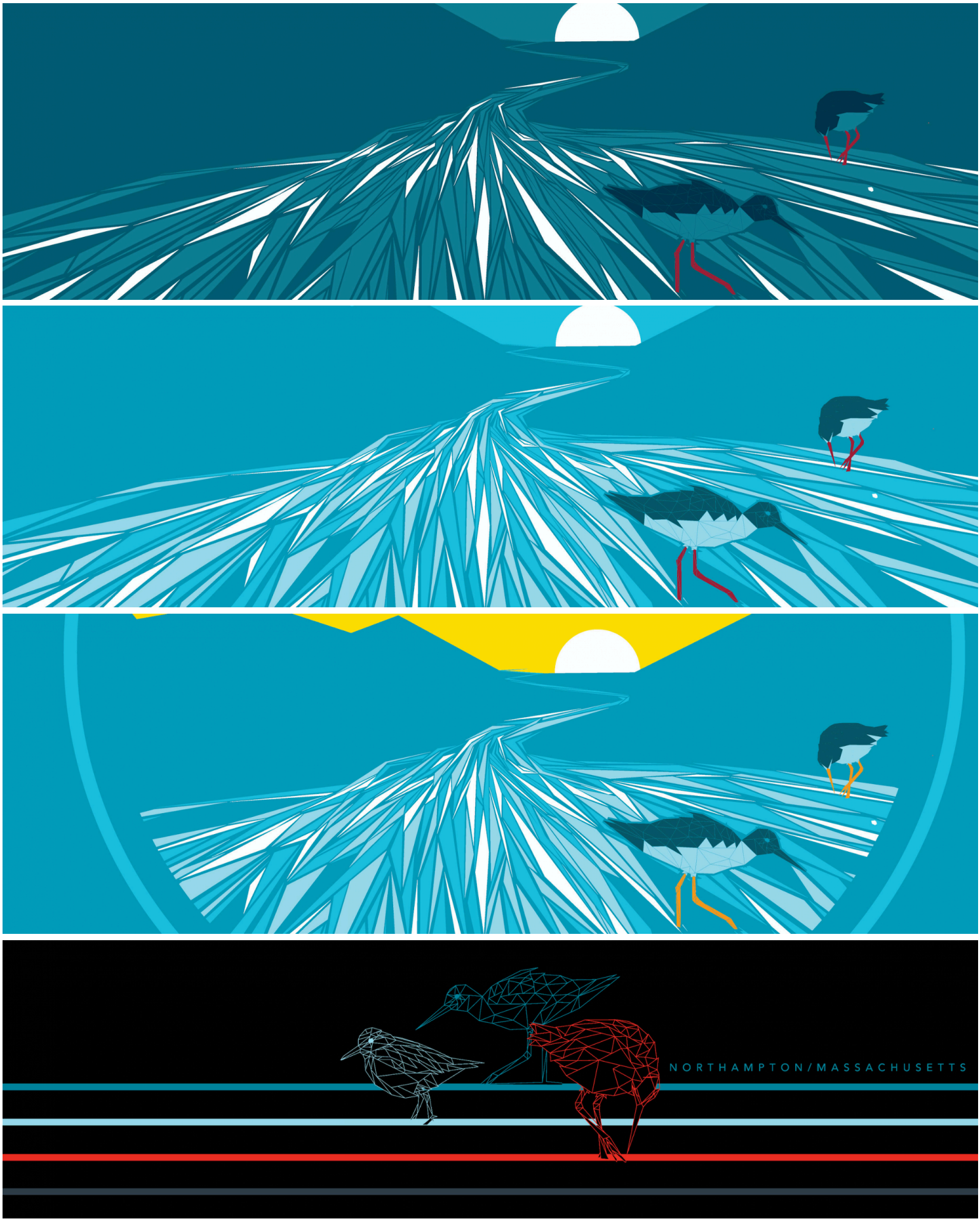


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The Oxbow: Formed by the historic course of the Connecticut River, and painted into American art history by Thomas Coles in 1839 today the Oxbow is an iconic feature of the Pioneer Valley. We are so grateful to the Oxbow Marina for graciously allowing us to host our event at their amazing location!

About the Hosts: Northampton High School boys and girls, “Blue Devils Ultimate” program is thrilled to host the 7th annual Pioneer Valley Invitational in the shadow of Mount Tom at the world famous Oxbow. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Ultimate Peace, a non-profit that uses the sport of Ultimate to build bridges of understanding and friendship between youth who live in divided Middle Eastern communities. Funds will also support UltimateGood.org, a charitable organization that leverages the power of conscientious Ultimate Frisbee Players by enabling them to easily donate as part of their tournament registration fees. The remainder of any proceeds will support the growth of Ultimate at Northampton High School and in the Pioneer Valley.

We especially thank the players and parents of the BDU Ultimate Program for the countless hours of volunteer time spent to make this tournament a reality!



Why Ultimate Peace?

Ultimate Peace is an organization that uses the sport of Ultimate to bring together Arab Israeli, Jewish Israeli, and West Bank Palestinian teenagers. UP supports local communities year-round, has a rich LIT program, and for two weeks each summer 250+ youths from the region come together at Camp Ultimate Peace, a residential Ultimate camp located in southern Israel.



Next summer I will be making my 10th trip out to the Middle East to work at Camp Ultimate Peace, a program that exists to build bridges of friendship, trust, and love complicated, dynamic, and richly diverse spaces.

While in the Middle East I will train coaches, coaching youth teams, connecting with communities, and contributing to the administrative team that helps propel camp.

The work is hard, joyous, frustrating, magical, humbling, and infinitely rewarding.

I can't imagine a place I'd rather be than Camp Ultimate Peace.

The work is infinitely rewarding and I am absolutely honored to be able to contribute my whole self to an organization that's doing so much to make the world a better place. Thank YOU for helping to make the world a better place by participating in the Pioneer Valley Invitational and helping to support Ultimate Peace.

I am asked on a regular basis if I have hope for the region. "Will there ever be peace?" is a question that comes up during almost every conversation I have about UP.

My answer is always an emphatic yes.

I have such resolute faith because of the Ultimate Peace campers. I may not know each of the exact steps to creating peace in the region, but seeing what the campers are capable of each summer leaves me with no doubt that anything is possible.

If you'd like to learn more about Ultimate Peace, please visit me in tournament central any time this weekend. You can also read more about the organization at UltimatePeace.org and UltimateJosh.com



Thank you again for your support!



Captain's Meeting Notes

Introductions:
TD: Josh Seamon (802-748-9857)
Scorekeeper: Karin Eichelman (617-797-5627)
Volunteer Director: Jonah Zuckerman
(917-373-6069)

Please report your scores by texting them to Karin in this format: "Boys/Girls Team1 [score] Team2 [score]". Please fully identify your team!

All teams
- Start and cap your games on time; others need to play after you. Hard Cap goes on after 70 minutes.
- If the TDs think there is danger from lightning, we will clear the fields. There will be no discussion. The word of the TD is final. 5 horn blasts signals that you must immediately clear the field. A second set of 5 horn blasts means that each team needs to send a representative to tournament central.
- Important: clean up after yourselves when you move from field to field and at the end of the day.
- **Drive under 15mph on Island Rd. at all times**.
- Cursing or insults, including racial or gender slurs, will not be tolerated, either on or off the field.
- No disc spiking. At all. Ever.
- If you're not in the game you cannot make a call or tell someone in the game to make a call.
- We are not playing with soft caps.
- Do not go in the river.

Rules and Tie Breakers
- We are using USA Ultimate's Rules of Ultimate.
- All divisions will start with pool play. Championship bracket play will then follow in all divisions. In the case of tied win-loss records, we will use the USA Ultimate Tie Breaker manual to determine placement.

Game and Spirit Scores
- All games will be played to 13, NO win by 2. Hard point cap at 13. (No game will be played to more than 13 points.)

Remember to submit your spirit scoresheets to Josh at the end of your games each day!

Time Between Pulls, Halftime, and Time Outs
- The receiving team must be ready within 70 seconds after the previous goal. The pulling team must release 90 seconds after the previous goal.. Everyone should be polite but firm.
- A five-minute halftime will be taken when the first team reaches 7 points. If neither team has reached the 7 points 30 minutes before the hard cap, a five-minute halftime will be taken at the end of the currently played point.
- Each team is allowed one timeout per half.

Hard Cap
- Hard Cap is on 70 minutes into the round.
- A Hard Cap is declared after the current scoring attempt is completed. Scorekeepers and coaches must make sure that all teams and players are aware of the Time Cap.
- When a Hard Time Cap is declared (2 horn blasts) and the active point is finished, the game is over unless the score is tied, in which case a final point will be played.
- Immediately after a point is scored you are considered to be in the next point, even if the pull has not happened yet. (There is no time between points.) Half time is considered to be in the next scoring attempt.

Game play
- **All games are mandatory and MUST be played.** A team that fails to play a game will most likely not be invited to a future Pioneer Valley Invitational.
- The ONLY games that are optional are Saturday crossover games IF BOTH teams agree AND they get clearance from Josh.

Trainers
- An athletic trainer or EMT will be stationed at Tournament Central all weekend
- Trainers: Mieka Davis (508) 277-4156 (Sat & Sun)
Geno Lafierre (978) 836-3749 (Sat only)
Sarah Carver (508) 954-8123 (Sun only)

Team Boxes and Water
- Each team will get a large team box. Extra food will be available at Tournament Central.
- Extra water will be available at Tournament Central.
- Please bring full water bottles each morning!

- Blue bags are for recycling and white bags are for trash. **Please also use compost buckets**.

Bathrooms
- Use the porta-potties, **NOT THE WOODS**. If you don't know where the porta-potties are, please ask at tournament central.

Volunteers
- Any time you see a volunteer staff person, say thank you!

Hospitals
Cooley Dickinson Hospital is 10 minutes away at 30 Locust Street, Northampton, MA 01061.

Prizes: The tournament will award 1st place, 2nd place, and Spirit awards. Awards will be presented after all games are completed on Sunday.

Make sure to stop by the VC ultimate tent for awesome tournament gear!

Local Parent Support
Got a random question about the area? Lost? Jonah Zuckerman (917-373-6069) is ready and willing to take your calls!

Special Thanks!

Mick Duda and the Oxbow Marina, John Provost, and the staff of Northampton School District, David Proulx and the Athletic Department of Northampton High School.

We especially thank the players, parents, and friends of the BDU Ultimate Program, including alumni players and parents, for the countless hours of volunteer time spent to make this tournament a reality!

Executive Committee:
Josh Seamon, Lee Feldscher, Jonah Zuckerman

Team Boxes Chair: Melissa Grenier
Traffic and Parking Chair: Mary Clark
Water Chair: Michael Filas
Merchandise Chair: Noel Raley

Waste/Recycling Chair: Stephen Taranto
Food Chair: Amy Langdon
Fields Chair: Judd Gledhill

USA Ultimate for their continued support, without which this event would not happen!
And.... everyone else who made this event possible!

Ultimate in 10 Simple Rules

The Field: A rectangular shape with end zones at each end. A regulation field is 70 yards by 40 yards, with end zones 25 yards deep.

Initiate Play: Each point begins with both teams lining up on the front of their respective end zone line. The defense throws ("pulls") the disc to the offense. A regulation game has seven players per team.

Scoring: Each time the offense completes a pass in the defense's end zone, the offense scores a point. Play is initiated after each score.

Movement of the Disc: The disc may be advanced in any direction by completing a pass to a teammate. Players may not run with the disc. The person with the disc ("thrower") has ten seconds to throw the disc. The defender guarding the thrower ("marker") counts out the stall count.

Change of Possession: When a pass is not completed (e.g. out of bounds, drop, block, interception), the defense immediately takes possession of the disc and becomes the offense.

Substitutions: Players not in the game may only replace players in the game after a score and during an injury timeout.

Non-contact: No physical contact is allowed between players. Picks and screens are also prohibited. A foul occurs when contact is made.

Fouls: When a player initiates contact on another player a foul occurs. When a foul disrupts possession, the play resumes as if the possession was retained. If the player committing the foul disagrees with the foul call, the play is redone.

Self-Officiating: Players are responsible for their own foul and line calls. Players resolve their own disputes.

Spirit of the Game: Ultimate stresses sportsmanship and fair play. Competitive play is encouraged, but never at the expense of respect between players, adherence to the rules, and the basic joy of play.

Sponsorship

We are very excited to have VC Ultimate as the exclusive Apparel and Event Sponsor for the 2022 Pioneer Valley Invitational! We are thrilled to be working with VC to design, produce and offer a full line of official PVI apparel for the event.

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Directions/Addresses

Playing Fields: Are at the Oxbow Marina at 180 Island Road, Northampton, MA.

From the South: Take I-91 to Exit 18. Turn right at the end of the ramp. Travel .8 miles on Route 5. Turn Right on to Island Road and **drive under 15 mph** to the end. Parking is on the left at the fields.

From the North: Same as above.

From Northampton Area: Take Route 9 East to Northampton Center. Turn Right on Pleasant Street / Route 5. Drive 2 miles south. Turn Right on to Island Road and **drive under 15 mph** to the end. Parking is on the left at the fields.

Remember to drive under 15 mph at ALL TIMES on Island Road!

Hospital: Cooley Dickinson, 30 Locust Street, Northampton, MA

From the Oxbow: Head northeast on Island Road. Turn Left on Route 5. Drive for 1.3 mile, Turn Left on Conz Street. Drive .5 miles, Turn Left on to Old South Street. Drive .1 mile, Turn Right on to South Street. Drive .2 miles, Turn Left on to Main Street / Elm Street. Drive 1.4 miles, Elm Street becomes Locust Street. Cooley Dickinson Hospital is on the Left.

PRIZES!

Prizes will be awarded for spirit, 1st and 2nd in each of the three divisions: Girls and Boys, DivA and DivB



Spirit of Coaching

Background: The role of the coach at all levels of Ultimate is unique in a sport that places on-field player authority above non-player influence. As non-players the coach's authority must not extend to the on-field officiating process. Coaches may be faced with situations where they are able to correct the self-officiating process and ensure the correct outcome to a given play. In this situation, coaches must not interfere in the officiating process, in order to ensure that players learn and take responsibility for officiating. Coach interference in the decision making process, even in the most egregious violations, will indicate to players that the coach and not the players have the ultimate responsibility for ensuring the inherent fairness of the game. Teaching players the rules and how to implement them should be done at practices or off of the field. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that the players understand their own responsibilities as players and teach players how to handle those responsibilities.

Guidelines:

- Coaches should introduce themselves to the other coaches prior to a game and discuss concerns. This could potentially include the level of play, the level of intensity (e.g. spiking and rushing the field), and possible modifications to the captain's clause (e.g. prohibiting zone for new teams or footblocking).
- Because the potential for misperception is high, spiking is prohibited at the youth level unless otherwise agreed upon by the coaches or captains. Spiking in a disrespectful manner is never ok at any level.
- Coaches will not make calls from the sideline nor offer their opinion on a play. Coaches should encourage players to come to a resolution on their own, and if asked during a dispute coaches may offer rules clarifications. After a dispute a coach may talk to his or her own player about the dispute and offer opinions.
- Youth coaches will make an effort to educate parents about Spirit of the Game and work to create a sideline atmosphere that respects Spirit of the Game.
- Coaches will teach and give players opportunities to practice knowledge of the rules of Ultimate.
- Coaches will always exhibit respect for opposing players.
- Coaches will always exhibit respect for other coaches.
- Coaches will always exhibit respect for observer
- Coaches will model Spirit of the Game at all times

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How to read the schedules:

A1 = The team ranked 1st in the A pool at the BEGINNING of pool play
1A = The team ranked first in the A pool at the END of pool play
All lower case letters are game names
Wa = The winner of game "a"
La = The loser of game "a"

The full tournament schedule is online at:

bit.ly/pvi2022-schedule

Tournament website:
PVInvite.org

WFDF Spirit Scoring Rubric
Every team will rate every other team in each of the following areas after each game. Please make sure to return your spirit scoring sheets at the end of all of your games on Saturday and Sunday!

1. Rules Knowledge and Use
Examples: They did not purposefully misinterpret the rules. They kept to time limits .When they didn't know the rules they showed a real willingness to learn
2. Fouls and Body Contact
Examples: They avoided fouling, contact, and dangerous plays.
3. Fair-Mindedness
Examples: They apologized in situations where it was appropriate, informed teammates about wrong/unnecessary calls. Only called significant breaches
4. Positive Attitude and Self-Control
Examples: They were polite. They played with appropriate intensity irrespective of the score. They left an overall positive impression during and after the game.
5. Communication
Examples: They communicated respectfully. They listened. They kept to discussion time limits.

Make sure to thank our amazing volunteers when you see them this weekend!

Field Map



Local Resources

Welcome! Teams, coaches, players, parents, family members & friends to the Pioneer Valley Invitational!

This section is designed to provide information for those traveling to the tournament. Please let us know if you have other questions.

Field and Social Sites:

The Oxbow: The main field site is a wonderful location at theOxbow Marina Fields, 180 Island Road, Northampton, MA.

Places to Eat:
Northampton and the surrounding towns have more places to eat than you can throw a disc at. However, May 20 and 21 is college graduation weekend. Do not plan to go to a popular restaurant without reservations, and we recommend avoiding downtown Northampton at meal time. Ask your host for local suggestions and call ahead.Some potential suggestions include:
In Florence:
- Great Wall, 176 Pine St
- Florence Pizza, 60 Main St
Near Easthampton:
- Red Rock Pizza, 15 College Highway, Southampton
In Williamsburg:
- A1 Pizza, 35 Main St
- Panda Garden, 49 Main St

Trails, Hikes and Views:
- New England Trail, Mt Tom State Reservation (overlooking the Oxbow)
125 Reservation Rd, Holyoke, MA
Offers excellent views of the Pioneer Valley and the Oxbow

- Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary
127 Combs Rd, Easthampton, MA 01027
Trails and wildlife viewing

- Fitzgerald Lake Conservation Area
95 North Farms Road, Northampton, MA
Trails and wildlife viewing

- Skinner State Park, Mt Holyoke Range
10 Skinner State Park Rd., Hadley, MA
Offering view of the Pioneer Valley and miles of hiking and mountain biking trails

Rail Trails:
- Manhan Rail Trail
Route 5, just south of the Oxbow
Accessible, 6-mile rail trail linking Northampton, Easthampton and Southampton

- Northampton Bike Path
Trailhead parking at Stop & Shop, 240 King St., Northampton
Trailhead parking at Vets Field, 90 West St., Northampton

Pay for Fun:
- Laser tag, Hampshire Mall, Hadley, MA
- Look Park, Florence, MA - Mini-golf, etc.
- Bowling, Route 5 north of the Oxbow, Northampton, MA

Culture and Other Cool Stuff
- Dinosaur Footprints Reservation
Route 5, a couple miles south of the Oxbow, Holyoke, MA
- Holyoke Heritage State Park
221 Appleton St., Holyoke, MA
- Smith College Art Museum
20 Elm St., Northampton, MA

Results

Year	Division	1st	2nd	3rd
2014	Girls A	Ottawa	PVPA	Amherst JVA
2014	Girls A Spirit	Montpelier V	Northampton V	Needham A
2014	Girls B	Beacon	Cumberland	Amherst JVB
2014	Girls B Spirit	Cumberland	Longmeadow B	Northampton JV
2014	Boys A	Ottawa	Northampton V	Concord-Carlisle A
2014	Boys A Spirit	Concord-Carlisle B	Falmouth	PVPA
2014	Boys B	Cumberland	Needham B	Cape Elizabeth & CHS JV
2014	Boys B Spirit	North Country	Montpelier JV	Attleboro
2015	Girls	Northampton V	Four Rivers V	Ottawa
2015	Girls Spirit	Needham A	Montpelier	Newton North
2015	Boys A	Northampton V	Newton North	Concord-Carlisle A
2015	Boys B	Fryeburg	Longmeadow B	Columbia JV
2015	Boys Spirit	Acton-Boxborough	Hartsbrook	Amherst JVA
2016	Girls	Four Rivers	Northampton V	Cape Elizabeth
2016	Girls Spirit	Cape Elizabeth	Montpelier	Newton
2016	Boys A	Northampton V	Falmouth	Amherst JVA
2016	Boys A Spirit	Falmouth	Hartsbrook	Amherst JVA
2016	Boys B	VT Commons	Montreal	Andover
2016	Boys B Spirit	Acton-Boxborough	Concord-Carlisle B	Northampton JVB
2017	Girls	Northampton V	Four Rivers V	Radnor
2017	Girls Spirit	Four Rivers V	PVPA	Radnor
2017	Boys A	Amherst V	Falmouth A	Ottawa Ignite
2017	Boys A Spirit	Amherst V	Montreal Titan	Cape Elizabeth
2017	Boys B	Four Rivers V	Westfield B	Amherst JVA
2017	Boys B Spirit	Burlington & Montpelier	Amherst JVB	Lincoln-Sudbury
2018	Girls	Ingraham	Northampton V	Montreal Titane
2018	Girls Spirit	Ottawa Wicked East	WWPN	Montreal Arsenic
2018	Boys A	Amherst V	Middletown	Westfield A
2018	Boys A Spirit	Cape Elizabeth	Montpelier V	Montreal Titan
2018	Boys B	Four Rivers V	Watchung Hills	Newton North
2018	Boys B Spirit	Hartsbrook	Falmouth	Montreal Arsenic

Year	Division	1st	2nd	3rd
2019	Girls A	Ingraham	Ottawa Wicked West	HB Woodlawn
2019	Girls A Spirit	Falmouth A	Montpelier V	Cape Elizabeth
2019	Girls B	Wilson	Forest City	Watchung Hills
2019	Girls B Spirit	Montreal Arsenic	PVPA	Lincoln-Sudbury
2019	Boys A	Four Rivers V	Ottawa Ignite	Middletown
2019	Boys A Spirit	Montreal Titane	Westfield A	Montpelier V
2019	Boys B	Cape Elizabeth	Lexington V	Newton North
2019	Boys B Spirit	Cumberland	St. Johnsbury	Albany

Reducing Trash at the PVI!

We would like to invite you to help the Pioneer Valley Invitational become a beacon of sustainability!

Last year, we generated over 8 tons of trash and recycling. Although that might not seem like a lot in the face of the 5.6 million tons of waste Massachusetts produces each year, it is still significant for our local valley.

Many of you chose to recycle and compost last year and we want to continue those efforts. In this first year of our zero-waste goal, we would like everyone to focus on reducing our plastic consumption, ditch the disposables wherever possible, and recycle the materials that can be recycled, like metal, glass, paper and aluminum. Also compost and minimize our food waste.

Americans use 1,500 single-use plastic water bottles every second and they only use them once! Then there are the disposable cups. We are encouraging all participants to bring their own reusable mugs and tumblers for to-go drinks (Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts have discounts for bringing your own mug/cup).

This year, we are banning all disposable plastic water bottles, Gatorade bottles, and single-serve cups. This is a BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle) event. https://byobottle.org/

Please refrain from bringing packs of Poland Springs or other disposable bottles to this tournament. Every team is required to have reusable water bottles for each player. Please bring a couple of spare ones for your team. If players forget their water bottles, we will have metal water bottles for sale at the gear tent. We provide fill stations of safe delicious water and Gatorade around all the fields. To learn more about the myth of recycling plastic and why it's not a solution to plastic pollution you can learn more here.

Don't Huck. Don't Dump. Refuse.

May the best team win!

We are excited to invite you on board. We welcome any ideas that you have. We will send further information as we get closer to the tournament, as well as posting information on our website.

We are all in this together, so let's not Foul the World!

Sincerely,

The PVI Sustainability Committee

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