2025 Lawrie Hobart Memorial Volleyball Tournament Coaches' Package

Welcome to the 16th annual Lawrie Hobart Memorial Volleyball Tournament! Our theme this year is “From the Land to the Court: Strong Minds, Strong Body, Strong Community”

This tournament happens in Fort Smith and is hosted by **PWK High School** and **JBT Elementary School**.

Please take a look at the Lawrie Hobart Memorial Volleyball Tournament Website where you can find all the necessary information for this tournament.

Tournament Organizer(s)

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Important Dates

Age Exemption Deadline:	Wednesday, October 8, 2025
Registration Deadline:	Wednesday, October 8, 2025
Rosters Due:	Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Competition Dates:	Thursday October 16-19, 2025
Coaches’ Meeting:	Friday October 17 at 11:00AM

Divisions

Division	Venue	Organizers
Grade 5/6 Girls	JBT Gym	Janie Hobart
Grade 5/6 Boys	JBT Gym	Janie Hobart
Grade 7/8 Girls	JBT Gym	Janie Hobart
Grade 7/8 Boys	JBT Gym	Janie Hobart
15U Girls	PWK Gym and REC Center	Christy MacKay and Michael Small
15U Boys	PWK Gym and REC Center	Christy MacKay and Michael Small
19U Girls	PWK Gym and REC Center	Christy MacKay and Michael Small
19U Boys	PWK Gym and REC Center	Christy MacKay and Michael Small

Registration

Forms
For this tournament, coaches must fill out the Lawrie Hobart Memorial Registration Form **AND Lawrie Hobart Memorial Roster Form**. Please have the forms signed and dated by the Principal of their school. Cognito forms allow for electronic signatures. **Please fill out a separate form for each team.**

The Roster Registration Form **must be handed in a week before the competition begins.*

Proof of Age
All coaches must carry with them the **proof of age of all of their players** during tournament play. Teams that cannot prove the age of their players upon demand will forfeit their games and may be removed from the tournament. Proof of age is a photocopy of **one** of the following:
· Birth certificate
· Health care card
· Passport
· Driver's License.

IMPORTANT! - Waivers
Starting this year we will require an **Annual Liability Waiver and Photo Release Form** for all students participating in school sports. This form is required to be filled out by the parents/guardians of the athletes so please feel free to share this link to an online form for completion. Thank you!

Coaches Meeting

We will be hosting a coaches meeting to answer any questions and clarify rules.

Date: Friday, October 17, 2025
Time: 11:00AM
Location: PWK Staff Room

Player Eligibility

The category the player is eligible to compete in is determined by the age of the player as of **December 31, 2025** and can be determined by their birthdate. Proof of age for each player must be provided by the coach upon demand. This request may only come from the tournament whip.

The first determiner of division will be a student's grade level. Athletes may play with their grade even if they are one year older than the standard age for that grade.

Note: A grade 7 student (for example) cannot automatically play on a grade 6 team because of the age requirements of grade 6 team. They must play in the division of their grade first unless they have been granted an age exemption by the tournament organizers.

Players in the high school divisions must be **regular full time students** and must **play for the school they attend**. (Some exceptions have been made in the past for some of the smaller schools/communities to combine players to make one team. These exceptions must be applied for in advance.)

Use of Over Aged Players

In the past, there have sometimes been teams who have asked if they would be permitted to use over age players in some categories in order to field a team.

Players that are overage but wish to play for a younger team need to **apply to the Tournament Organizers for an age exemption**. The **Athlete Age Exemption Form** can be found in the initial registration form above**.**

The tournament committee's goal is not to try to favor some teams over others; we are trying to have as many students play soccer and have a competition where the playing field is fair for all teams.

If more clarification is needed, please contact, Andrew Gilmour (andrew.gilmour@ntssa.ca)

Use of under age players - If due to injuries a team needs to call up players from a younger team from the same school, a team may call up a maximum of 3 players if the schedule allows it. Referees must be given notice of the call-up prior to the game starting.

Billeting

If your school requires billeting, **please fill out the billeting request in the initial registration form**. Every year we try to accommodate all requests from community schools that wish to stay in the venue where the event is being hosted. Hopefully we will be able to meet your request although there are no guarantees. Please make sure you are requesting the appropriate amount of rooms for the number of teams/players that you have.

For billeting, there will be a refundable **$300/room damage deposit** for each room used. We will not deposit the damage deposit unless necessary.

Meals

This year we are providing meals for the players/coaches/chaperones. The cost is included in the registration fee and includes the following:

Friday: Light Continental Breakfast & Dinner
Saturday: Breakfast & Dinner
Sunday: Breakfast
**There will be canteens available for food purchases at the Rec Center and JBT throughout the weekend.*

Fees

- **$500 per team and includes MEALS and a Tournament T-Shirt!**
- **$300 damage deposit per room**
  **If you want the damage deposit cheque back, please have an envelope ready with a stamp and your school address. Otherwise, cheques will be shredded once rooms are checked.*

REGISTRATION CHEQUES CAN BE MADE OUT TO PWK High School

Glow Ball (PWK) & Omnikin Ball (JBT)

- **Saturday** night **8:30-11pm** at the **PWK Gym** for age groups **U15 & U19**
- **Saturday** night **8:30-10:30pm** at the **JBT Gym** for ages groups **5/6 & 7/8**

Rules

Rules for the Lawrie Hobart Memorial Tournament will be posted on the website here: [Lawrie Hobart Memorial Volleyball Tournament Website]

The deadline to register is:

- **Wednesday, October 8th, 2025**

Please respect this date as we hope to have the schedule developed shortly thereafter.

Sponsors and Partners

A huge thank you to all of the groups and organizations that come together to make this event happen!

Thanks, and we hope to see you soon!

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Tournament Coordinator(s)