



## **Tournament Guide and Rules 2025**

**Last Update Apr 17, 2025**

The time for the Cleveland Lake Erie Classic Volleyball Tournament is here. We are thrilled to have you visit and participate in our tournament this year. In addition to essential tournament information, this document contains details you'll need for the Lake Erie Classic weekend.

## Current Health Guidelines

CSU is also a [tobacco-free campus](#). Smoking and vaping are prohibited outdoors on campus and at the facility. If tournament staff or the facility sponsor catches your team violating this policy, your team will be assessed a 5-point penalty on your next match.

## Extra Player Fees

Just a reminder: if you have more than 7 players on your team's roster, the additional players incur a fee of \$50 each. These fees must be paid in advance via PayPal [here](#).

## Pool Play Results

Pool play [will be posted on Sprampy](#). We will notify captains on Saturday evening around 5:50 PM.

## Saturday Pool Play Schedule

The pool play schedule for Saturday will be released shortly. The morning wave begins at 8:00 AM on Saturday, April 26, 2025, and the afternoon wave begins at 12:30 PM.

## Sunday Tournament Play

We will start all courts/divisions at 8:00 AM on Sunday so people can get home as early as possible since many of our teams drive a significant distance to our tournament. We will have some winning teams ref a consolation bracket match. ***Remember, 18 teams must be present for the 8:00 AM matches or be available for officiating on Sunday.***

## Registration Party

Twist Social Club

[11633 Clifton Blvd](#)

Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Friday, April 26th, from **7:30 PM to 9:30 PM**, will be at Twist Social Club. Please register at Twist on Friday night to help avoid registration congestion on Saturday morning.

## **Playing Facility at Woodling Gym / CSU Recreation Center**

Cleveland State University: Woodling Gymnasium and Recreation Center

[2420 Chester Ave](#)

[Campus Map](#)

Cleveland, Ohio 44115

[East Garage \(Closest to Facility\) CSU East Garage, 2506 Chester Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115](#)

[South Garage \(Additional Parking\) South Garage, 2101 E 21st St, Cleveland, OH 44115](#)

(0.3-mile walk, 7 min walk via google maps to Woodling Gym)

[Walking Directions to Woodling Gym](#)

The captain's meeting is at 7:45 AM at Woodling Gymnasium for the morning pools and at 11:30 AM and 12:15 PM at the command center for the afternoon pools. The facility will be open for registration at 7:15 AM on Saturday.

**Parking Instructions at CSU:** A garage located off Chester Avenue, near Woodling Gymnasium (marked EG on the map), typically offers prepaid special event parking (Bring cash) or machine parking. The other lots are designated on the map as SG and PG, where you pay as you go. Also, there is limited on-street parking on Euclid Avenue and Chester Avenue that you can use which is not metered on Saturdays and Sundays. [Campus Map is here.](#) <https://www.csuohio.edu/parking/general-information-visitor-parking-information>. Lock your car doors, and don't leave valuables in plain sight in your car.

**The Lake Erie Classic and Lake Erie Volleyball Association are not responsible for any parking tickets or violations you receive on Cleveland State's Campus. Please bring cash to prepay for your parking. Due to CSU being an urban college campus, please allow sufficient walking time from your parking space to reach the gym.**

**IMPORTANT: If you park in a CSU garage or lot, you must leave your parking ticket visible on the front dashboard**

The tournament will provide complimentary small snacks during Saturday's pool play. Friends of City Dogs Cleveland volunteers will operate a concession stand serving food and beverages during the tournament on Sunday. No coolers are allowed in the building or recreation center; only small snacks and water bottles are permitted. **Bring cash or Venmo for concessions on Sunday.**

## **Seeding Party**

The Seeding Party will take place on Saturday, April 26, from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Twist Social Club

[11633 Clifton Blvd](#)

Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Please party responsibly. Don't Drink and Drive. Wrap it. Look both ways and everything else your mother warned you about. See you Friday

### **Sponsors**

Please support our sponsors.

[Twist Social Club](#)

[Lake Erie Volleyball Association](#)

## Pool Play Rules - Saturday, April 26, 2025

1. USAV and NAGVA rules will be enforced. NAGVA rules and regulations will take precedence where applicable, and Tournament Committee decisions are final.
2. Pool play matches consist of two sets and are timed to 40 minutes, with a 5-minute warm-up. AKA. For example, the warm-up begins at 8:00 AM; the match starts at 8:05 AM prompt.
3. Each set to 25 points, starting at 4, must win by 2, a cap of 27.
4. There are no ties; if the set is tied when the time expires, play 1 point to decide the winner.
5. A two-minute warning will be issued before the end of each match.
6. No timeouts will be allowed during the two-minute warning period.
7. Timeouts are 30 seconds. The time between sets is 3 minutes.
8. Captains must verify results by signing score sheets after each match. Signed results are considered official results and will not be changed after the fact.
9. If there are any protests, you must play out the match and inform the Command Center afterward. **Judgment calls cannot be protested, only Rule Interpretations.** Please note the time, set, and score on the score sheet. All protests made during pool play will be ruled by the end of the pool play session.
10. Pool play results will be posted online at [Sprampy](#)
11. If you are late for your scheduled match, your team will forfeit the first game at match time. If you are 10 minutes late for your match, your team will forfeit the 2nd game in a best of 2 or 3 scenarios.
12. If you are late for your referee assignment, your team will be assessed a 1 point per minute late up to 25 points

## Tournament Play - Sunday, April 27, 2025

1. Tournament seeding will be posted Saturday night at the Seeding Party and on [Sprampy](#)
2. Team captains are responsible for knowing their team's schedule.  
USAV-certified referees will be provided for Sunday's tournament play matches.
3. Matches will not be timed.
4. Subsequent matches will begin five minutes after the end of the prior game. Timeouts are 30 seconds. The time between sets is 3 minutes.
5. Court Monitors and Site Managers may move divisions between courts as needed.
6. To maintain efficient use of court time, winning teams may be asked to serve as a work team instead of the losing team. BB teams may be asked to work a lower-level division match to help us start the day efficiently.
7. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify the format of play and work team schedules to keep play moving efficiently. All team captains involved will be notified before the change.
8. If there are any protests, please stop playing and notify the command center immediately. **Judgment calls cannot be protested, only Rule Interpretations.** Please note the time, set, and score on the score sheet. The Protest Committee shall consist of three people who may include (based on availability): Tournament Director, Tournament Registrar, Head Official, Or a Captain from a team in the same division not playing.
9. If you are late for your scheduled match, your team will forfeit the first game. If you are 10 minutes late for your match, your team will forfeit the 2nd game. The only exception is tournament director approval if your work team is still completing an assignment or completing play of their current match.
10. Live brackets will be posted on [Sprampy](#)
11. If you are late for your referee assignment by more than 5 minutes, the tournament director will give your team a penalty of 1 pt per minute late up to 25 points

### **Winners Bracket**

The best two (2) out of three (3) sets per match start at 4 to 25 and cap at 27 for the first two sets. The third or deciding set (if needed) is to 15 points, starts at 0, **no switch**, wins by 2, no cap.

### **Challenger Bracket**

One (1) set to 25 points, start at 0, win by 2, no cap. If the winner of the Consolation Bracket wins the first match against the winner of the Winners Bracket, there will be one (1) final set (to 25 points, start at 0, win by 2, no cap) to determine the Division championship

### **CSU Facility Rules**

1. Celebrate Earth Day this week and help us be green!!. Please dispose of all trash in the designated containers and help us keep the facility and restrooms clean. Don't leave trash on the playing floor; take a minute and throw it in a designated container. Be green!!
2. Keep the restrooms clean. Treat it as you would treat your bathroom at home.
3. **Cleveland State University is a tobacco-free campus**, so please no smoking or tobacco. If you must smoke outside, please do so discreetly and dispose of cigarette butts inside a pop can in the trash. Do not litter on the ground and leave evidence of your smoking.
4. Woodling Gym and the Recreation Center do not allow alcohol or illegal drugs (including non-medical marijuana) on-site.
5. Coolers and outside food and beverages are not allowed in the gym or recreation center. Please bring a water bottle or small snacks. Please support the concession stand on Sunday, which will be staffed by volunteers from CityDogs.
6. On Saturday, the tournament committee will provide participants complimentary small snacks and water.

## Schedule of Events

Friday, April 25, 2025	7:30 PM until 9:30 PM	Registration Party at Twist
Saturday, April 26, 2025	7:15 AM - 8:00 AM	Early Registration at CSU/Woodling Gym
Saturday, April 26, 2025	7:45 AM	Morning Wave Captain Meeting in Woodling Gym/Recreation Center
Saturday, April 26, 2025	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Afternoon Wave Registration
Saturday, April 26, 2025	8:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Morning Wave Pool Play
Saturday, April 26, 2025	11:30 AM AND 12:15 PM	Afternoon Wave Captain Meetings at Command Center
Saturday, April 26, 2025	12:30 PM - 5:45 PM	Afternoon Wave Pool Play in Woodling Gym/Recreation Center
Saturday, April 26, 2025	8:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Seeding Party at Twist
Sunday, April 27, 2025	8:00 AM - ????	Tournament Play. Awards after play in the gym



## **Lake Erie Classic Tournament Staff**

Matt Schenz - Tournament Director

Ray Elkin - Tournament Registrar/Treasurer

Sue Coulis - Head Referee

Justin Loew - Medical Advisor/Lake Erie Volleyball Association  
Commissioner.

Richard Sucre - NAGVA Regional Commissioner

## Appendix 1 - Campus Image Map



Appendix 2: Facility Layout

