

**SEARCY
SHINDIG**

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION
MATERIALS**

February 28, 2009

**Harding University and Harding Academy
Delta Region/USA Volleyball**

Outstanding Staff of USA Volleyball Referees

One Day Event, ages 12u thru 15u

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Searcy Shindig

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**IF NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED, ROSTER/USAVB# DEADLINE IS February 22,
2009**

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Dear USA Volleyball Coaches,

We look forward to your arrival in Searcy, AR for the February 28, 2009 Searcy Shindig Volleyball Tournament for Girls 12u through 15u! This year's tournament will be hosted at Harding University and Harding Academy. Both locations are within one mile of each other, about two minutes apart. Our tournament is available to all teams that are sanctioned by USA Volleyball on a first come, first serve basis. Additionally, there are no admission fees for watching exciting volleyball at all levels.

As previously stated, this is for girls who will compete in 12u, 13u, 14u, and 15u age divisions. This is a one-day tournament; as such, there will be some differences from two day tournaments explained within.

If we can assist you in any way, the best method of contact is email: info@fatchmovolley.com.

COMPETITION VENUE:

This year's tournament will be held in Searcy, Arkansas, and will be hosted at Harding University and Harding Academy. Harding University, comprised of four courts, will host three age groups (12s pool play, 13s, and 15s). Harding Academy will host two age groups (14s and 12s bracket play). Both venues are within a mile of each.

COMPETITION FORMAT:

On Saturday, February 28, all teams play pool play to determine which bracket they will compete in later the same day. Bracket play will be single elimination where you will compete until eliminated or win the championship of your division!

Pool play is conducted in "waves" in the preliminary rounds of competition. Pools times and locations will be posted on our; any changes to final match times will be posted no later three days before competition. All USAV rules will be enforced. Rally scoring will be in effect. Four-team pool play will consist of two sets to 25 with a cap at 30. Play will begin at point 4, for a 21 point set. Bracket play will be single elimination, best two out of three sets to 25, no cap, with the third set to 15, no cap. All championship matches will begin at point zero. There will not be a consolation match.

Due to time and court constraints, the 15s and 13s will referee the pool play for the 14s (please see the pool play spreadsheets for assignment).

VENUE RULES:

- Garbage must be placed in containers throughout the facilities—teams are strongly encouraged to clean their bench areas after each match. ***Eating or drinking at the score tables is not permitted!***
- COOLERS are permitted in the main foyers of the athletic centers. Food/drink will be permitted in the courts; however, please use discretion. If unsure, ask facility personnel. No coolers will be allowed in the courts.
- SMOKING is not permitted in the facilities—smokers will have to check for designated areas where smoking is allowed. Please, no smoking at the main entrance.
- SEATING areas are limited to outside the playing areas OFF the court surfaces. Generally, seating is behind the end lines and not permitted between the courts. Officials have the right to request spectators be moved or to eject unruly fans. Seating will be available in the main court areas, where bleachers will be made.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

- Please refer to the Saturday pools and brackets posted on the web site fatchmovolley.com.
- There will not be an official check-in. All teams will be expected to be at their assigned court for the beginning of play; USAV rules will apply for penalties and forfeiture. NOTE: 8:00 AM start time is first serve; teams should be at their assigned courts for official warm-up and scorekeeping/ref duties.

- Coaches should check the web site for the coaches packet. We will attempt to send this packet to the coaches via email. This packet is in place of a Saturday morning meeting.

ADMISSION:

FREE!!!

WHAT TO BRING:

Each coach should hand carry and have in his/her possession the following items in case of accident or age dispute:

- Players medical release forms in case of injury
- 2009 USA volleyball player and coach roster
- Practice balls for warm up—we do not provide balls

TEAM ROSTERS:

- The team roster is limited to 15 players and three adult personnel serving as coach, assistant coach, or managers. Only those persons, whose names are listed on the OFFICIAL ROSTER FORM, will be permitted to sit on the players' bench during competition. All of these must be currently registered as a member of USA Volleyball to be listed.
- All persons who are listed on the official roster must have a valid, current USA Volleyball registration number.
- Rosters submitted after February 25 or changed will not be included in the tournament program.
- Teams failure to submit an initial roster by February 25 may incur a \$50 fine.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- The governing rules of play will be those set forth in the most current United States Volleyball Official Rules publication.
- All questions, concerns, or protests shall be handled by the Tournament Competition Committee.

SCOREKEEPING:

- The 2009 Searcy Shindig Volleyball tournament is proud to have the support and cooperation of certified USA Volleyball officials and referees. Head Referee, Mike Saxby, will coordinate the scheduling of referees for every match.
- As typical of most events, teams will be required to provide scorekeepers, lines judges, and down officials when assigned on the master schedule...please refer to the Pool Play and Bracket schedule.
- Any team failing to fulfill their officiating duties when assigned will incur a \$25 fine; a second offense in the event will be expulsion from the event.
- **All teams should be ready to play or officiate at the scheduled times. However, the tournament committee reserves the right to move matches up in time or to open courts, if necessary, in an attempt to keep on schedule. We will make every attempt to not start a match earlier than scheduled unless the two teams competing agree to do so.**

TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

- Coaches must check the posted score reports for accuracy.
- A central location will have all results posted for viewing.
- Any errors must be reported to the tournament director or his/her designee immediately prior to the next round of play by the teams impacted by the error or the results standings.

OFFICIAL BALL:

- Fatchmo will provide the official volleyballs for the event. 12 and under age divisions will be utilizing the Lite version of the official ball.

AWARDS:

- For the 12s, 13s, 14s, and 15s age divisions, the winners in each GOLD and SILVER DIVISION will receive individual medals for the players and the coach.
- Awards will be presented immediately at the conclusion of your championship match generally at or near the center of the court.

SPORTS MEDICINE:

- Clubs must bring their own supplies.
- We highly recommend all teams carry a first aid kit with supplies. ICE IS ONLY SUPPLIED FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED.
- Coaches make sure to carry your medical releases and information forms from USA Volleyball at all times.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO HARDING UNIVERSITY AND
HARDING ACADEMY**

Harding University is located at 915 E. Market Ave. Searcy, Arkansas 72143.

Harding Academy is located at 1529 East Park Avenue, Searcy, Arkansas, 72143.

To Harding University from US-167/US-67:

From US-167-US-67 take exit 45 toward State Highway 36 West/Searcy, go about 3/10ths of a mile and turn left at East Beebe Capps Expressway, go about 9/10ths of a mile and turn right on Benton street, go about 3/10ths of a mile and turn left at East Park Avenue, go about 5/10ths of a mile and turn right at South Cross Street, go about 2/10ths of a mile and turn right at Harding Drive/Harding University.

To Harding Academy from US-167/US-67:

From US-167-US-67 take exit 45 toward State Highway 36 West/Searcy, go about 3/10ths of a mile and turn left at East Beebe Capps Expressway, go about 9/10ths of a mile and turn right on Benton street, go about 3/10ths of a mile and turn right at East Park Avenue and the Academy should be on your left.