

# **2019 Gold Crown Volleyball League Championship Format**

**All teams automatically qualify for the League Championships. However, if for some reason your team is unable to participate, you will need to notify the Gold Crown office by Monday, October 28.**

- At the conclusion of the regular season (Sunday, October 27), all teams will be seeded according to their final league standing. Two separate tournaments will be held per grade level: Gold and Silver.
- **Tiebreakers for final league standings and divisional playoff seedings are as follows:** **1.** Head-to-head competition between tied teams; **2.** Strength of schedule between tied teams (which is measured by the combined win-loss record of each team's regular season opponents); **3.** Coin toss. **Note:** These tiebreakers will also be used for the single-elimination playoff seedings.
- **The divisional playoffs and single elimination tournament are scheduled for the same weekend Saturday November 2 – Sunday, November 3.**
- Divisional playoff winners will advance to the single-elimination playoffs and could play between one and three additional games. All divisional playoff, single-elimination playoff, and championship games will be played at the Gold Crown Field House.

**Please note that no divisions will have 'Wild Card' teams this year. This is due to an even number of pools in each division.**

- When the divisional playoff winners have been determined, we will seed all qualifying teams in a single-elimination playoff bracket based on each team's overall 12-game win-loss record (combined regular season and tournament records). **If necessary, we will use tiebreakers 1-4 (listed in the third paragraph) for the final single-elimination seeds.**
- **Tiebreaker Note (Jump Rule):** When multiple teams are tied that did not all play head-to-head during the regular season, the "Jump Rule" could apply. For example, Team A may have defeated Team B during the regular season to win the head-to-head tiebreaker. However, if Team A and Team B are in a multiple-team tie with other teams who did not all play each other, and Team B's strength of schedule is higher than Team A's, Team B will receive the higher seed. An exception to this could occur: In the case of a multiple-team tiebreaker, if two or more teams end up seeded next to each other that played head-to-head during the regular season, the winner of the head-to-head tiebreaker would receive the higher seed. **Note:** This tiebreaker will also be used for the single-elimination playoff seedings. In some cases, this could change a team's overall seeding.
- **Divisional playoff schedules will be available online no later than 6:00 pm Tuesday, October 29.** Coaches will be emailed when schedules are completed and posted on the Gold Crown website.
- **Single-elimination playoff brackets will be filled in as the divisional playoffs results are determined.** Based on when games are complete some seeds may not be able to be determined until all games in that division are complete.