of 3 sets to fifteen points). Teams losing matches 1 and 3 of this round will be seeded into a Silver Bracket playoff (all Silver Bracket playoff matches will be one set to 25 points). Teams winning matches 2 and 3 of the "Play in Bracket" will be seeded into the Championship Bracket. The top 4 of 6 teams losing Round 2 (based on point differential on the day) will also be given the opportunity to compete in the Championship Bracket. The other 2 teams losing match 2 will be seeded into the Silver Bracket. 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 (3rd set to 15). **There are no caps on any set at any level of the varsity tournament.**

VARSITY 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 team's 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, etc.)
5. Coin toss

VARSITY PLAYOFFS

Play-in Brackets, Playoff Brackets, Courts and work teams for each match are part of the second attachment to the e-mail you received with this file.

GENERAL INFO

Each team will have 10 minutes of warm up time prior to their first match. After that, there will be five minutes of warm up 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 balls.

FACILITIES:

Gyms will be open Friday at 3:15 PM and Saturday at 7:45 AM. Teams are responsible for their own valuables. Please inform your players that the Bobcat Booster Club will have a wide variety of hot and cold foods available for purchase.

TRAINER:

A certified trainer 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 in the main gym of the high school. Please allow plenty of time prior to the start of your match if a player needs to be wrapped. The trainer, Paul Graves, will be floating through all gyms throughout the day. If you need assistance when he is not in your gym, he can be reached on his cell phone at 717-817-8610.

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 Bracket).

SPECTATORS:

Admission for the Tournament benefits the Bobcat Booster Club. Junior Varsity admission is $4 for adults and $2 for students. The admission fee for the Varsity is $6 for adults and $2 for students.

The entire Northeastern Campus is a smoke free area.

Tournament Programs will be available at no cost.

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Bobcat Invitational – Varsity

Pool Play Pairings

Pool A	**Pool B**	**Pool C**
Court A - Main Gym	Court B - Main Gym	Court C – Auxiliary Gym
1. New Oxford	1. Northeastern	1. Susquehannock
2. Spring Grove	2. Lancaster Mennonite	2. Red Land
3. Garden Spot	3. Governor Mifflin	3. Hempfield
4. Central Dauphin	4. Erie McDowell	4. Exeter
5. Whitehall	5. William Tennant	5. North Pocono

Pool D	**Pool E**	**Pool F**
Court D – 9th Grade Academy (Former Middle School)	Courts E & F ----------	New Middle School Gym
1. Dallastown	1. Central York	1. Cumberland Valley
2. York Suburban	2. West York	2. Dover
3. State College	3. Chambersburg	3. Pennsbury
4. Cocalico	4. Manheim Central	4. Brandywine Heights
5. Pennridge	5. Parkland	5. Freedom

Round	**Time**	**Playing Teams**	**Work Team**	**Officials**
1	8:30 AM	1 - 2	3	3, 1
2	ASAP	3 - 4	1	2, 3
3	ASAP	5 - 1	2	1, 2
4	ASAP	2 - 4	5	3, 1
5	ASAP	3 - 5	4	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: 1st Place Finisher on each court)
With regard to competing teams in the "Play-in Rounds" – The letter refers to the original pool; the number refers to the place of finish in pool play (example: E4 means Pool E's 4th place finisher).

Court A	Court B	Court C	Court D	Court E	Court F	Officials
E4 vs F5	F4 vs D5	D4 vs E5	B4 vs C5	C4 vs A5	A4 vs B5	2, 3

Second Round… (Work team: Loser of 1st round match on the court they lost on)

Court A	Court B	Court C	Court D	Court E	Court F	
A2 vs F3	B2 vs D3	C2 vs E3	D2 vs C3	E2 vs A3	F2 vs B3	1, 2

Third Round… (Loser of 2nd round match on the court they lost on)

Court A	Court B	Court C	Court D	Court E	Court F	
A1 vs E4/F5	B1 vs F4/D5	C1 vs D4/E5	D1 vs B4/C5	E1 vs C4/A5	F1 vs A4/B5	3, 1

Championship Bracket

This bracket will be 16 teams: 6 winners from "Varsity Play-In second round" + 6 winners from "Play-In" third round + 4 losers of "Play-In" second round based on "play-in seeding list" guidelines (see below).

Silver Bracket

This bracket will be 14 teams: 6 losers from "Varsity Play-In" first round + 6 losers from "Varsity Play-In" third round + 2 losers from second based on "play-in seeding list" guidelines (see below).

Play-In Seeding List

The Play-In Seeding list is comprised of those 6 teams who lose in the second round of the "Varsity Play-Ins." These will be ranked 1 through 6 based on best point differential for the day (Tie-breakers are explained in the next paragraph). The top 4 teams will advance into the Championship Bracket. The bottom 2 will go to the Silver Bracket. These teams will be positioned within their respective brackets in such a way as to avoid playing other teams from their original pool until as deep into the tournament as possible. The tournament director will assign these positions. **This seeding by the Director is final!**

Tie-Breakers for losers of second round (Seeding List)

Total point differential for the full day (to this point) will be the only criteria used to seed these teams into the Championship or Silver Brackets. Four teams advance to the Championship Bracket, two teams advance to the Silver Bracket. If two or more of these six teams are tied for fourth place with the same total points on the day, additional tie-breakers will be as follows…

1. Point differential in the Round 2 playoff only.
2. Point differential against the first place team in their original pool.
3. Point differential against second (or third) place team in original pool.
4. Point differential against fourth, then fifth place team in original pool.

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)

	Court A (H.S. Main Gym)	**Court B** (H.S. Main Gym)	**Court D** (9th Grade Academy: Former Middle School)	**Officials**
RD 1	C vs D (work: A)	E vs F (work: J)	M vs N (Work: I)	2, 3
	(Work team for all remaining matches through the semi-finals: losers of previous matches)			
RD 2	A vs B	K vs L	O vs P	1, 2
RD 3	A/B vs C/D	G vs H	I vs J	3, 1
RD 4	M/N vs O/P	E/F vs G/H	I/J vs K/L	2, 3

RD 5 - Semifinals… on Courts A and B
Play teams: Court A - I/J//K/L vs M/N//O/P; Court B - A/B//CD vs E/F//G/H
Work Team – Loser of previous round on Courts A & B A1,C1/// D1,B1

RD 6 - Finals…
Play Teams… Winners of Semifinals on the Main Court
Work Team… Officials Four 1's

Silver Bracket

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

	Court C High School Aux. Gym	**Court E** (New Middle School)	**Court F** (New Middle School)	**Officials**
RD 1	BB vs CC (Work: FF)	JJ vs KK (Work: DD)	HH vs II (Work: LL)	2, 3
	(Work team for all remaining matches: losers of previous matches)			
Rd 2	FF vs GG	DD vs EE	LL vs MM	1, 2
Rd 3	- - - - - - - - - - -	AA vs BB/CC	NN vs LL/MM	3, 1
Rd 4	- - - - - - - - - - -	DD/EE vs FF/GG	HH/II vs JJ/KK	2, 3
Semifinals		AA//BB/CC vs DD/EE//FF/GG	NN//LL/MM vs HH/II//JJ/KK	1, 2

Finals --- Winners of the Semis (Work team: semi's loser with least travel home). E1,E3,F1,F3

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, like me, you clarify your drives to new destinations by making frequent visits to WWW.Mapquest.com, or use a GPS unit, the zip code you need to enter for Manchester is 17345. Northeastern High School's street address is 300 High Street.

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 about 6 miles until it ends in Mt. Wolf, PA. Turn left unto 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. At the 6th light 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-half mile turning right onto Parkview Ave. The high school is a quarter mile straight ahead. Go around the building to the left.

After unloading, buses will be directed to an assigned parking area.

REMINDER: ***All coaches*** must report to the **Director's Office** in the High School outside Court C before going to their designated courts. Pools A through D must enter through the high school gym entrance. Pools E and F will be in the New Middle School Gym (enter the parking lot end of the building – the courts are immediately to your left).

My Cell Phone Number… 717-873-5651