

Last Dig in Denver 2009 Captain's Notes

Welcome to Last Dig in Denver 2009! On behalf of the Colorado Gay Volleyball Association (CGVA) I would like to welcome you to this year's tournament. We are very excited about this year's tournament and hope each of your team's has a fun and successful weekend. Please let me or any of the CGVA Board of Directors know if there is anything we can do to make your tournament even better. Below you will find a summary of items providing additional information about the tournament. Please contact me if you have any questions about the information contained in this packet.

I look forward to seeing you all at Last Dig!

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Tournament Leadership

John Hausman (Tournament Director) will not be playing in the tournament this season and will be stationed in Hamilton Gymnasium during play. Bryan Bell will be the coordinator located in Gates Fieldhouse– he will be available if John Hausman is not available. Other volunteers will also be available to assist with less urgent matters.

Brian Seiber is the Registrar for Last Dig. He will be playing on USA Triple Threat in the B Division.

The NAGVA Regional Commissioner for Last Dig is Greg Mudge from Atlanta. He will be playing on Idaho Double Dora in the BB Division.

Tournament Format and "House" Rules

- Saturday Play:** Play begins at 8:30 am, Captains meeting at 8:10 am
All matches are TWO games to 25 (Cap of 27)
10 Minute warm-up included in scheduled time – teams may begin play at any time during the warm-up
Time will be called according to the schedule (50 minutes per match)
When possible, a two minute warning will be provided before the end of the match
If all teams are available, Captains may elect to begin play earlier than the scheduled time
Lunch break is scheduled from 11:50am to 12:40pm
- Sunday Play:** Play begins at 8:00 am, Captains meeting at 7:45 am
Winners Bracket is best of 3 games (Games to 25, 25, 15)
First two games are capped at 27, no cap on game 3
Elimination Bracket matches are one game to 25 (no Cap)
Schedule order is provided for each court, court assignments may change if necessary
USAV referees will be used at 1st Officials
When all required teams for a match are available, that match should start within 5 minutes, please be ready to play when your court becomes available

On Saturday the BB Division will be located in Gates Fieldhouse while the B Division and A/AA Divisions will be in Hamilton Gymnasium. For those of you who have played at DU before, this means that there will not be an issue with overhead baskets, lack of serving area, and closely spaced courts. Each court should provide ample space. The main Tournament Administration table will be located in its usual location in Gates Fieldhouse, a secondary administration table will be in Hamilton Gym. On Sunday, the BB Division will move to Hamilton Gymnasium. The B Division will begin the day in Gates Fieldhouse. The final few matches of the B Division tournament will be played in Hamilton Gymnasium. The A/AA tournament will begin mid-morning in Hamilton Gymnasium.

The official ball for the tournament is the Molten USAV Super Touch volleyball.

Officiating Requirements

Each team is required to have a certified referee and a certified scorekeeper for each game (or players who are going thru the certification process). Teams will be charged \$80 for the weekend for either position they cannot fill. If a team cannot fill either position, the charge is \$160 for the weekend.

Certification guidelines are available on the NAGVA website. All players undergoing certification at Last Dig must have their written test completed 10 days prior to the tournament. Contact the NAGVA VP of Officials to take either of the examinations. The practical (observation) portion of the referee certification will take place at Last Dig. Players that need to be observed to attain their officiating certification need to email the tournament director prior to Last Dig. Please have them include their team name in the email.

No scorekeeping practical certification is required by NAGVA. Scorekeepers only need to pass the written test.

Player Conduct

CGVA has developed a code of conduct that will be in effect during the tournament. Please refer to the attached copy of the policy to understand its details. The goal of the policy is not to be overly strict with player conduct, but rather provide a process for handling any conduct violations that are reported. We hope the policy will promote good sportsmanship and respect among all competing players.

Food and Refreshments

Players are encouraged to bring snacks and refreshments to the tournament venue. There will not be any food for sale at the tournament venue. A map of the University of Denver area is provided with near-by (walk-able) food vendors identified. Players may want to consider bringing their lunch (especially Sunday) since time available over the lunch hour is limited. We would ask that if teams desire to bring a cooler to hold refreshments, that it be limited to one cooler per team.

Maps and Addresses

The address of Gates Fieldhouse (tournament venue) at the University of Denver is:
2201 East Asbury Avenue, Denver CO 80208

The address of Hamburger Mary's (social venue) is:
700 East 17th Avenue, Denver CO 80203

Maps of the DU Campus area as well as a map of downtown Denver are attached. The locations marked on the downtown map are provided on a separate (attached) sheet.

Parking and Light Rail Access

Parking for the tournament is provided in a University of Denver parking lot located at the intersection of Buchtel Boulevard and Josephine Street (See Map). It is approximately a 10 minute walk from the parking lot to Gates Fieldhouse. This parking lot should be open to all participants and spectators without the requirement of a parking pass. If parking passes are required, they will be issued at registration. Parking in any other location on campus requiring a parking permit is at the driver's own risk.

Another alternative to access the tournament venue is the Southeast line of RTD light rail. The University of Denver Station is located at the intersection of Buchtel Boulevard and High Street. Gates Fieldhouse is an approximate 10-minute walk from the station. The light rail line provides service from hotels in downtown Denver as well as the Denver Tech Center. Route E, F and H should be used to access the University of Denver Station. Please visit RTD's website (www.rtd-denver.com) for more information and service schedules.

Schedule of Events

The tentative schedule of events is attached. Schedules for Friday and Saturday are static and are not expected to change prior to the tournament. Please note the schedule for Sunday morning, play begins at 8am, rather than 8:30am.

Visiting Team Ambassadors

Each team visiting from outside the Denver area will be assigned a local Ambassador from the CGVA Board of Directors. This person will be available for any questions or help a team may need during their stay here in Denver. The contact information for each ambassador will be sent directly to the captain of each team.