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## **February 2010**

*(IMPORTANT - Please give this information to the appropriate person in your church.)*

### **IT WILL SOON BE TOURNAMENT TIME AGAIN!!**

The 2010 WDC **basketball tournament** has been scheduled for **March 16-20** at Bethel College. The WDC **volleyball tournament** will be **March 19-20** at the Hesston High School aux. gym. We invite the South Central Conference churches to participate. This is a tournament for persons over 18 years of age.

The entry fee for the tournament is **\$125 per team**. Enclosed are the guidelines, rules, entry forms and roster forms. **Please return the entry form with the entry fee to us by March 2.** Your roster sheet may be returned to us a little later (**by March 9**) to give you time to get your team together. Note the registration fee is non-refundable.

The tournament will again have the two-division and pool-play format.

**BASKETBALL:** A church may have three teams in the tournament if they have enough players. However, two teams from the same church must be in different divisions unless numbers are a factor.

**VOLLEYBALL:** A church may enter as many teams as they would like into the tournament. However, there must be at least one team entered into each division. The third team entered from that church can either play in Division I or in Division II, if there is already one team in Division I and one team in Division II from that church. Combined teams (two churches forming one team) count towards having a team in that division.

Each church can decide in what division they wish to participate; with the understanding that the Tournament Committee reserves the right to move a team to another division should this become necessary. The team will be notified if this occurs. Churches may also join with another church to make a team. Please read the enclosed guidelines and rules so you're aware of any changes that have been made.

Contact people and coaches: please make note of some of the logos and advertisements that your players wear on their shirts. Alcoholic beverages, bars, cigarettes, and other such advertisements are not conducive to the nature of our tournament.

The committee is looking forward to having another successful tournament and hope that you will begin making plans to participate. The purpose of the tournament is: 1) To have a good time with other adults; 2) To become involved with your church members and fellow conference members; 3) To play with a fun, yet competitive, attitude. If you have any questions or concerns, contact members are listed below.

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Attachments: Tournament Guidelines, Rules, Entry Forms, Rosters

## WESTERN DISTRICT TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

The following statements have been established and approved by the Western District Tournament Committee. They have been set forth to guide the churches in the formation of their teams. Final interpretation of the rules are made by the Tournament Committee. By entering the tournament each team agrees to abide by the guidelines. However, insuring their compliance can only be done by participating teams. It is ultimately, then, an honor system which has as much value to the tournament as individual churches have integrity in following them. The committee is confident that no church will betray the tournament goals and objectives, which is to have a fair and competitive tournament among the churches of the Western District Conference.

1. We do expect participants to be responsible, mature individuals. The tournament, we believe, can be more than just a physical interaction. It can also provide a social and spiritual experience for the participants and spectators. Please remember that players and spectators are representatives of their respective churches. Let us be able to leave the tournament with a positive regard for each other.

2. Churches of close proximity may go together to form a team. Each church, however, is limited to one entry per men per division and one entry for women per division.

3. Church membership is not the main criterion for eligibility; rather, attendance is. A player should have been attending church regularly for three months prior to the tournament or prior to departure for school or service. Each roster must be signed by the pastor to verify eligibility. **Late roster additions must be accompanied by a signed verification from your pastor.**

4. A church may have two teams per sport as long as they are in different divisions. Individuals can participate only on one team per sport.

5. Exception to rule three is that any person, who is away at college, or away in service, can participate for the home church, providing he or she was a regular attender before leaving for school or service.

6. All college students are eligible to participate. However, college students away from home cannot play for a church in the Newton community while they may be attending while at college. A college student originally from a church in the college community is eligible to play. Teams with current college volleyball or basketball players will automatically be in Division I. **Exception: This rule does not apply to women playing basketball.**

7. Participants must be 18 years of age.

8. Any number of players may participate on a basketball team, although a twelve-player limit is suggested to promote player participation. All players must be listed on the roster and wear a matching color shirt with a number. Only shirts with screened on, ironed on, stenciled on, or sewn on numbers will be allowed.

9. Any number of players may participate on a volleyball team, although a twelve player limit is suggested, with six on the floor at one time. All players must be listed on the roster. Numbered volleyball shirts are not required.

10. Volleyball is for women only. Women can play on a basketball team.

11. The Western District Conference, Newton Recreation Center, Bethel College, or Hesston College will not be liable for any injuries, accidents, or property damage.

12. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to move a team into another division (with the team's knowledge).

Established and approved by the Western District Tournament Committee  
Revised February 2009

## WESTERN DISTRICT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

KSHSAA (Kansas State High School Activities Association) rules will be followed, except for the following exceptions:

- ~~1. You must be 35 or older to play in the "35 & Over" Division. You are allowed to play in other divisions as long as you play in this one. However, you may not play on two teams if you do not play in this division.~~
2. Participants must be 18 years of age.
3. Teams with current college players will automatically be Division I.
4. The games shall consist of two twenty-minute halves, with the clock not stopping for whistles except during the final two minutes of each half. Exception: During the last two minutes of the game, should the point different reach 20 or more, the clock will continue to run and not stop for whistles.
5. There will be a five-minute half-time.
6. Each team will be allowed three time-outs during the course of the game, with no more than two to be taken in any one half.
7. After a time-out, the clock will not start until the ball is in play.
8. Games ending in a tie will be decided by a two-minute overtime, then one-minute overtimes until a winner is determined. Clock will stop for whistles. Each team is allowed one time out per overtime, no carryovers.
9. Foul shots will be taken beginning with the seventh team foul in each half. Two foul shots will be taken beginning with the 10<sup>th</sup> team foul each half.
10. Jump balls will follow KSHSAA rules of alternate possession after the initial tip-off. Overtime periods will start with a jump ball.
11. Technical fouls will be called when necessary. Any player getting two technical fouls in a game will be dismissed from that game.
12. Any kind of unsportsman-like behavior, such as slamming the ball against the floor or wall, threatening or starting a fight, or the use of profanity, will result in a technical and the player will be removed from the game. If the activity continues from the bench, the team will automatically forfeit the game.
13. Each team will designate a captain who will be the only one allowed to confer with the referees. Any actions taken to enforce this will be determined by the referee. Penalty could result in a technical foul assessed to the team and/or player involved.
14. Two referees will be provided for each game. Any rule interpretation by the referees will be final.
15. Games must start on time. Games will start 5 minutes after preceding game, but no earlier than 15 minutes before scheduled time. A game may be started with only four players but at no time during the game may a team play with less than that.
16. Each team will provide an ADULT to sit at the scorer's table to either run the scoreboard and clock, or to keep the scorebook and possession arrow.

## WESTERN DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

KSHSAA rules will be followed, with the following additions and/or exceptions:

1. Participants must be 18 years of age.
2. Matches **must** begin with at least five players on a team. A team **may** play with less than five players once the match has begun.
3. Game length, scoring, and number of games played will be determined pending the number of teams entered in each division.
4. The top four teams in each division will go to semi-finals.
5. Each team needs to provide a line judge for that particular match, except in the final match.
6. One referee will be provided for each match. Any rule interpretation by the referee will be final.
7. Emergency roster changes are anticipated. If there are any changes notify a committee member and turn in authorized roster change. Changes must be signed by the pastor and may be turned in before your first match of the tournament.
8. Teams with current college players will automatically be Division I.
9. If one team wins volleyball Division II two consecutive years, that team will automatically move to Division I the following year, unless they presently have a Division I team.
10. The goal of this tournament is to have fun and fellowship along with good competition.

### SUBSTITUTION RULES

No monitoring of substitutions by the referee will be made – it will be entirely on the honor system.

1. A team is allowed an unlimited number of player substitutions in any one game.
2. Each player may enter the game an unlimited number of times.
3. A player may substitute for the same player and/or if a rotations system is used, rotation will take place at the center back position following the serve.

Established and approved by the  
Western District Volleyball Tournament Committee  
Revised February 2008

**Western District Conference 2010 Tournament Entry Form**

(Please fill out one form for each team.)

\_\_\_\_ Volleyball  
\_\_\_\_ Basketball

\_\_\_\_ Division I  
\_\_\_\_ Division I

\_\_\_\_ Division II  
\_\_\_\_ Division II

Church(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Division I is a higher level of play than Division II.*

**\$125 entry fee (non-refundable) required with this form.**

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WESTERN DISTRICT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 2010

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**Shirt color:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this sheet by **March 9** to:

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Attn: Tournament Committee

P.O. Box 306

N. Newton, KS 67117

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Phone: (316) 283-6300

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Coach/Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that all players are 18 or older and are attending church regularly.

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Signature of Pastor

WESTERN DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT 2010

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