

2026 Bobcat Invitational Volleyball Tournament

Northeastern School Complex

March 27th and March 28th

DATE AND TIME: Junior Varsity – Friday, March 27th starting at 4:00 PM
Varsity – Saturday, March 28th 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 (3rd 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. Once the Play-ins start, the tournament is set up to allow teams that must change gyms time to get where they play next. This means that the **winners** of some play-in rounds **work** the next match so the loser can travel to their next gym. Please pay attention to this!

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 1/2 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. No food provided by parents or Booster Clubs can be brought into the schools.

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 \$10 for adults. Varsity admission is \$10. A two day adult pass is available at a cost of \$15. Admission is \$5 each day for Students. Children under 5 are free. **ADMISSION IS CASH ONLY!**

The entire Northeastern Campus is a smoke free area.

2026 - JUNIOR VARSITY PAIRINGS

Pool A
Court 1 - Main Gym

1. Hempfield
2. Lower Dauphin
3. Meadville
4. Northern York

Pool B
Court 2 - Main Gym

1. Northeastern
2. Red Land
3. Nazareth
4. Dover

Pool C
Court 3 - Middle School

1. Emmaus
2. Dallastown
3. Erie McDowell
4. Governor Mifflin

Pool D
Court 4 – Middle School

1. Central York
2. Central Dauphin
3. Warwick
4. Saegartown

Pool E
Court 5 – H.S. Annex

1. Cumberland Valley
2. Red Lion
3. Cedar Crest
4. York Suburban

Pool F
Court 6 - H.S. Annex

1. Parkland
2. Palmyra
3. Neshaminy
4. **Chambersburg**

Round	Time	Play	Work
1	4:00 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	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	
