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Beach Ball Tourney Registration

Question 1

Was it easy to register for our Beach Ball tournaments through our website?

Yes	71	95.95%
No	3	4.05%

ID	View Survey	If no, what aspect did you find confusing or frustrating and how would you improve it?
8061396	View	Every tournament had a different registration site, there was never a stop place to see available tournaments, or how to register
8062556	View	Had to wait til July to sign up for the august one. Why?
8065726	View	Age brackets were not clear. I also found it difficult to determine which tournaments were juniors and which weren't. Found duplicate and somewhat contradictory tourney dates on the website early on in the season.

Question 2

How long did it take for you to check in and receive your court assignment?

Not long at all	57	78.08%
There was a short line about 3- 5 minutes	12	16.44%
There was a long line about 6 – 10 minutes	2	2.74%
It took more than 10 minutes	2	2.74%

Question 3

Was the check-in procedure well-organized?

Yes	67	90.54%
Not bad	5	6.76%
No	2	2.70%

ID	View Survey	If no, how would you improve it?
8059965	View	Have a separate tent for walkons
8067992	View	I would have workers that were more competent. I would also have people with clipboards registering players while they were waiting in the line.
8077190	View	Heck yes, much better than any other tournament I played in.
8077570	View	I want to comment here, though it's not a suggestion for improvement. You guys are head and shoulders above others who run Chicgo events when it comes to organization. Maybe contact those other groups and offer your services.
8107710	View	I like the fact play starts on time. I played in others where we check in, then wait for a real long time before we get to play

Question 4

We don't accept walk-ons because they complicate court assignment, thus requiring more time between check-in and the start of play. Do you agree with this policy?

Yes	65	90.28%
No	7	9.72%

ID	View Survey	Any Comments or Suggestions?
8061396	View	If it means more teams, more games then I'm all for. I don't want to delay tournaments, but sometimes walk ups allow people who weren't sure the chance to play
8061982	View	But would not object to day-of registration if it did not affect start time for play. eg, walk-ons must register 30min earlier than pre-registered teams, to facilitate no delays (but, that would obviously mean an earlier start for you guys)
8062506	View	keep them out
8062582	View	If they want to play, they should sign up early, like the rest of us!
8077428	View	I agree 10,000% They should sign up early if they want to be in an organized event. Otherwise, go play pick-up.
8085714	View	If there could be any improvements made in time, it could be in this area. Pool play rarely starts on time due to the length of time it takes for someone to come over to the court with the pool play bracket/clipboard.
8094710	View	Depends on how many team s are registered.
8113157	View	unless there is a small number of teams and it would benefit the other teams playing for walk ons to be allowed.
8150009	View	I wouldnt mind waiting 30-45 minutes to start if that meant more full pools!!! Playing a tourney with 6 teams in a pool isn't all that great.
8628430	View	With all the rain this summer I wish I could have not paid in advance and just walked on.

Question 5

Was the pool play schedule brought to your court on time (w/in 15 minutes from the end of check-in)?

Yes	70	<div style="width: 94.59%;"></div>	94.59%
No	4	<div style="width: 5.41%;"></div>	5.41%

ID	View Survey	If no, what do you think the problem was?
8061396	View	It usually took a while to get finalized on paper
8061525	View	Teams were late checking in
8061855	View	AA and A took precedence and it seemed that BB and B were less of a priority.
8085714	View	Teams checking-in late?

Question 6

Was the schedule clear?

Yes	74	<div style="width: 100.00%;"></div>	100.00%
No	0	<div style="width: 0.00%;"></div>	0.00%

Question 7

Was the pool play schedule fair?

Yes	72	<div style="width: 97.30%;"></div>	97.30%
No	2	<div style="width: 2.70%;"></div>	2.70%

ID	View Survey	If no, why was it unfair and how would you rectify it?
8061275	View	It's the standard format. I like it
8061396	View	Myself and those I've spoken with dislike the 1 game to 30 set ups. We all prefer 2 game to 21 formats
8061982	View	I appreciate it can be difficult for you guys to know what level teams registering play at, unless you know them personally.
8065006	View	Not that it wasn't fair, just the luck of the draw! Sometimes a pool ended up with a majority of powerhouse teams in it and a couple times a very good team ended up in a pool with no competition.
8077190	View	Pool play is always a matter of luck. Some times I'm in a strong pool, others have been weak. No one can control that.

Question 8

Were the rules of play clear and concise?

Yes	71	95.95%
No	3	4.05%

ID	View Survey	Do you have any suggestions for improving the rules?
8061396	View	Certain setting and number of hits rules were debated from time to time, and the paper work (schedules usually) did not have rules on them
8065006	View	I think to the players, for the most part, know the rules. If some don't, I notice the girls talk it over and decide in a very sportsman-like way. There are, however, parents that do not have a clear understanding of the rules, and interfere, or shout out to influence their own players actions. Some have gotten involved during and after games. No parent should try to intimidate or correct their child's opponent before, during or after a game. Also, this year it was noticed that certain coaches were taking too many liberties with coaching during games and trying to "ref" and influence their players games.
8150009	View	Playing Mens 2's at the BB level there was often discrepancies between what was "square to the net" when setting over, how much spin should be on a set, etc. A rules meeting for all the pools together might have been a plus?

Question 9

The one aspect of play that generates the most complaints concerns hand setting standards. When considering the diverse skill levels and knowledge that individuals bring to a tourney, especially at the A/B & B levels, how would you minimize this friction?

No change. Let's hope they read and understand the published guidelines	53	71.62%
Turn the scorekeepers into refs	6	8.11%
Impose a "rotation" rule. (Ex. If the ball rotates more than twice it's a fault)	8	10.81%
If a team struggles to meet the setting standards impose a hand-set ban (bump sets only)	7	9.46%

ID	View Survey	Do you have any suggestions for improvement?
8061396	View	And understand that if teams are in B there might be a slight rotation. From time to time. If you never have any rotation on your sets, and won't tolerate it from your opponents, then B division probably shouldn't be your level
8061982	View	I don't think it would be right to institute a hand-set ban. I think a rotation rule is tough, as well, bc then there could be arguments over double-hits that were under two rotations. I find the people who complain the most are the ones who think they're pros and play like it, even tho they're in the B/AB division, and the fact is their sets are not that great, yet they complain the most. I don't mind sloppy-ish sets in the B/AB levels. It's relative. What I do have a problem with is that Chicago players are really starting to use the lift sets, and claim that those are legal bc there's no rotation on the ball. Setting is a momentary hit, not a catch the ball, bring it down to your chest, and then throw it back up in the air. Sorry for submitting a brief length answer re setting.
8065006	View	Keep the setting rule the same, but have one scorekeeper pay attention to ball rotation. They could also call the "no set on serve receive" since that seems to be controversial as well. FYI-The setting rule was strictly enforced at Jr. Olympics.
8065726	View	We experienced some girls who took the event too recreationally weren't paying attention to the matches and scoring incorrectly. Also, some of the girls being less mature didn't remain impartial when scoring and behaved inappropriately toward other competing teams. I would be worried that with no oversight, this would be an issue if they were to be required to ref as well. Just a thought.
8150009	View	A rules meeting for all the pools together might have been a plus? Get everyone on the same page maybe?

Question 10

Was the playoff schedule prepared in a timely manner?

Yes	68	93.15%
No	5	6.85%

ID	View Survey	If no, what caused the delay and how would you improve the process?
8061275	View	lots of pools in my division
8067992	View	The delay was caused by incompetent workers.
8078078	View	Compared to others, you guys do a great job. My problem is, a couple of times my pool finished up early, then had to wait (near our court) a long time for other pools to finish. I think you should establish playoff start time; not that it absolutely has to start at that time, but that it won't start before. example: its 3, and my pool finished. If you would tell me the playoffs won't start til 3:30, I could leave the area and get a snack. If teams finish up before then, fine, tell them the same thing. If at 3:30 they're still playing, that's fine too. Although I would have to wait some more, at least I had a definite time to go somewhere and rest w/out worry of a playoff forfeit.
8094710	View	One pool play was way done before the other
8107710	View	My pool finished 1st. We had to wait for others. Maybe limit warm-up times.

Question 11

Was the playoff seeding fair? (W/2, 4 and 8 pools in a division, it's 1st v. 2nd across the board. When teams get byes, such as in 3 pool divisions, teams are ranked by relative strength.)

Yes	68	94.44%
No	4	5.56%

ID	View Survey	If no, why not, and how would you change the seeding?
8060166	View	Don't have teams play against others from their pool in the 1st round
8060237	View	It should be 1v2 across the board regardless of pools
8061275	View	I don't really understand relative strength
8077570	View	The only problem i see with RS is when you have to play a team in the same pool in the 1st round. That should be changed. Check this solution: Let's say you have a 3-pool division. That means the 3rd ranked first place team would play the 3rd ranked 2nd place team in round 1. If they were in the same pool, just substitute the 2nd ranked 2nd place team for the 3rd ranked 2nd place team. Heck, they're both 2nd place teams anyhow, so no biggie. Just like a 2-pool division, what counts come playoff time is that a 1st place team plays a 2nd place team. Right? Right.

Question 12

The playoff format for all divisions but pro is single elimination, 1 game to 25. This is designed in part to minimize fatigue. (After a long hot day playing in a tough pool, the playoffs are streamlined.) Do you like this format?

Yes	48	65.75%
If no would you prefer playing the best 2/3 for all playoff games?	9	12.33%
If no would you prefer playing the best 2/3 for just the finals?	9	12.33%
If no would you prefer playing the best 2/3 for just the semis & finals?	7	9.59%

ID	View Survey	Do you have any suggestions for improving the format?
8059782	View	The finals should be more than 1 game
8061396	View	It is tiring, but you often face a team you haven't seen before. Let stamina and endurance be part of what makes your team the best
8061982	View	I totally disagree with the one game to 25 playoff format. That is a totally different format from pool play, as well as finals play. One aspect of all good tournaments is when stamina comes into play toward the end of the day. A one game horse race takes away from the hard work you put into winning pool, along with the hard work that will go into a 2/3 finals round.
8065006	View	It's hard to say. I liked it until we went to Jr. Olympics. They were not prepared to play in that heat for the best of 3. I'm not sure on this one.
8077190	View	Okay, here's my idea. First, let me say I agree that by the end pool play, players are getting tired and it's getting late. If it's 2/3 for semis, that might mean 1 team has to sit forever while the other match drags on (time outs, rest between games, etc). So, I say keep 1 - 25 across the board w/1 possible exception. If both teams in the finals agree to it, make the finals the best 2/3. If it's not unanimous, then it stays 1-25.

Question 13

Do you have any other suggestions for improving these events? You could always send further comments to us; direct them to bill@sandvolleyball.com

ID	Text Answers (15)	View
8628430	Always a wonderfully run tournament with reasonable leaders. Thanks Bill	View
8107785	you have a lot more teams competing at the chicago tournaments then suburbs, so it would be fair if you allowed more teams to qualify for the junior olympics in those chicago events.	View
8107755	Add boys divisions to your events	View
8107710	more events in the suburbs	View
8078217	have more events at 4 lakes	View
8077762	Allow more teams to qualify for the junior olympics	View
8077742	thanks for asking	View
8077570	Thanks for asking for feedback. One more suggestion, you guys should do more tourneys on North Ave.	View
8077428	My one complain is that you didn't have a boys division so my son had to play mens. But that meant they couldn't qualify for the junior olympics.	View
8077347	More prize money for the pros	View
8074392	I played in a lot of tournaments this summer. Not sure which organization sent this survey. Having said that, it's a great idea. Please clarify next time.	View
8074365	Best tourney I played in all summer	View
8067992	I suggest that all participants walk away with something, such as a t-shirt, volleyball, or something even as small as a plastic water bottle. \$60 isn't cheap for a team, so they should be given something tangible for playing. I also suggest that more workers be available in the morning before the start of the tournament to verify that each court is set up properly (nets and lines), so that this is not the players' responsibilities.	View
8065726	All in all we enjoy your events very much and we appreciate how much you do for the juniors.	View
8062597	have a survey like this one after each tournament. That way we could report back when ideas are fresh. And you could adjust, modify, whatever, for the next one.	View

