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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 2012 Northeastern Bobcat Invitational Tournament. **If your Junior Varsity is participating (Friday, March 30th)**, please forward the appropriate information in this letter to your JV coach. This year's J's tournament again has 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 2012 Bobcat Invitational Boys Volleyball Tournament is again 30 teams. This year's format is the same we have used the last several years. For those teams who are new this year to the Bobcat Invitational, I'm sure you will find it an exciting and beneficial format.

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 (JV and Varsity) in our tournament program. We would like the name, grade, and jersey number (position and height optional) of each player on your team(s). You have likely already made the key cuts and alignments to your rosters, so take the time to **forward them (or instruct your AD to do so). Do it now!** **The list must be separated into Varsity and JV!** These rosters should be forwarded to Rob Soop via his e-mail address: rsoop@attorneygeneral.gov. He will be overseeing the compilation of our tournament program. He will be following up this e-mail with information about pre-ordering Tournament T-shirts (and reminding you about your roster!).

Please note that we are no longer able to use the Auxiliary Gym at the High School and have moved that pool (both the JV and Varsity) to Spring Forge Intermediate School. Those JV teams finishing 1st or 2nd in Pool C will need transportation to the High School/Middle School Complex (less than 1/2 mile). Likewise all Varsity teams in Pool C will need transportation following Pool Play to get to the High School/Middle School Complex. Likewise teams finishing 3rd and 5th in Pool E and 4th in Pool D and four teams seeded into the Silver Bracket will need their transportation to Spring Forge Intermediate School. Maps, directions, and assistance will be given to make these as smooth of a transition as possible.

Concessions (and Food Policy): The Bobcat Volleyball Booster Club will sponsor a concession stand in the High School, the Middle School and, to a slightly lesser extent, 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 MUST REGISTER at the Tournament Director's Office in the Lobby outside the High School Cafeteria. Please note that Court D (in the former Middle School) can only be accessed through the High School Gym and Lobby Entrance (going right past my office). All teams should follow the directions on the last page of this information letter. Should you have traffic issues or delays in arriving **my cell phone # is 717-873-5651.**

2012 Bobcat Invitational Volleyball Tournament
Northeastern High School (and Middle School)
MARCH 30TH & MARCH 31ST, 2012

DATE AND TIME: Jr. Varsity, Friday, March 30th starting at 3:30 PM
Varsity, Saturday, March 31st 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: 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. ***Pool C will play at Spring Forge Intermediate School*** (The high school auxiliary gym is no longer available). Pool D will play in the Ninth Grade Academy. Pools E & F will play in the Middle School.
All JV 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, with the four teams with the best record/ point differential getting a bye into the quarter-finals. **All playoff matches** will be one 25-point set. Playoff Brackets and Courts for each match are on page 1 of the attachment (pdf. file) to this e-mail.

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 at Spring Forge Intermediate School*** (The high school auxiliary gym is no longer available). Pool D will play in the Ninth Grade Academy. Pools E & F will play in the 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.**

VARSIITY 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, etc.)
5. Coin toss

VARSIITY PLAYOFFS

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

GENERAL INFO

Each team will have **10** minutes of warm up time **prior to their first match**. After that, there will be **5** 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 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 pre-play trainer attention. 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. A two day pass is available for adults only at a cost of \$8. Children under 5 are free.

The entire Northeastern Campus is a smoke free area.

Tournament Programs will be available at no cost.

JUNIOR VARSITY PAIRINGS

Pool A
Court 1 - Main Gym

1. York Suburban
2. New Oxford
3. Warwick
4. Parkland

Pool B
Court 2 - Main Gym

1. Northeastern
2. Spring Grove
3. Carlisle
4. Garden Spot

Pool C
Court 3 – Spring Forge Gym

1. Red Lion
2. Central Dauphin
3. Cumberland Valley
4. Hempfield

Pool D
Court 4 – 9th Grade Academy Gym

1. Northern York
2. Dallastown
3. Mechanicsburg
4. Exeter

Pool E
Court 5 – Middle School

1. Dover
2. Central York
3. Chambersburg
4. Cocalico

Pool F
Court 6 – Middle School

1. Susquehannock
2. Red Land
3. Central Dauphin East
4. Manheim Central

Round	Time	Play	Work
1	3:30 PM	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	All 2 nd Place & two 1 st Place Teams: Work: Four 1 st Place Teams	
Quarter-Finals	ASAP	Play-in winners vs Four 1 ^{sts} ; Work: Previous losers	
Semi-Finals	ASAP	Previous winners; Work: Quarter-Final losers (On Courts A & B)	
Finals	ASAP	Previous winners; Work: Lines: Officials	
		Table: Semi-final loser (with shortest travel)	

Bobcat Invitational – Varsity

Pool Play Pairings

Pool A

Court A - Main Gym

1. Spring Grove
2. Central Dauphin
3. Seneca Valley
4. Cocalico
5. Freedom

Pool B

Court B - Main Gym

1. Northeastern
2. Hempfield
3. Chambersburg
4. Susquehannock
5. Pennsbury

Pool C

Court C – Spring Forge Gym

1. Pennridge
2. Manheim Central
3. Parkland
4. State College
5. Warwick

Pool D

Court D – 9th Grade Academy
(Former Middle School)

1. Red Land
2. Governor Mifflin
3. York Suburban
4. Erie McDowell
5. Bethlehem Catholic

Pool E

Courts E & F ----- New Middle School Gym

1. Central York
2. Saegertown
3. Council Rock
4. Red Lion
5. Whitehall

Pool F

1. Exeter
2. Dover
3. Cumberland Valley
4. Dallastown
5. Garden Spot

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

VARSIITY 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 (9 th 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 Spring Forge Intermediate	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 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. 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. Loop around the auditorium to the left.

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

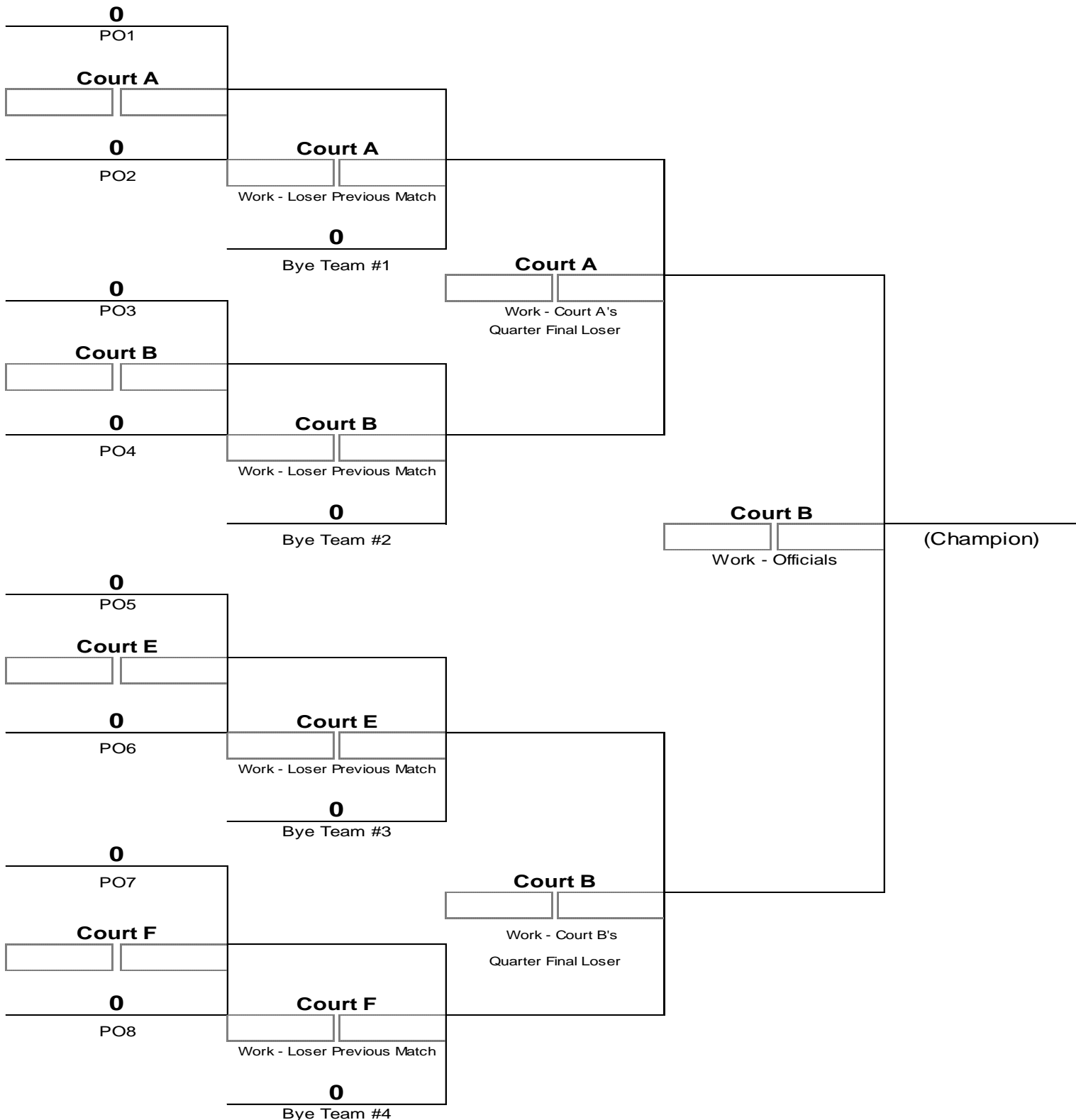
REMINDER: All coaches must report to the Director’s Office in the High School Lobby before going to their designated courts. Pools A, B and D must enter through the high school gym entrance. Pools E and F will be in the Middle School Gym (enter the parking lot end of the building – the courts are immediately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

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

Junior Varsity Playoffs

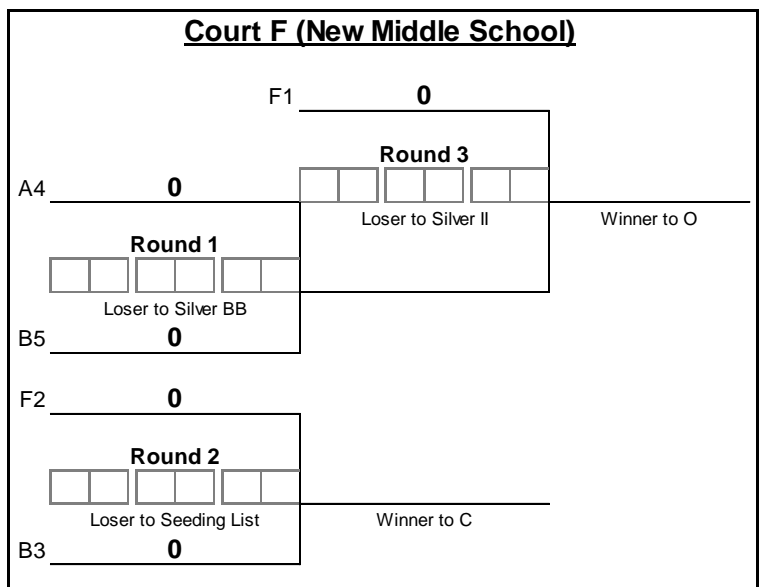
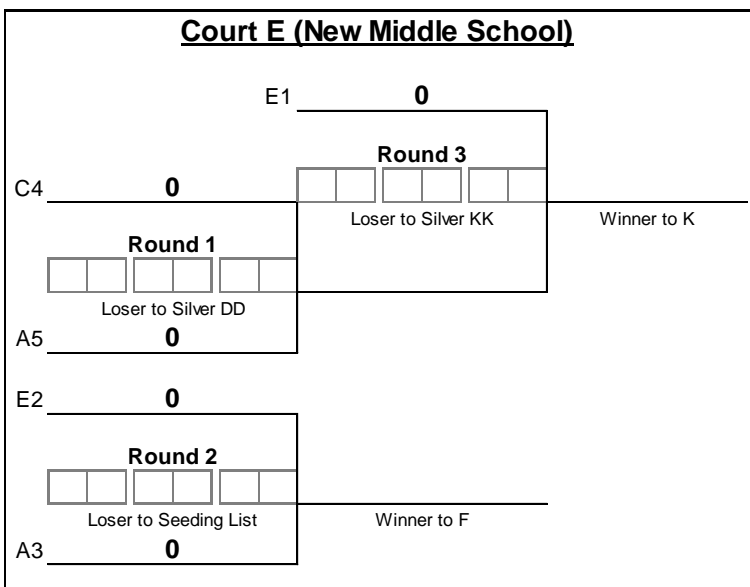
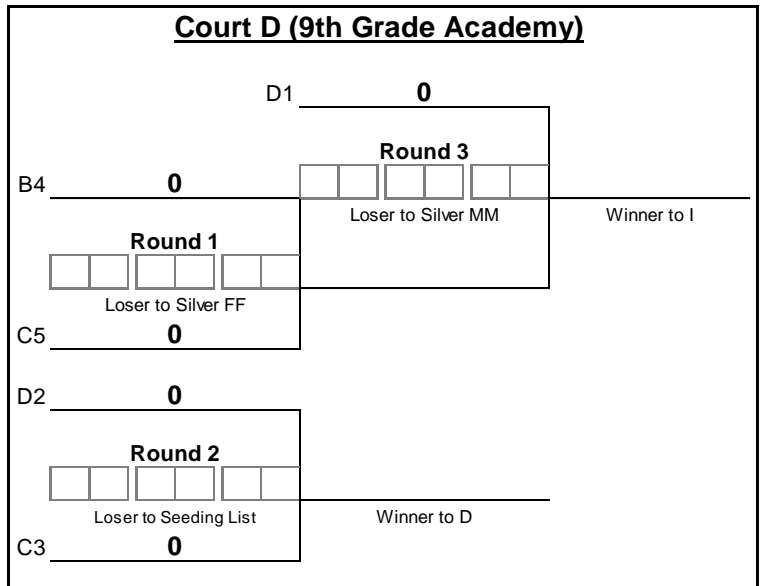
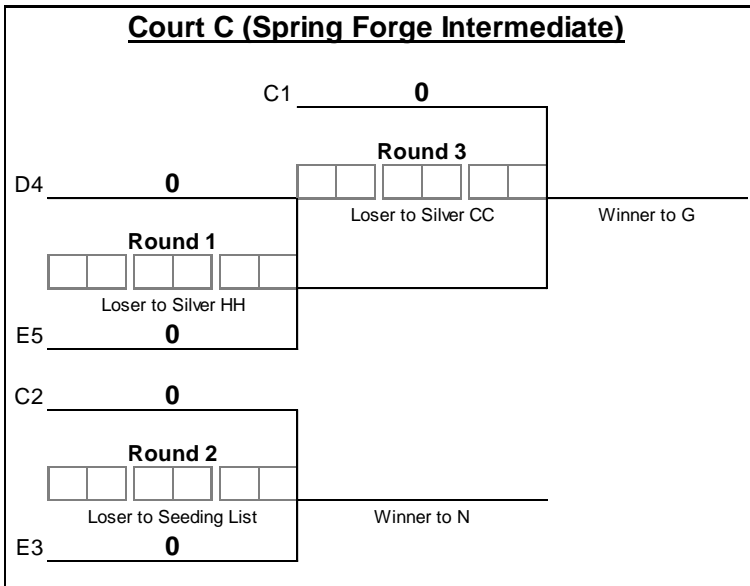
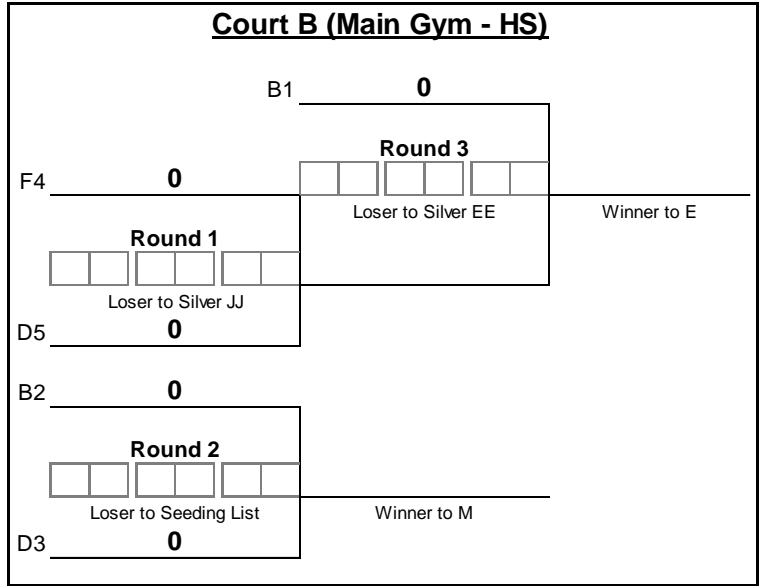
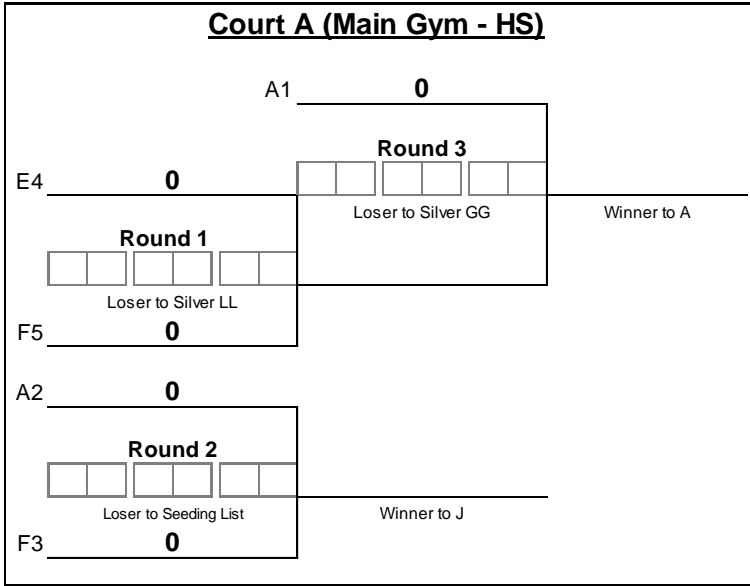
All Matches: One Game to 25 Points

The work team in the first round of the playoffs will be the 4 teams with a bye.
Work teams in all subsequent rounds will be the previous loser on that court.



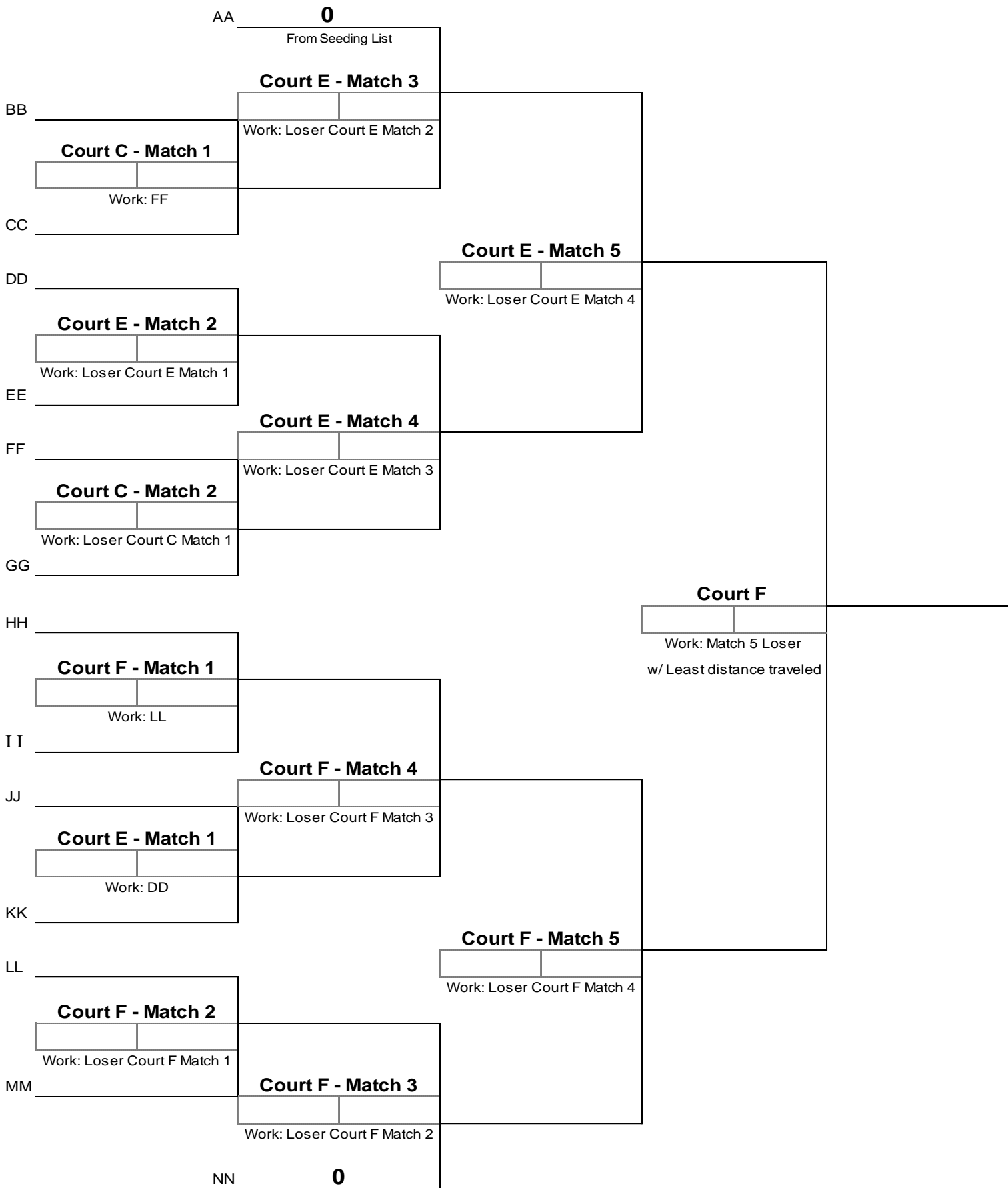
Varsity Play-in BRACKET

All Matches: Best Two of Three sets to 15 Points - no cap



VARSITY SILVER BRACKET

All Matches: One Game to 25 Points



VARSAITY CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET

All Rounds through Quarterfinals: Best Two of Three Sets to 15 Points
 Semi-finals and Finals Best Two of Three - Sets to 21; 3rd set to 15 Points

