

2026 VF
COMPETITION
INFORMATION

Welcome to

Defy The Net

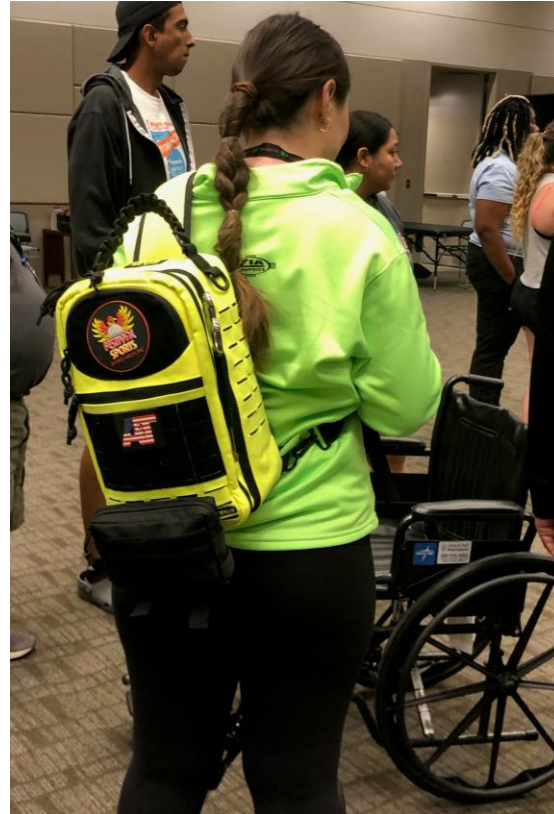
42nd ANNUAL

**Volleyball
Festival**

JUNE 21-28 • PHOENIX, AZ

ROVING TRAINERS AND SPORTS MEDICINE

Flags will direct you to help throughout facility



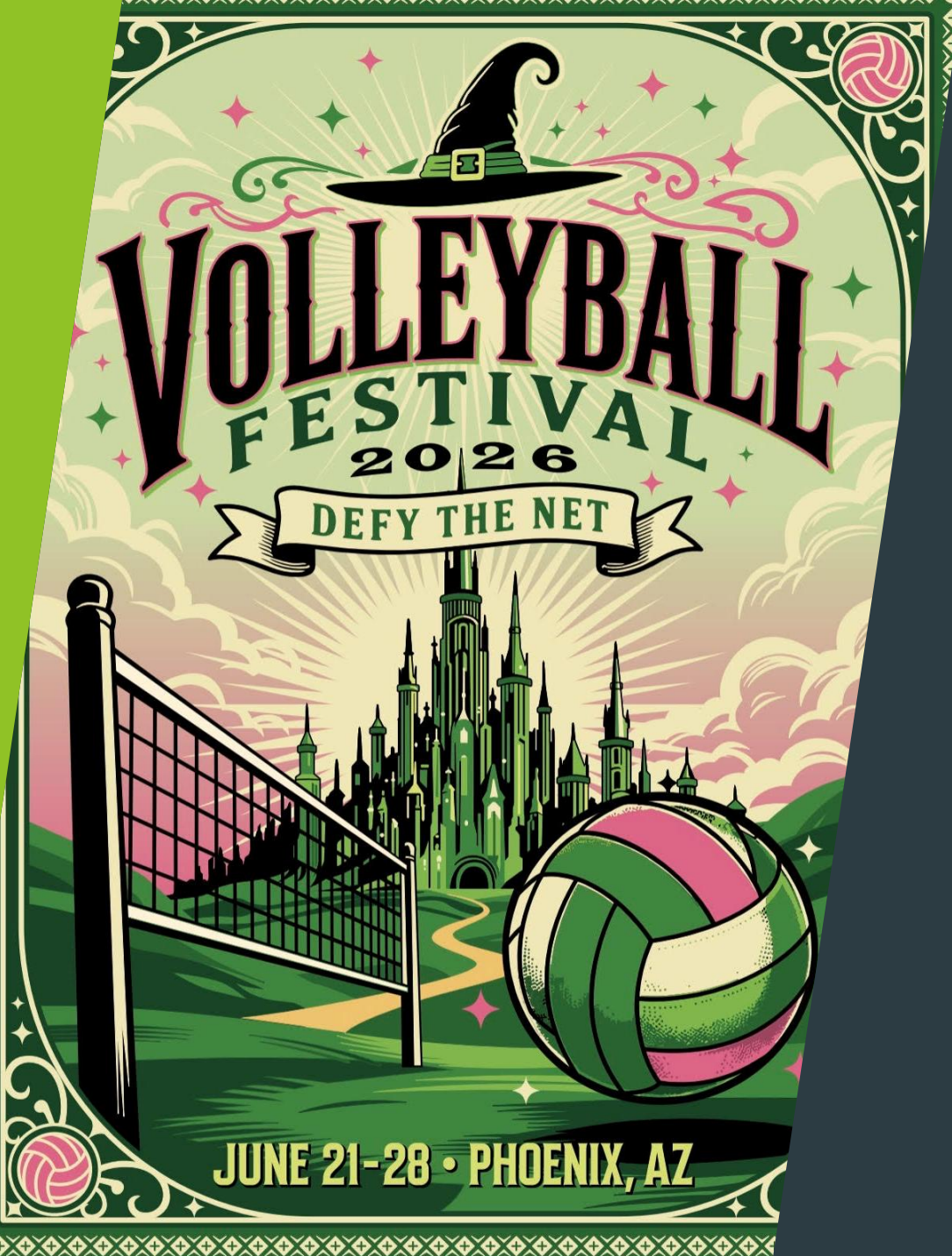
****Roving trainers are
for acute injury
courtside and around
courts ONLY**

**ALL other services
provided in:**

North Lower Level Hall 5 Lobby

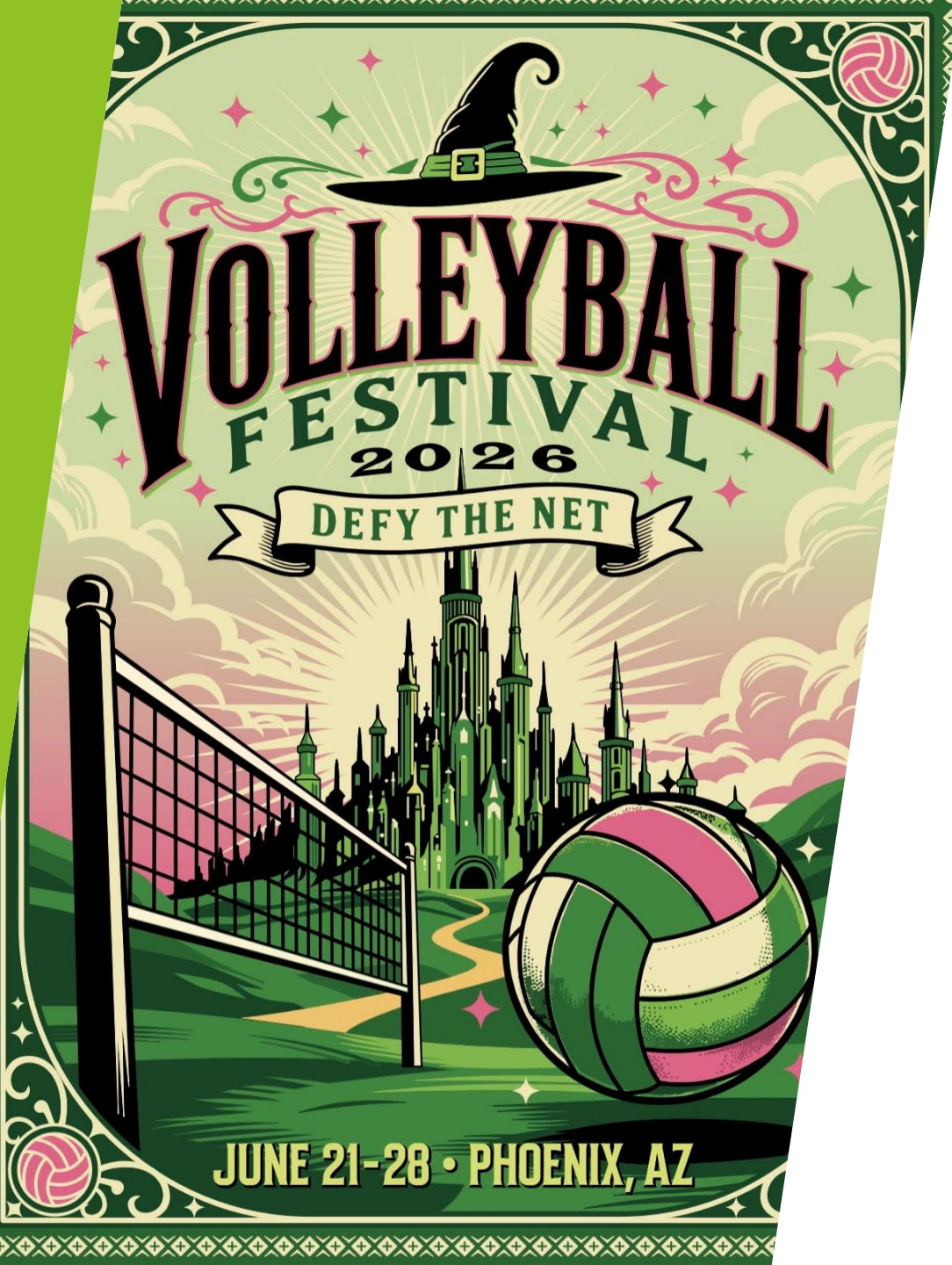
North Upper Level Hall B Lobby

South Room 160



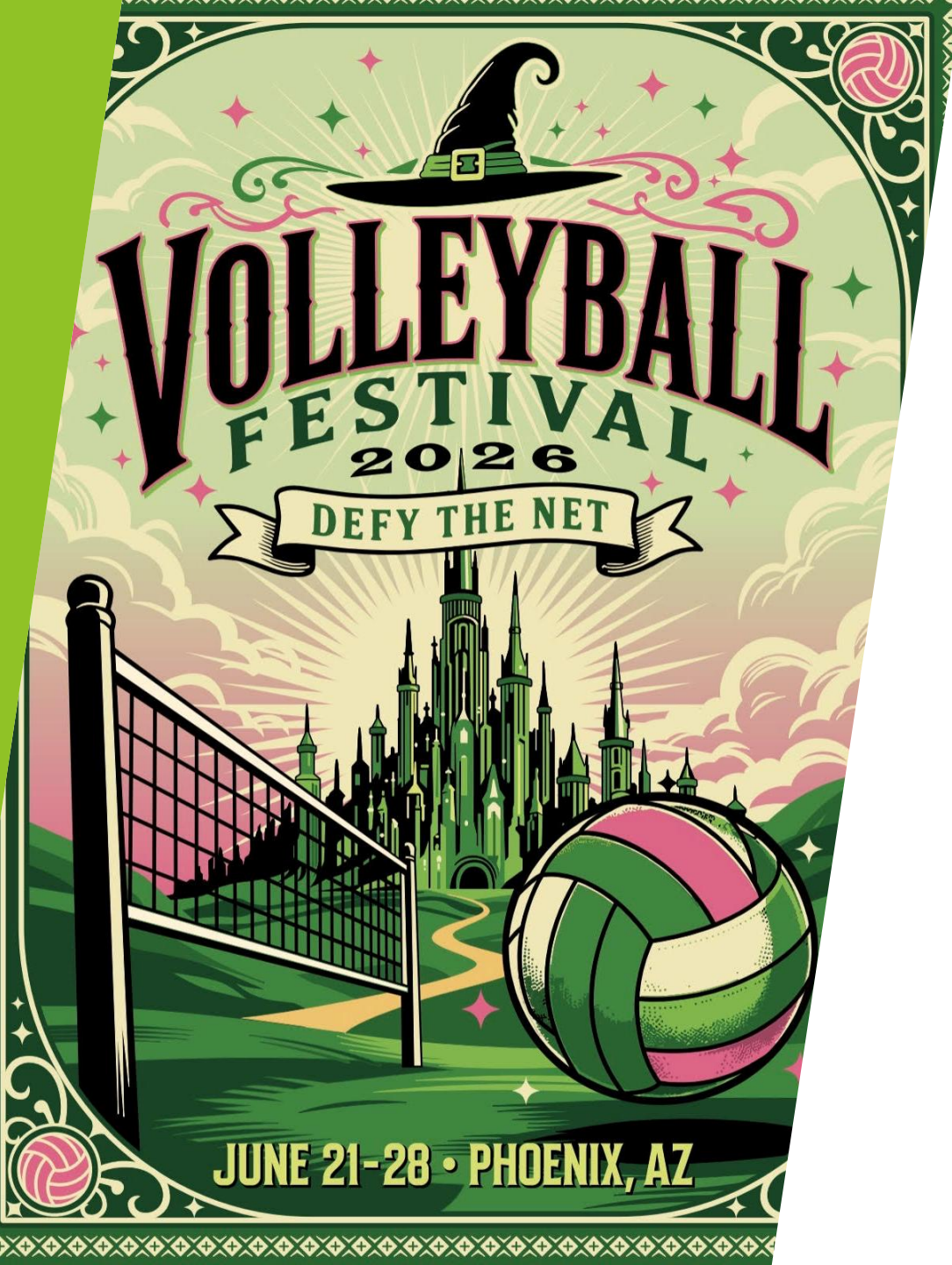
Officiating Duties

- ▶ 5 Players from each team assigned as officiating team; 2 lines persons and 3 scoresheet/flip chart/BALLERTV iPad
- ▶ Coach, Asst Coach, or registered adult must be R2
- ▶ NO SWITCHING TEAM BENCHES.
- ▶ Teams and spectators stay on same side until match completed.



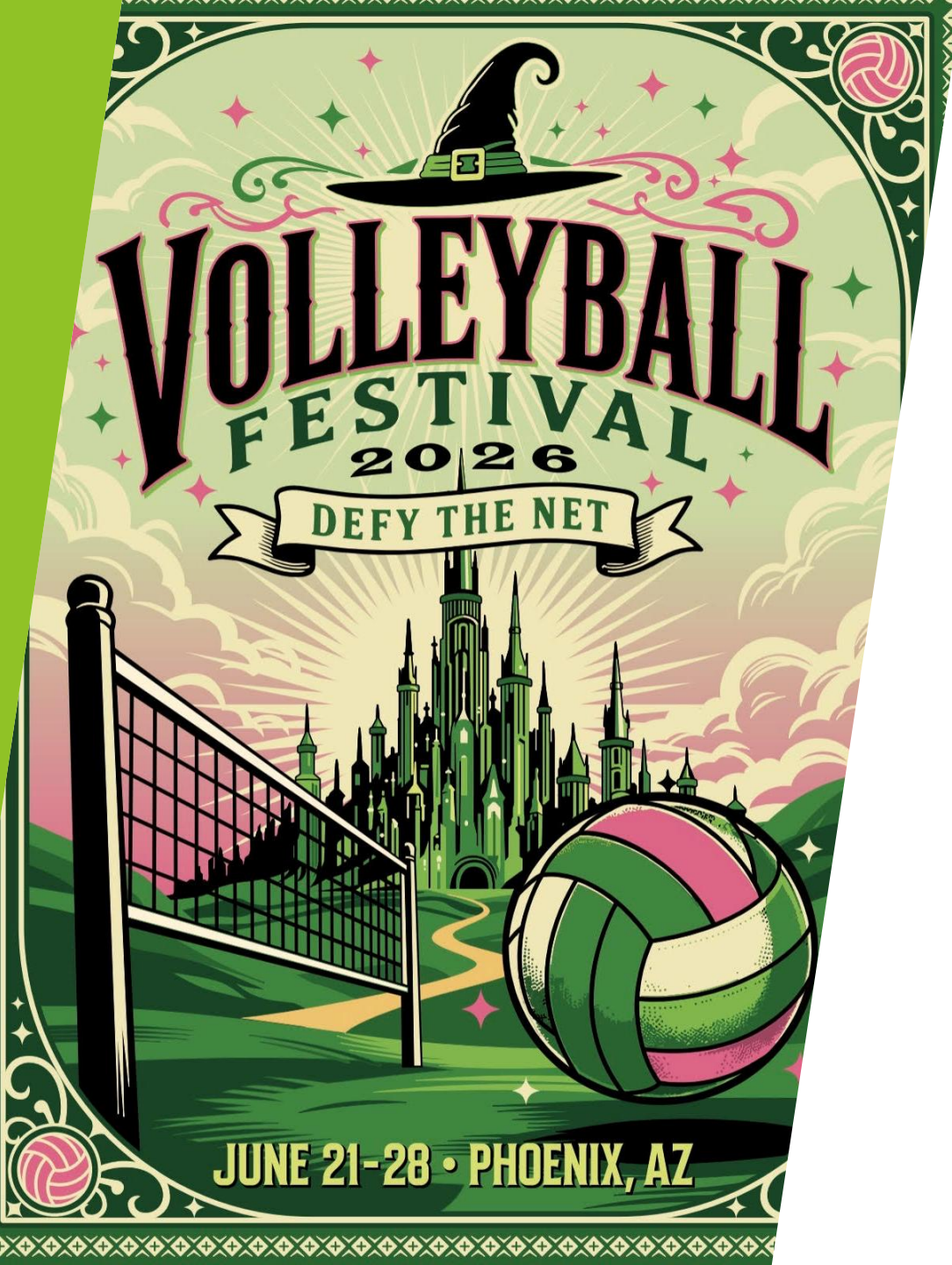
RULE EMPHASIS

- ▶ During play, a head coach and one assistant may stand or walk in the free zone in front of the team bench at least 1.75m (5 feet 10 inches) from the court sideline, between the attack line, and the end line.
- ▶ Coaches cannot enter the substitution zone at any time
- ▶ Only the head coach or captain may address the officials
- ▶ Respectful dialogue please



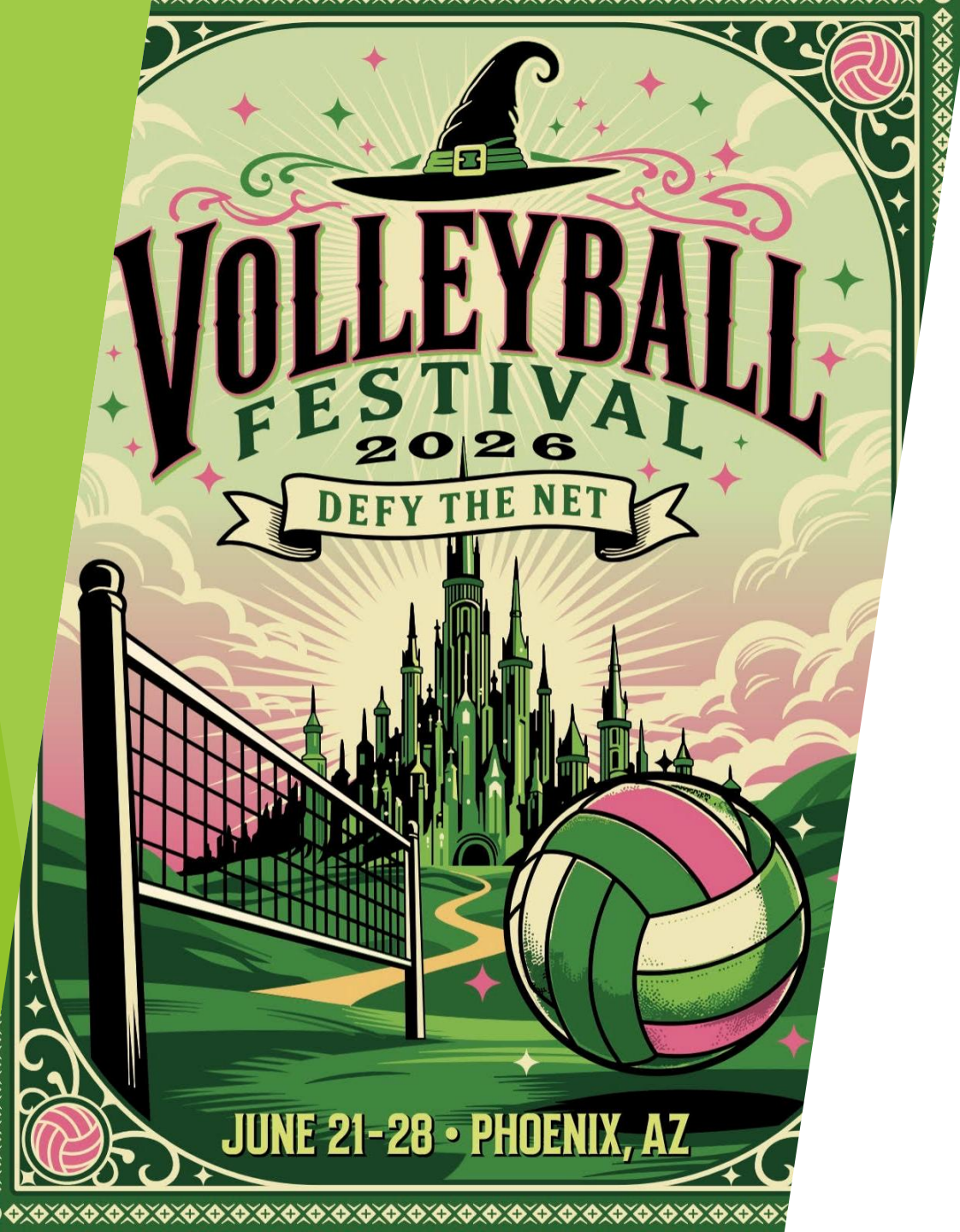
PROTESTS

- ▶ Rules of the game, Protests of Rules Interpretations will be handled in the following sequence:
 - ▶ 1st Referee on the stand
 - ▶ 2nd Lead Official
 - ▶ 3rd Head Official
- ▶ *The protest must be lodged prior to the next serve, or prior to the referee departure from the court at end of match



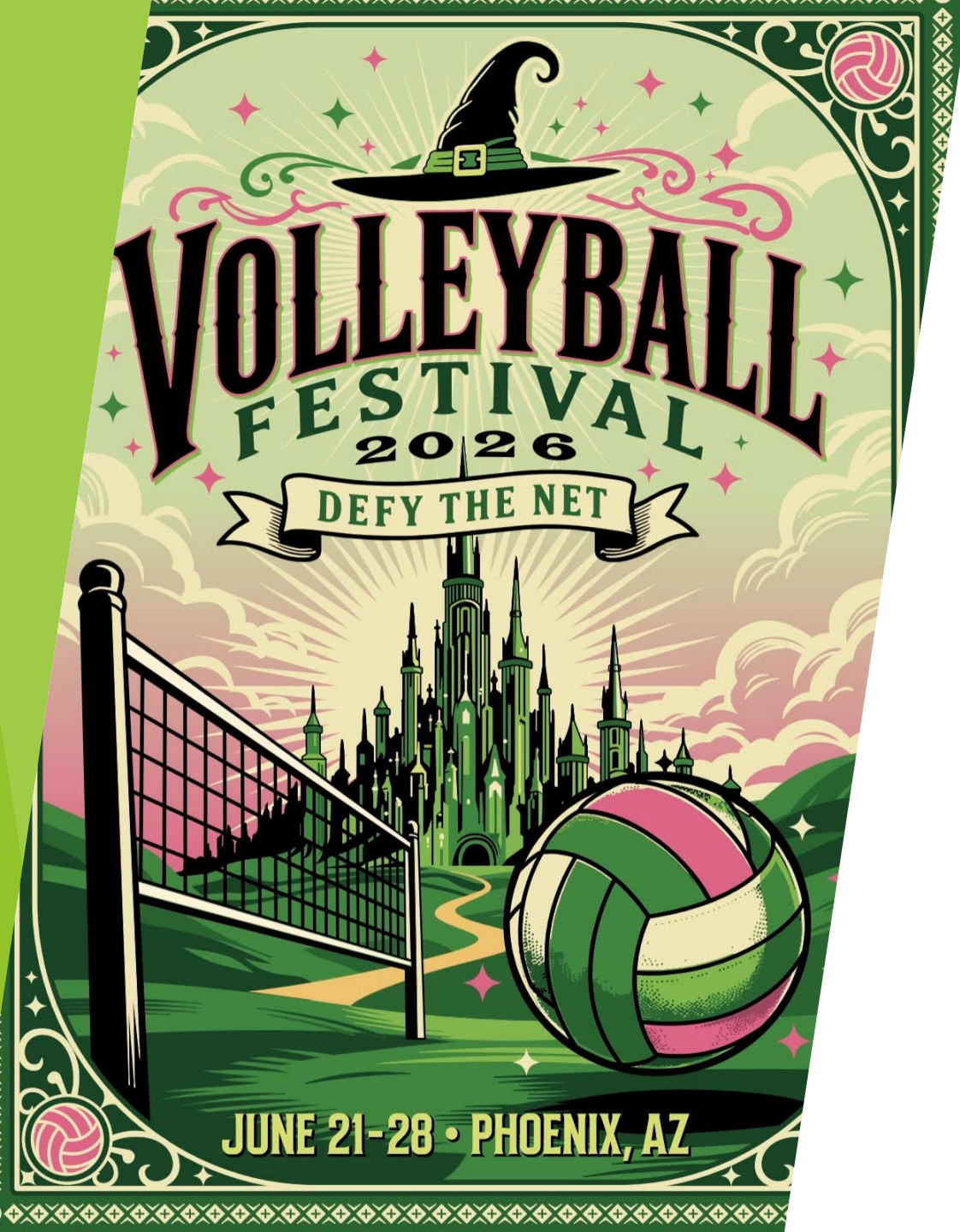
LIBERO

- ▶ Zero, one or two Liberos may be designated before each set begins in a match, and the designation may be changed from set to set.
- ▶ Libero Serving:
- ▶ Either Libero may serve, but in ONLY one position in the lineup, per set.



2026 SIGNIFICANT RULES CHANGES

RULE 9.2.3.2 - At the first hit of the team, the ball may contact various parts of the body consecutively, provided that the contacts occur during one action. At the second hit of the team the ball may contact various parts of the body consecutively, provided that the contacts occur during one action, and the ball is next touched by a teammate.



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RULE 12.5.3 Any player of the serving team is forbidden to raise their hands above their head during service, until the ball has passed beyond the net.

RULE 15.1 Each team may request a maximum of 2 timeouts and 15 substitutions per set

Rules and Player Info

Game Balls

11u & 12u: VX450 u12 light

13u-18u: New Baden VX550 All American

For 11u ONLY:

NO serving step-in line

***ALL TEAMS* play single elimination matches
on Day 4**

ERE

Saturday, June 21 - Free Ice Cream and DJ Dance
Party 11u-13u

6-8pm, Phoenix Convention Center Lower Level
Lobby

All athletes get a free ice cream from Karen's
Kreamery

Clipping: Spread Positivity the Right Way!



Clipping is encouraged when it is:

- **A positive, team-building gesture
- ** Shared between games or away from active courts
- **Uplifting and inclusive for all players

Clipping is not allowed when:



- ▶ • On any player, coach, official, or work team member while they are on an active court
 - ▶ • If the clip includes any inappropriate, offensive, or derogatory language, drawings, or symbols
- ▶ • Anyone seen or caught on video using a clip to harass, mock, or offend will be removed from the venue and suspended from the tournament.



Clipping: Spread Positivity the Right Way!

Keep this tradition fun, respectful,
and full of good energy – just like
the sport we love!

THEME AND FUN DAYS!!

Bring Your EVIL or GOOD side to Celebrate

Day 1 - Pink vs Green

Day 2.- Crazy Sock Day

Day 3- Bows and Braids

Day 4 - Team Spirit

For a description of each theme day CLICK
HERE: <https://volleyball-festival.com/>

****PLEASE - NO GLITTER ALLOWED ON COURTS DURING PLAY****

**11-13's
ICE CREAM
SOCIAL &
DJ FUN
Saturday
June 20th
6-8pm**

Kick start Session 1 with fun games
and party with the DJ!

- 6-8pm, Phoenix Convention Center
Lower Level lobby
- Free Ice Cream by Karen's Kreamery!!
 - Every 11-13u rostered player &
coach gets one!
 - Parents are Welcome!
- Team Rep picks up coupons at the
Lower Lobby Info Booth

DEFY THE NET PLAYER PARTY

- Wednesday, June 24, 6:30 – 8:00pm
- Phoenix Convention Center, Lower Level Halls 1-2
- Come dressed in your most creative costumes to rep where you're from or to show your WICKED or GOOD!
 - Teams and parents invited!
- Fun activities, games, giveaways and face painting followed by a DJ DANCE PARTY!

TEAM CHECK-IN

Session 1 (11-13's)

- Saturday June 20, 11:00-8:00pm

Session 2 (14-18-s)

- Tuesday, June 23, 1pm-8pm
- Wednesday, June 24, 10am-8pm

You must reserve a check-in time [HERE](#)

Drive-thru off Monroe between 3rd St. and 5th St

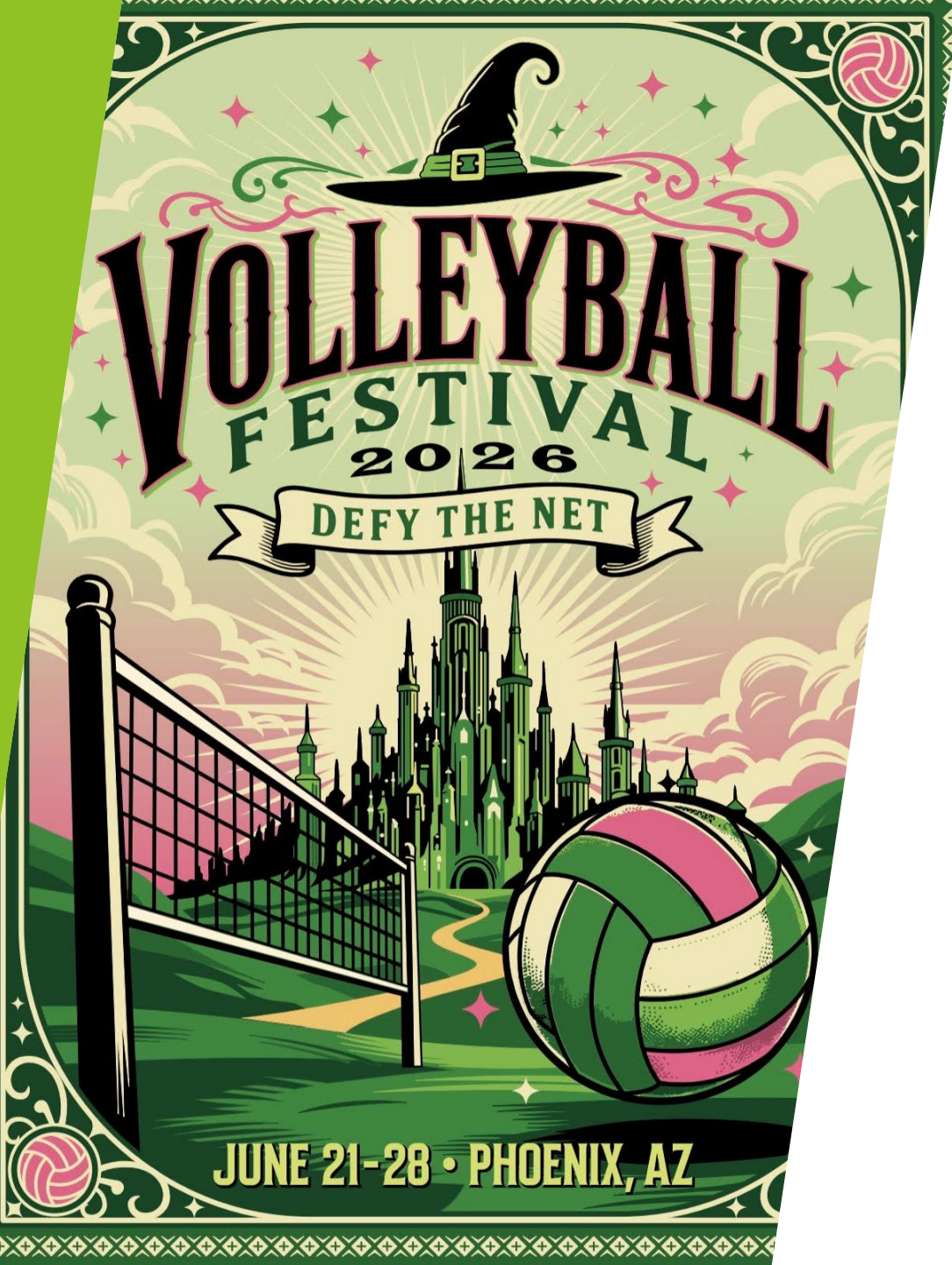
No car - No worries - Walk up from Monroe



TEAM CHECK- IN

IMPORTANT:

- Bring your rosters to verify against ours
- Double check we included everyone's badge
- NO BADGES WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER YOU LEAVE CHECK-IN
- YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR ANY BADGES AFTER BAG IS PICKED UP

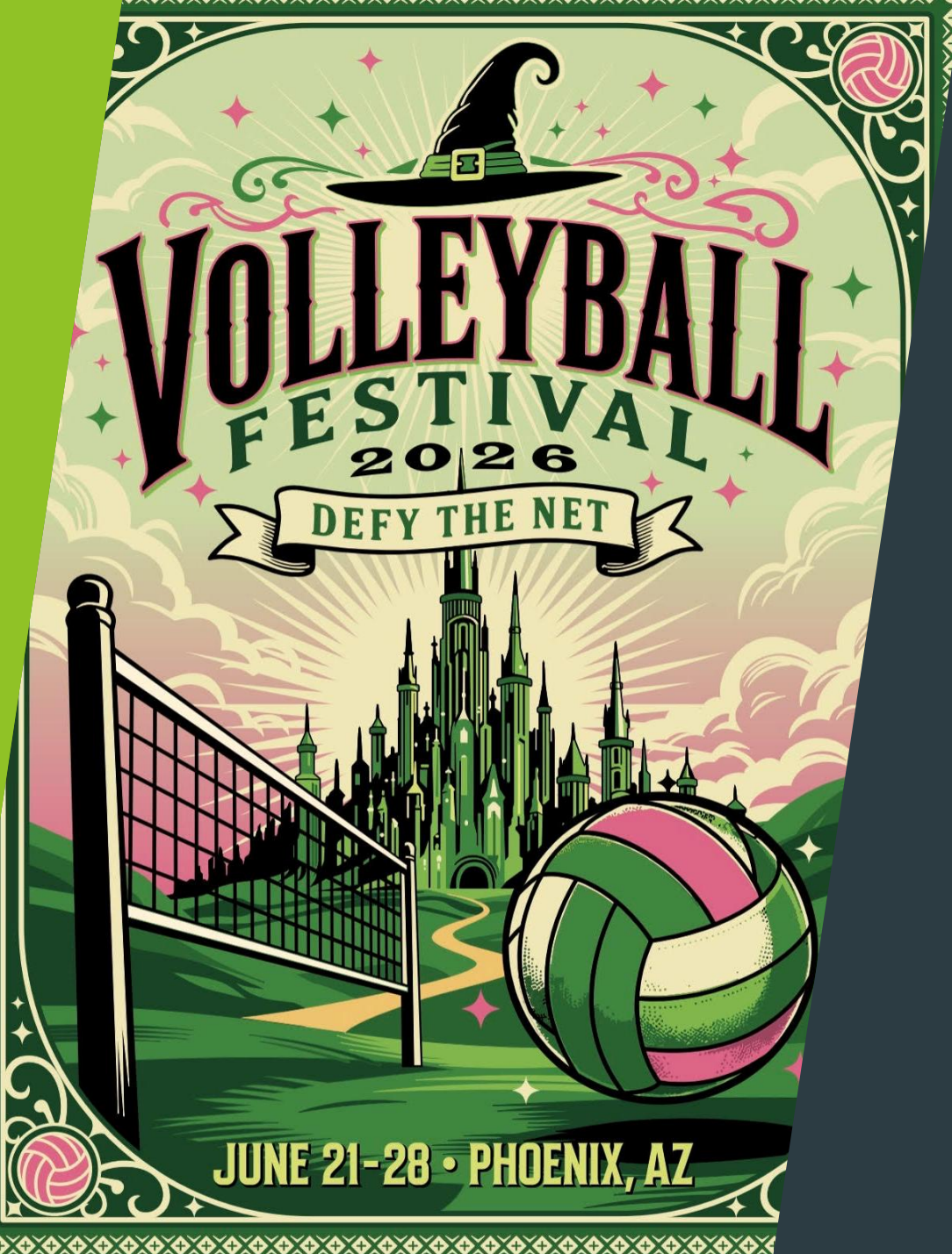


2026 VF Competition Staff

- ▶ Competition Directors:
 - ▶ Patti Snyder-Park
 - ▶ Greg “Chappie” Chapman
 - ▶ Todd Phillips (Facilities)

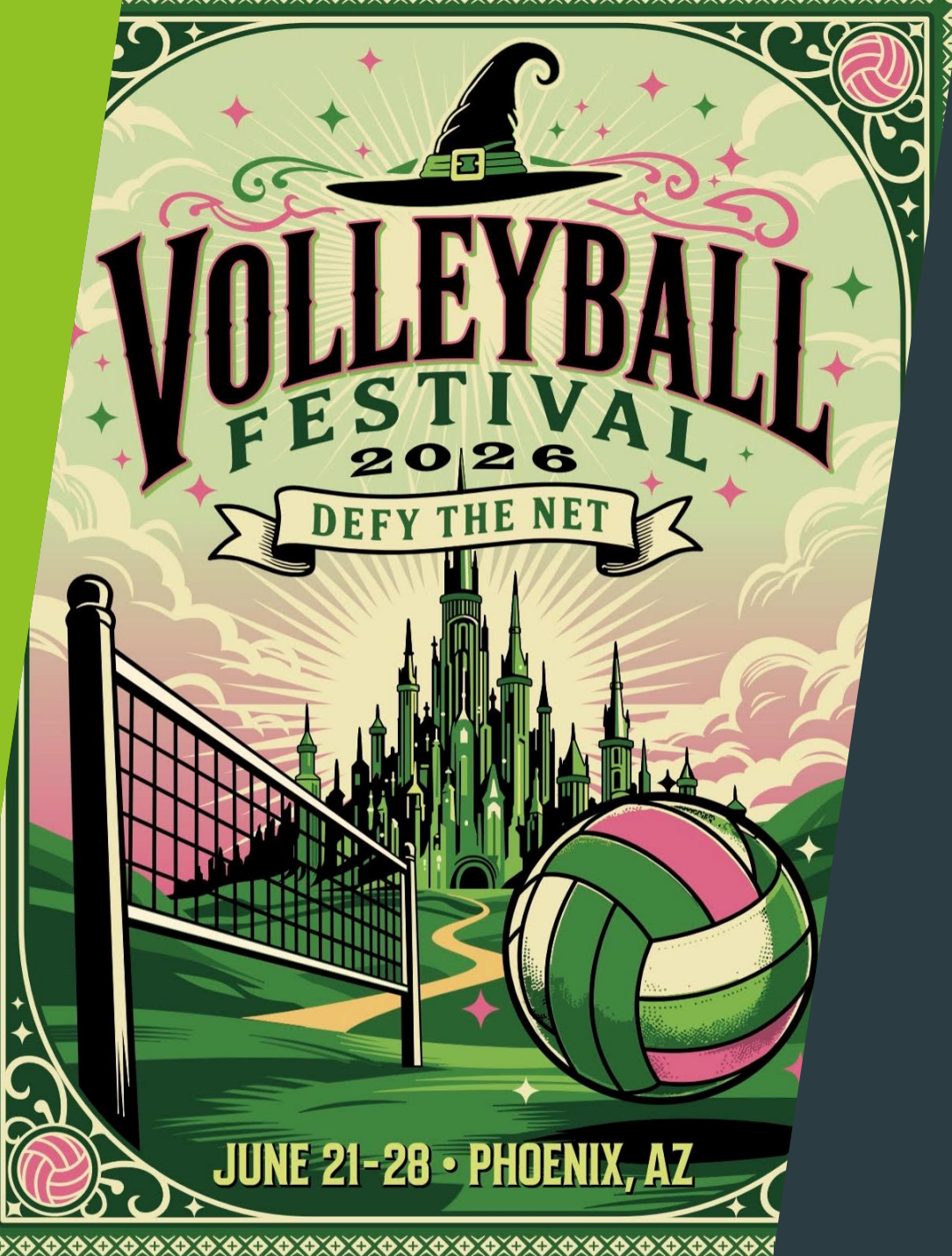
- ▶ Lower Court Coordinators
 - ▶ Liz Lutrell (Session 1)
 - ▶ Connor Kelley
 - ▶ Craig Boston

- ▶ Upper & South Court Coordinators:
 - ▶ Liz Lutrell (Session 2)
 - ▶ Lawrence Pfefferle
 - ▶ Craig Baseman



ONLINE INFORMATION:

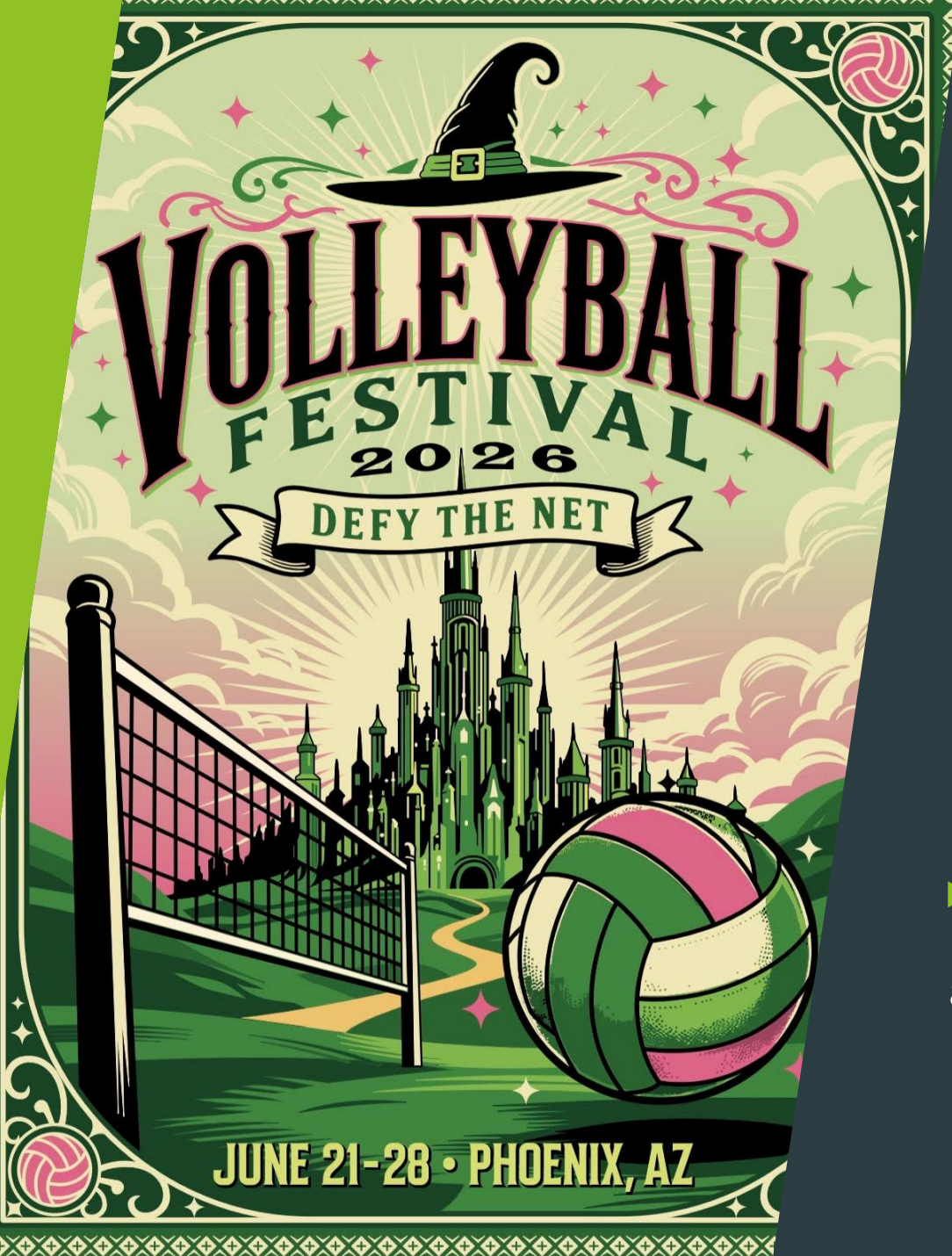
- ▶ www.volleyball-festival.com
- ▶ Everything you need to know about the Festival!!
- ▶ Please familiarize yourself with the website.



To Avoid Confusion:

- ▶ Master the
INFORMATION & SCHEDULE FORMAT
online at:
 - ▶ www.volleyball-festival.com
(under the competition tab)
 - ▶ Schedules & Results at:
 - ▶ www.advancedeventsystems.com

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Tie Breaking Procedures

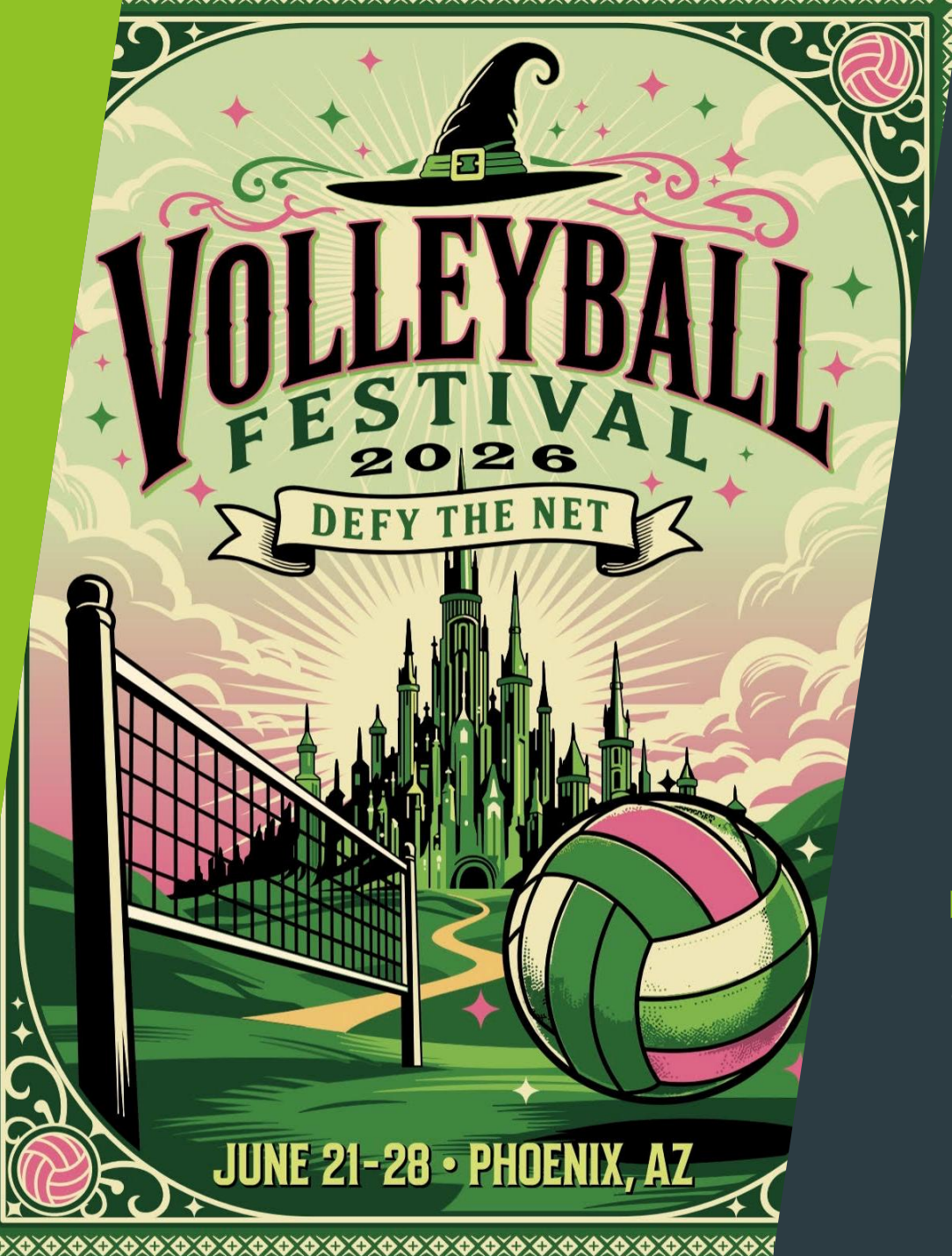
▶ All ties broken by AES in this order:

- ▶ 1. Match W-L %
- ▶ 2. Set W-L %
- ▶ 3. Points +/- %

▶ *NO playoff to break ties

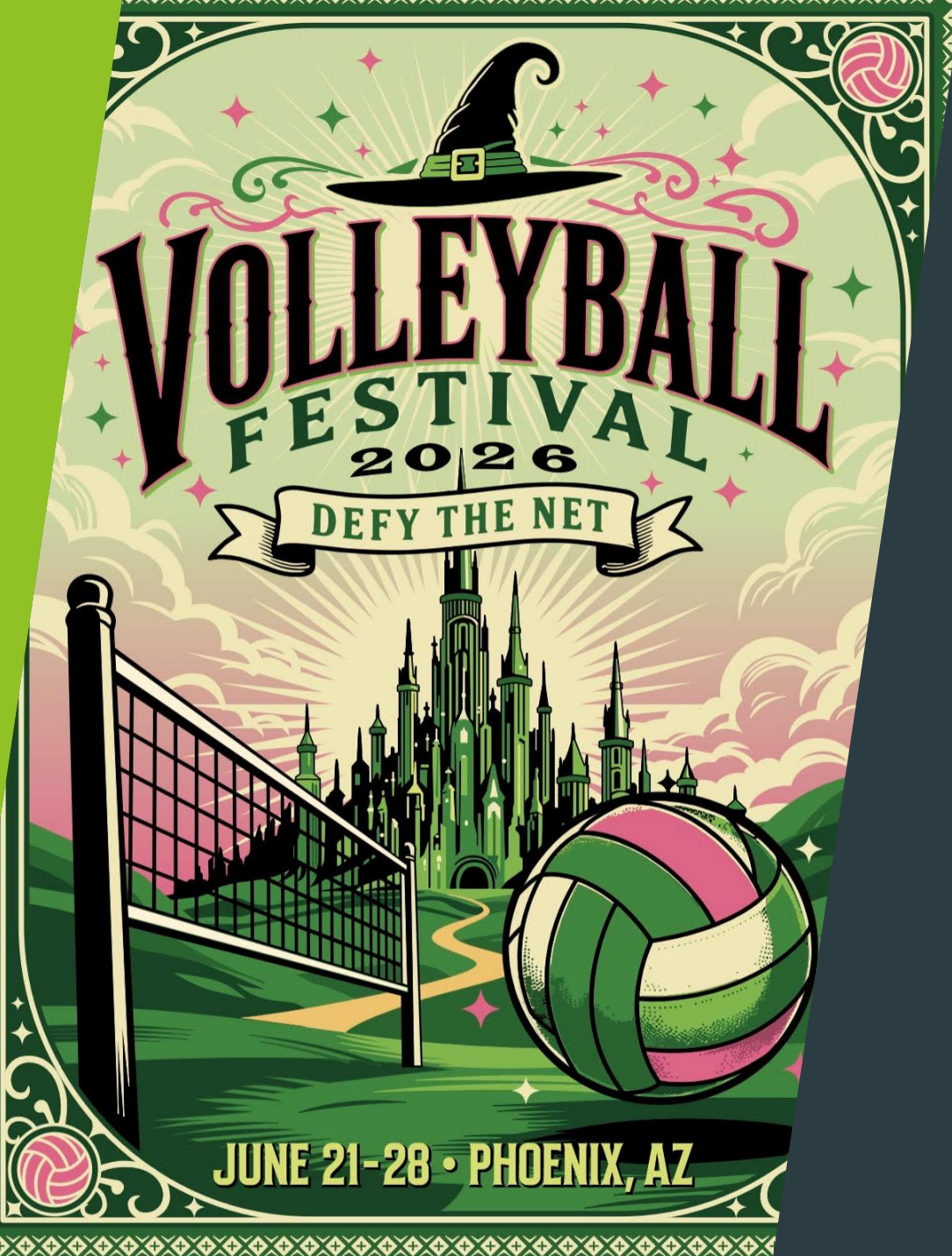
▶ OFFICIAL Tie breaking procedure on website

also posted at tournament desk by pool sheets



3 TEAM POOLS:

- ▶ 3 TEAM POOLS Play 2 out of 3 sets vs EACH team in pool, AND you will have one crossover match, PLUS ref one crossover match
- ▶ **DAY 4 Assignments**
- ▶ ALL TEAMS will play SINGLE elimination on LAST DAY
- ▶ **allow 5-6 hours after your wave is complete for updates to assigned courts and assigned Day #4 play/ref times



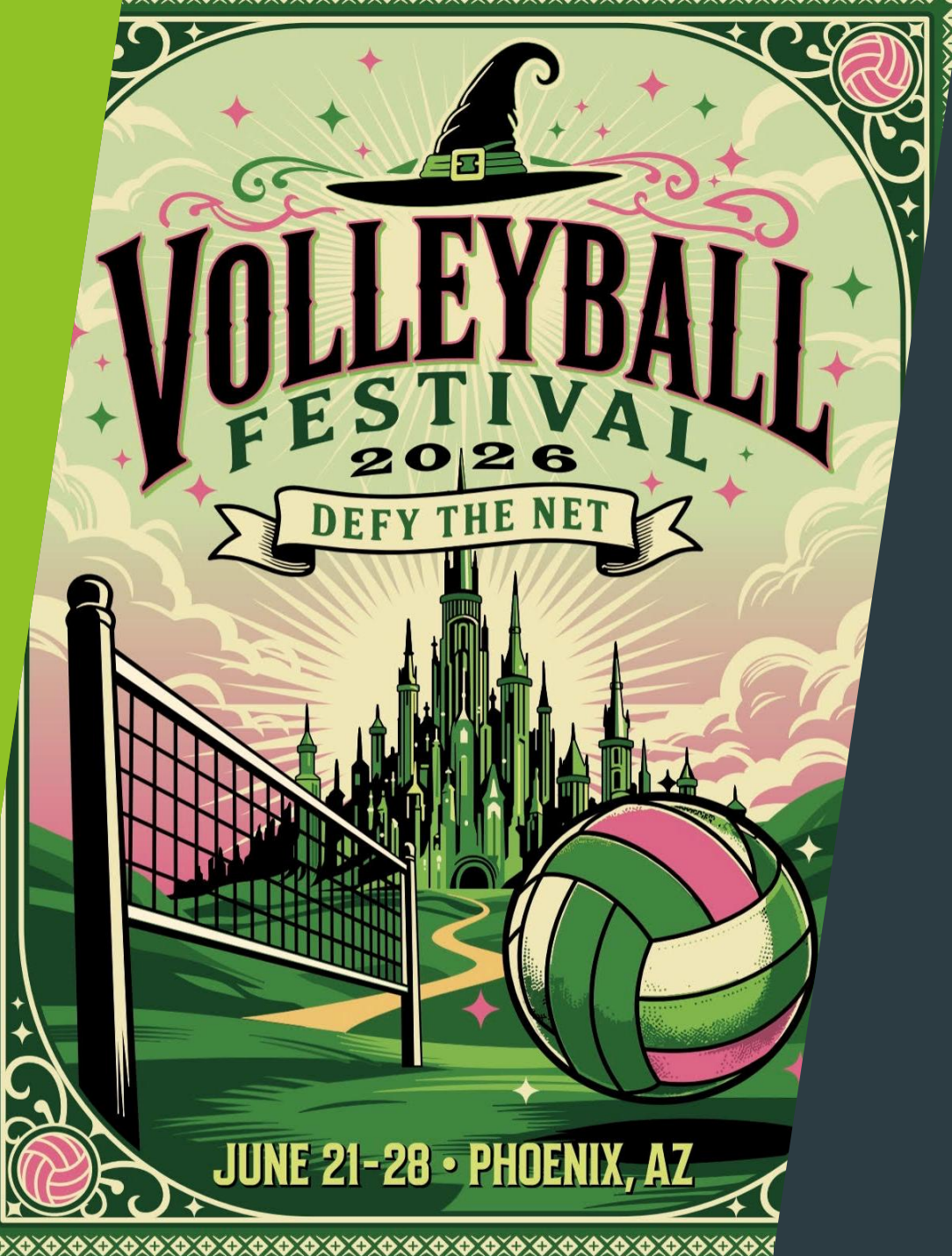
MANDATORY PROCEDURES

- ▶ Coaches must wear Lanyard credential on court

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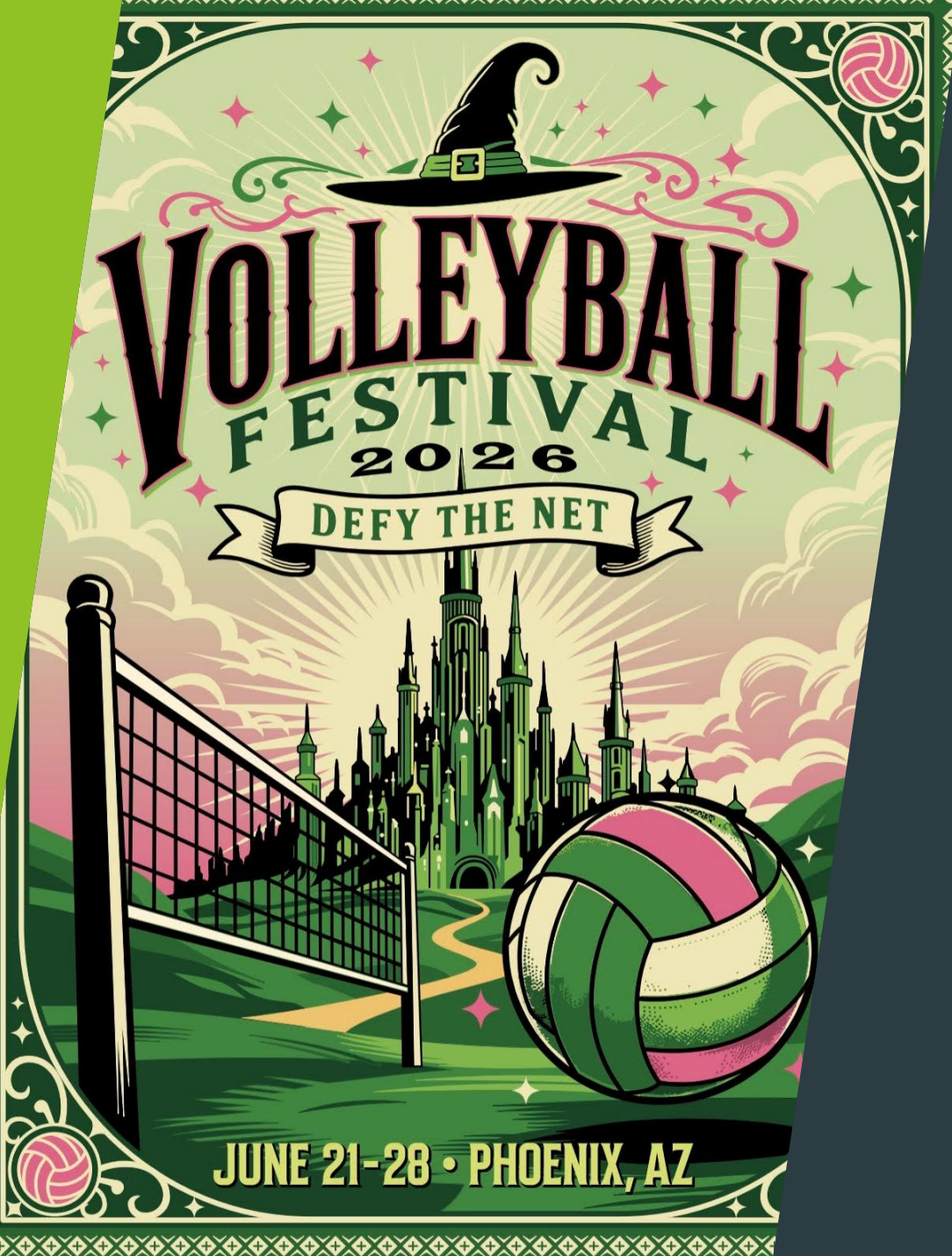
- ▶ Players must have BAG TAGS or be in uniform to gain access into playing Halls

- ▶ *DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 AM



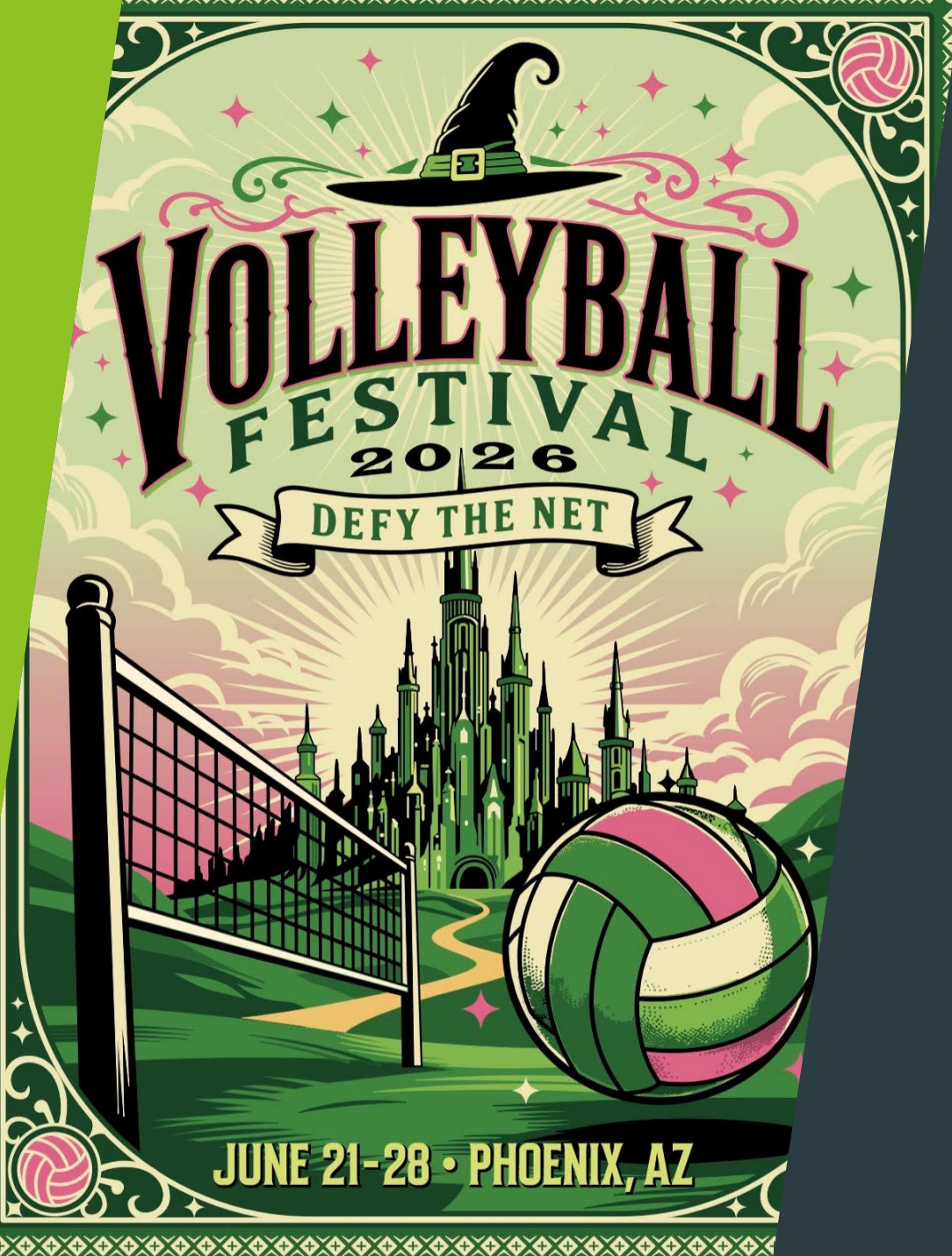
DIGITAL PASSES & CREDENTIALS

- ▶ Digital Spectator & Coach passes scanned every entry to Playing Halls.
 - ▶ No Wristbands
 - ▶ Photo/selfie must be added to digital passes.
 - ▶ No picture, No admittance.
 - ▶ No transfer of passes to other spectators or coaches.
- ▶ Coach Passes emailed day before Day 1 of play to coach email on AES Team Roster.
- ▶ Onsite Helpdesk in North Upper & Lower and South Lobbies.



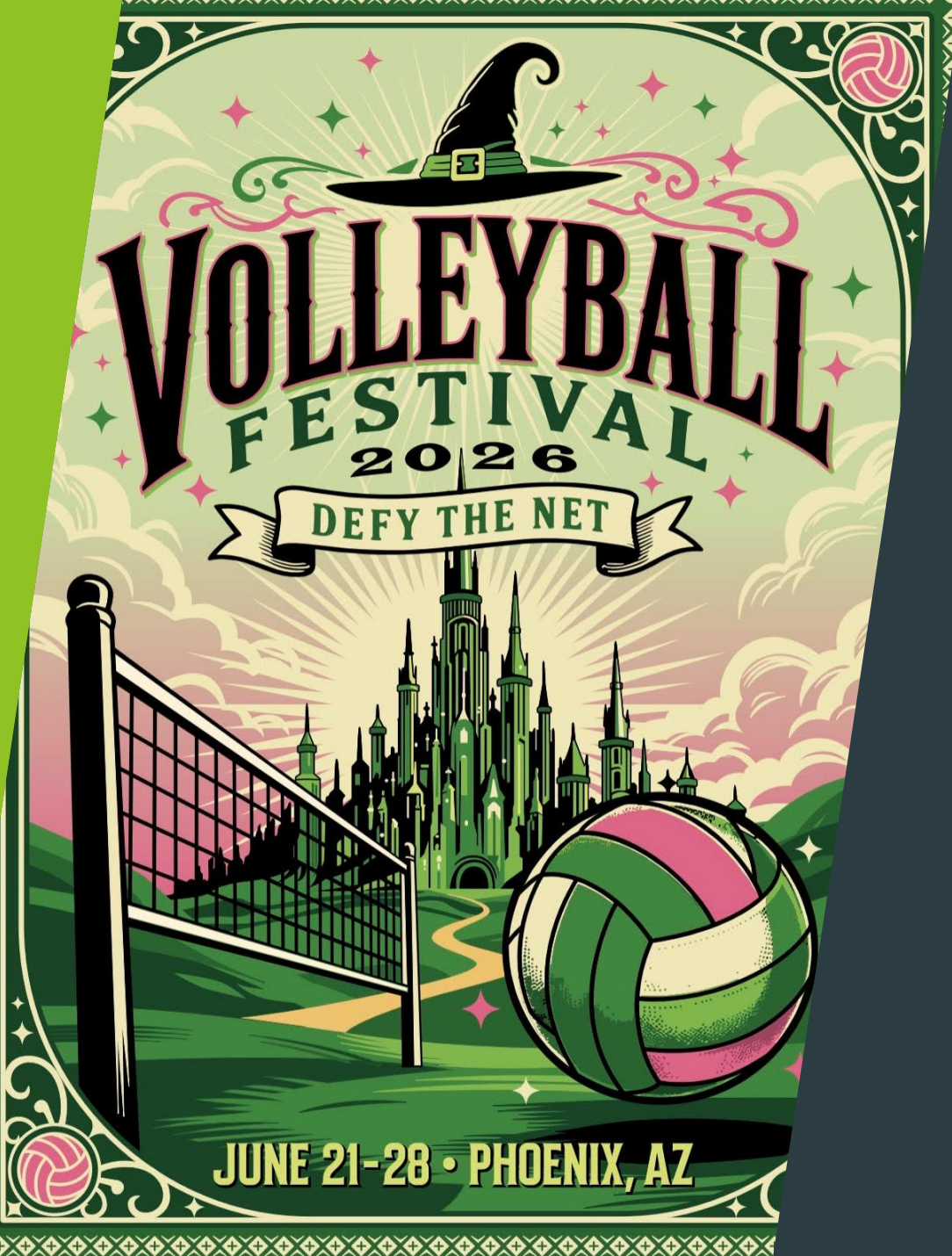
DAILY PROCEDURES

- ▶ Daily check-in:
- ▶ We encourage coaches to check in with the court manager and initial pool sheet upon arrival, prior to start of each day.
- ▶ *****Verify ALL pool play and next day assignments on AES!!**



Ethics & Eligibility Issues

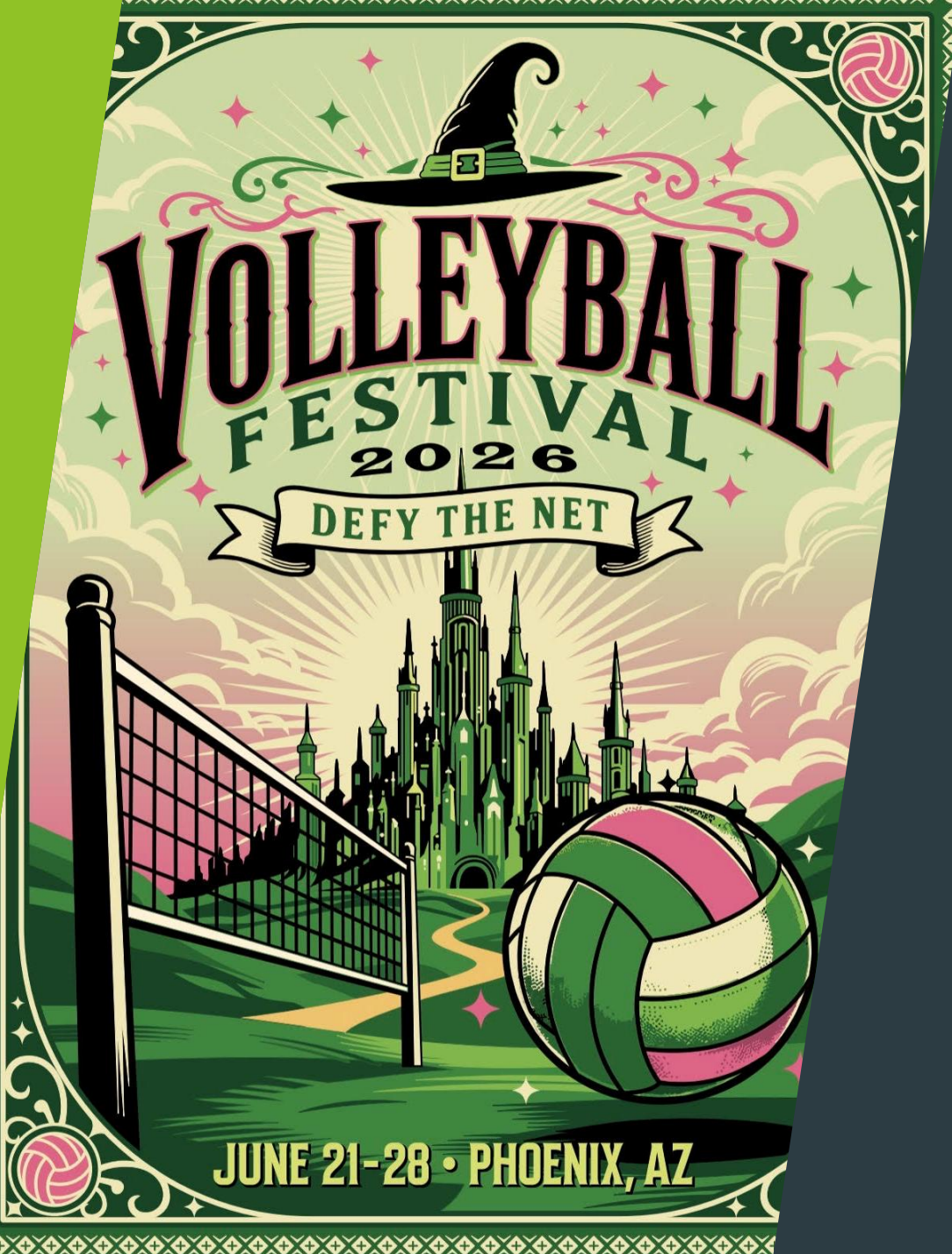
- ▶ 1. Competition Coordinators will be first to determine appropriate actions, for Non-Officiating Violations.
- ▶ 2. If not resolved, the Festival Tournament Director and/or Protest Committee will determine appropriate action.



Festival Format

- ▶ AM wave starts 8am
- ▶ PM wave start 3pm

- ▶ All Pool assignments found on
AES:
▶ www.advancedeventsystems.com
&
▶ www.volleyball-festival.com



Convention Center Rules:

- ▶ *NO team meals in the convention center arena*
- ▶ *Player snacks only in team bags
- ▶ *Food is available for purchase on main level food court

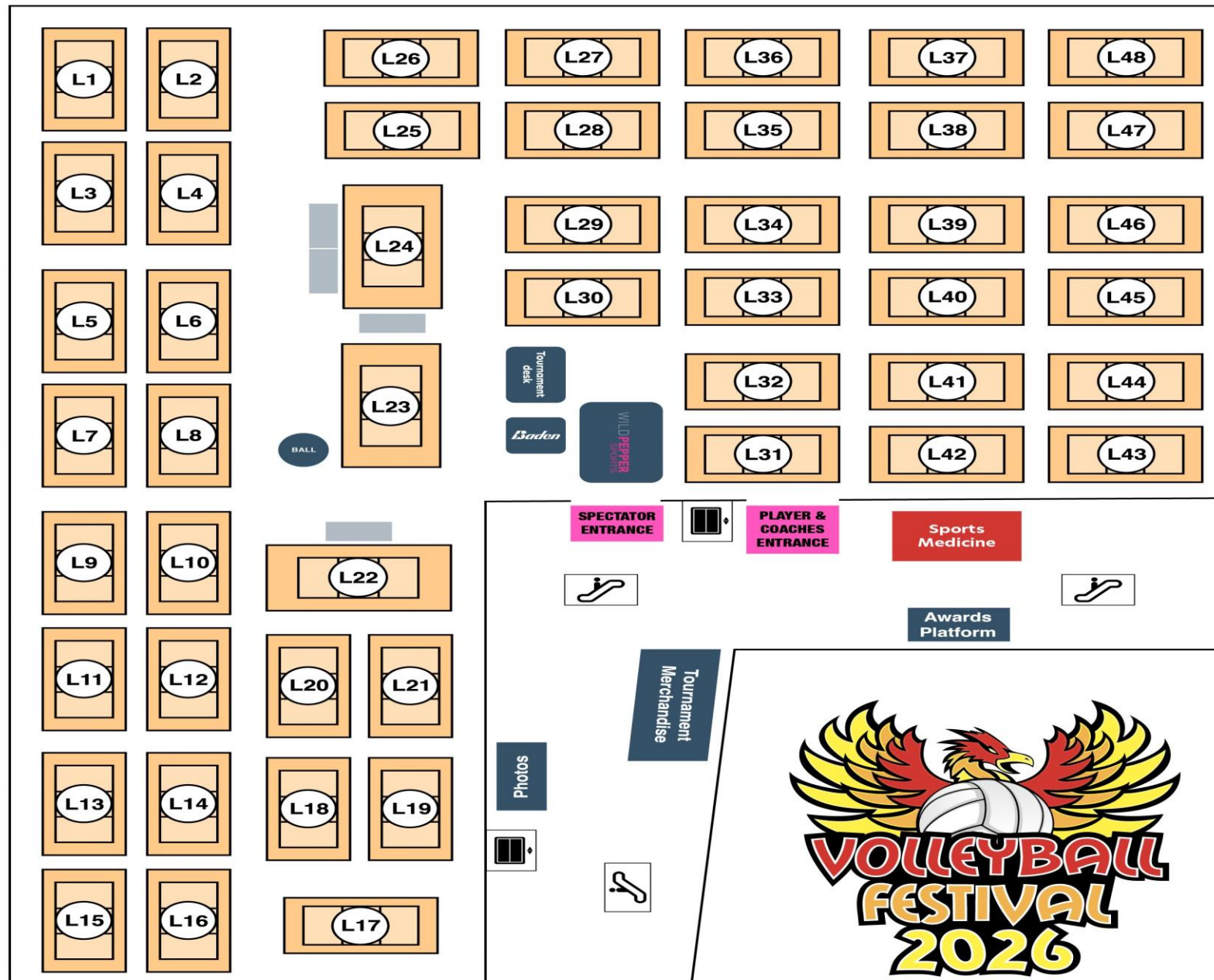
- ▶ *Team bags and equipment should not be left unattended. Main floor venue open to the public

- ▶ *No ball handling in Convention Center halls or non-playing surfaces

LOWER LEVEL – Courts 1-48

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N. 5th St.



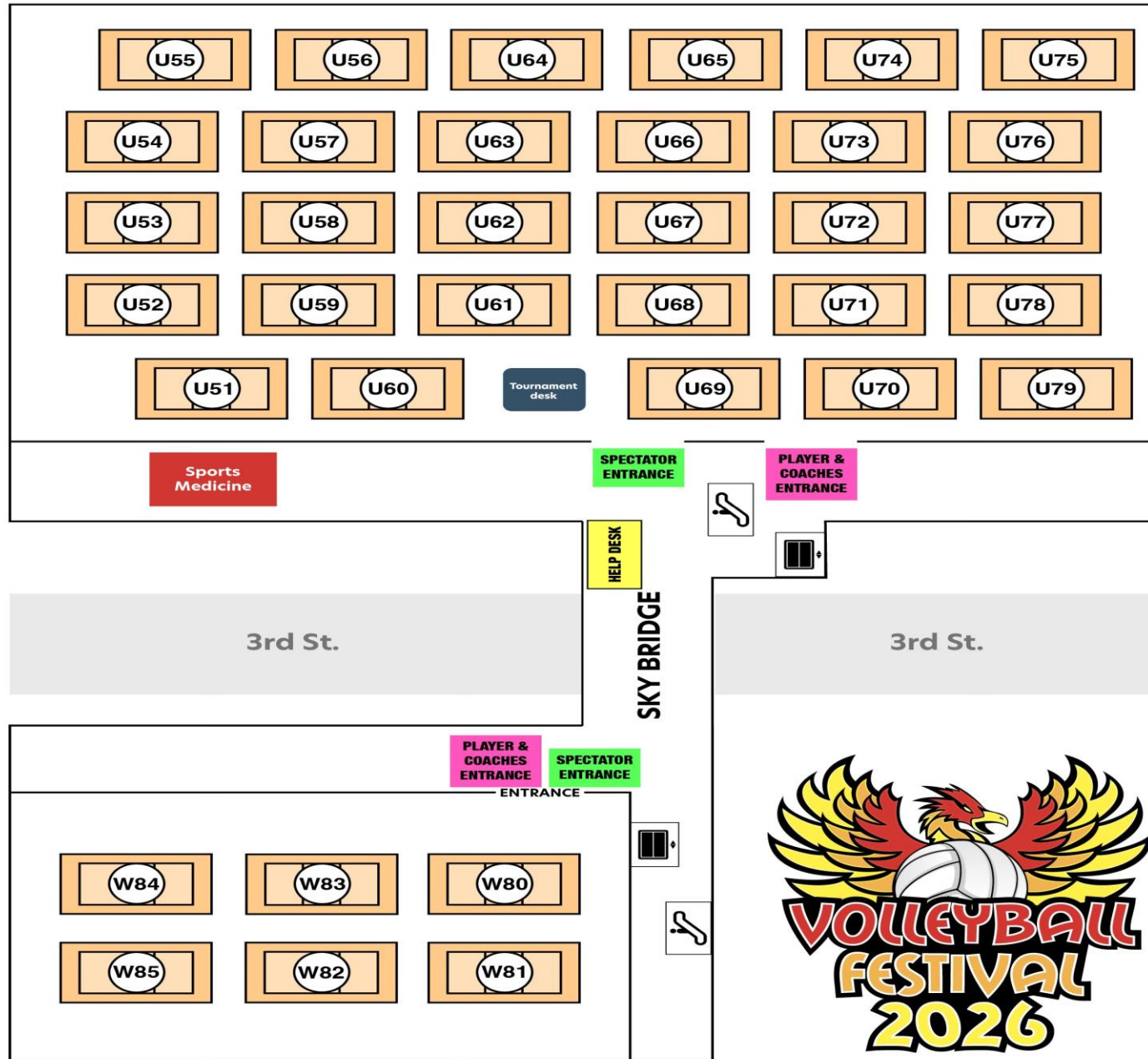
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LEVEL 3 – Courts 51-85



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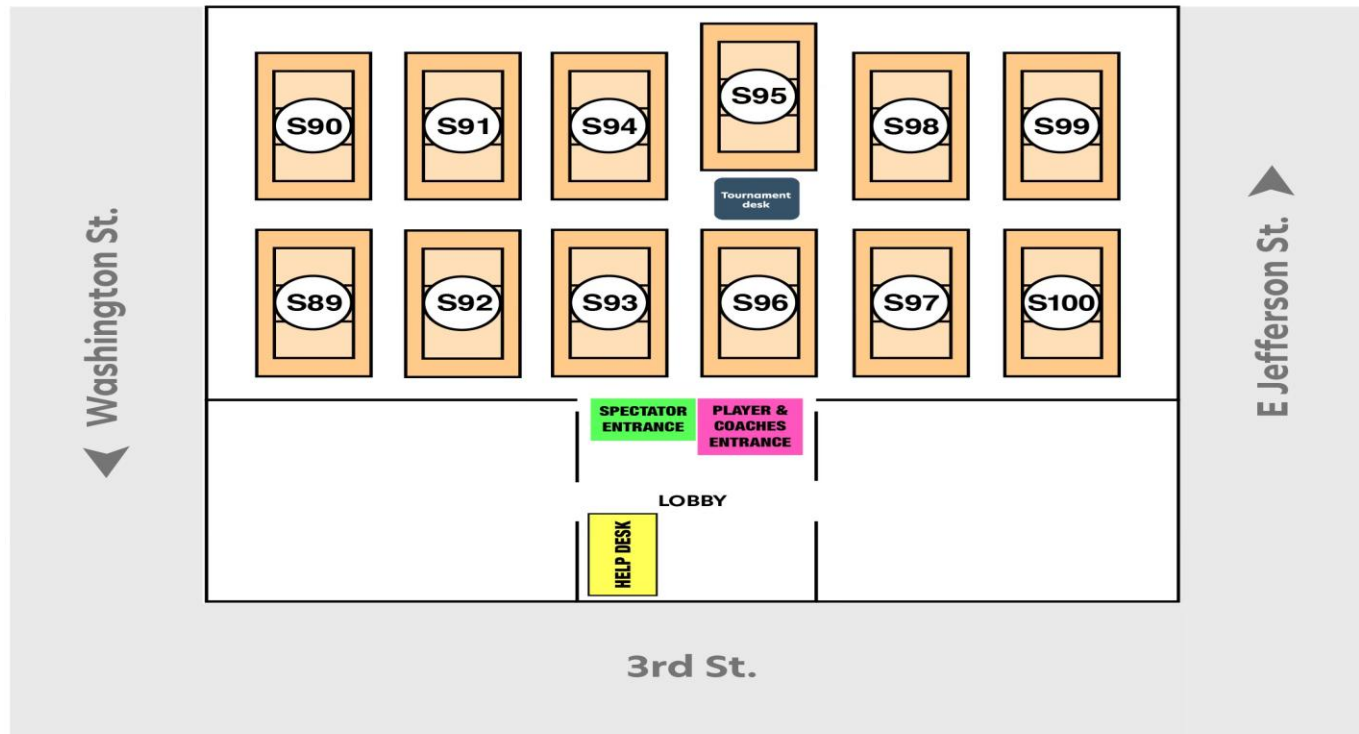


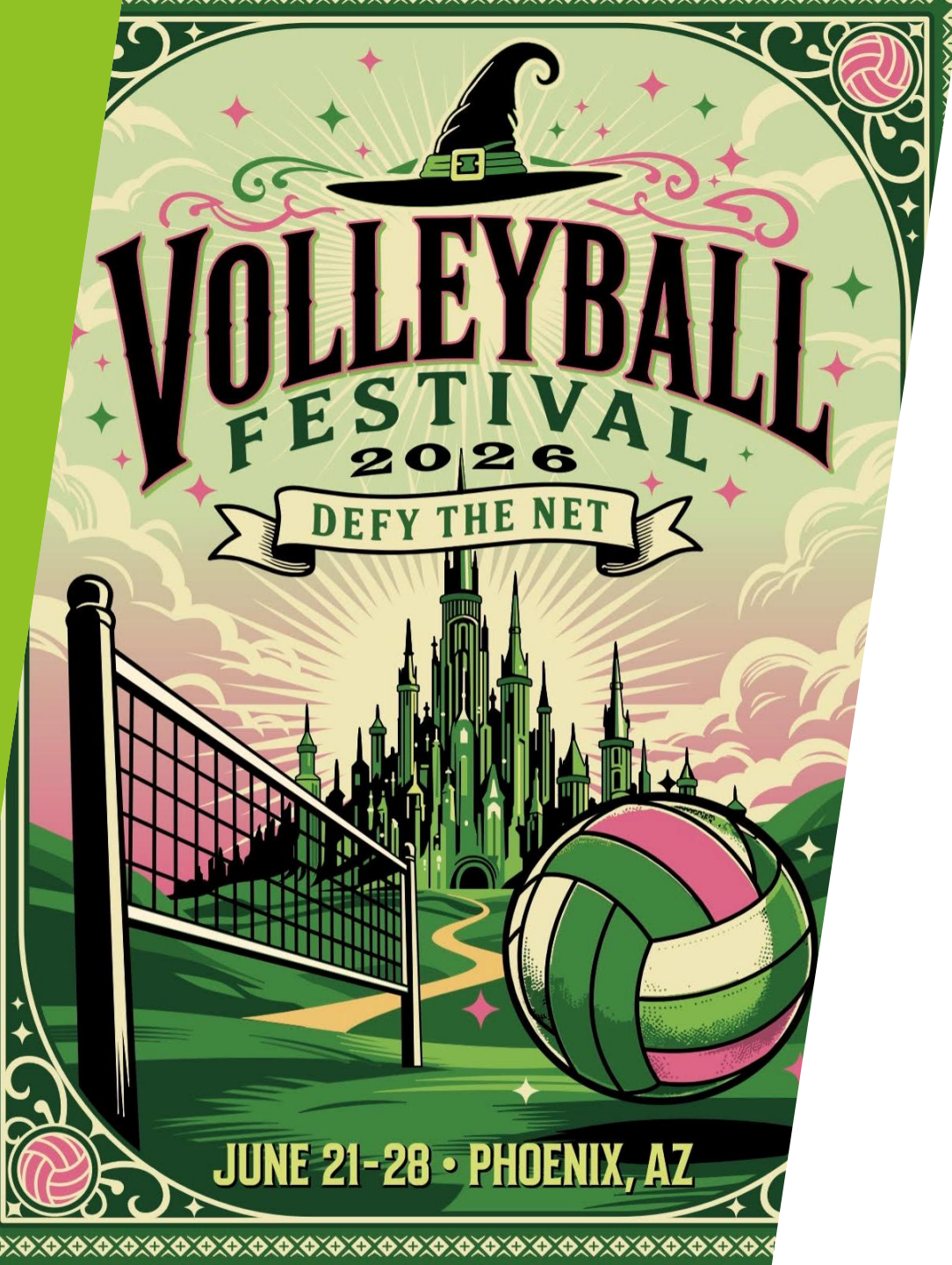
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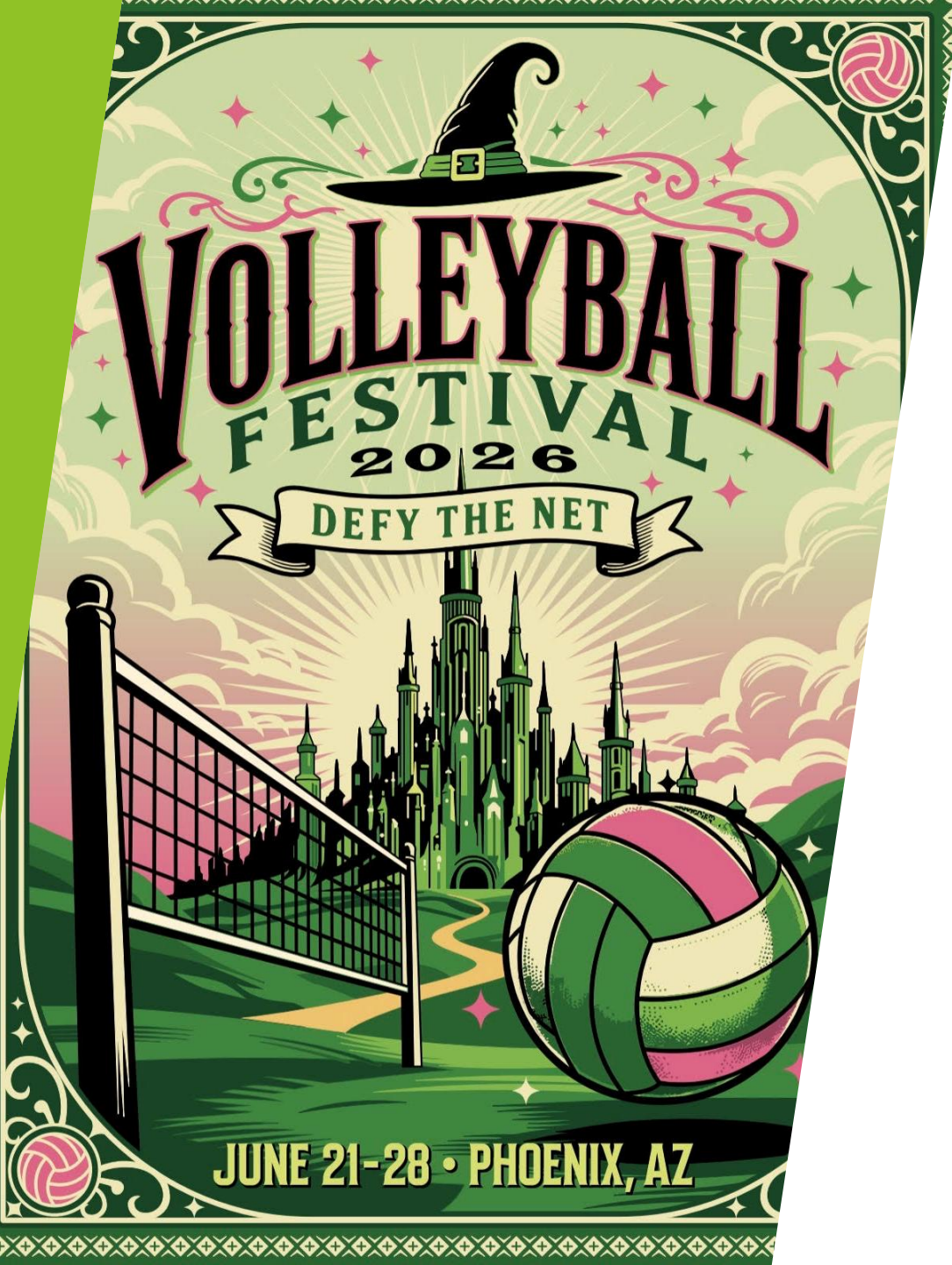
SOUTH – Courts 89-100





IMPORTANT !!

- ▶ ALL TEAMS must Check AES and Festival Website to:
 - ▶ Verify next day Play Schedule,
 - ▶ Pool finish, OR ANY OTHER CHANGES
 - ▶ NOTIFY STAFF PERSONNEL IMMEDIATELY IF YOU NOTICE A DISCREPANCY
- ▶ Volleyball Festival control room :
 - ▶ (281) 545-1939



Competition Coordinators:

LOWER COURTS 1-48

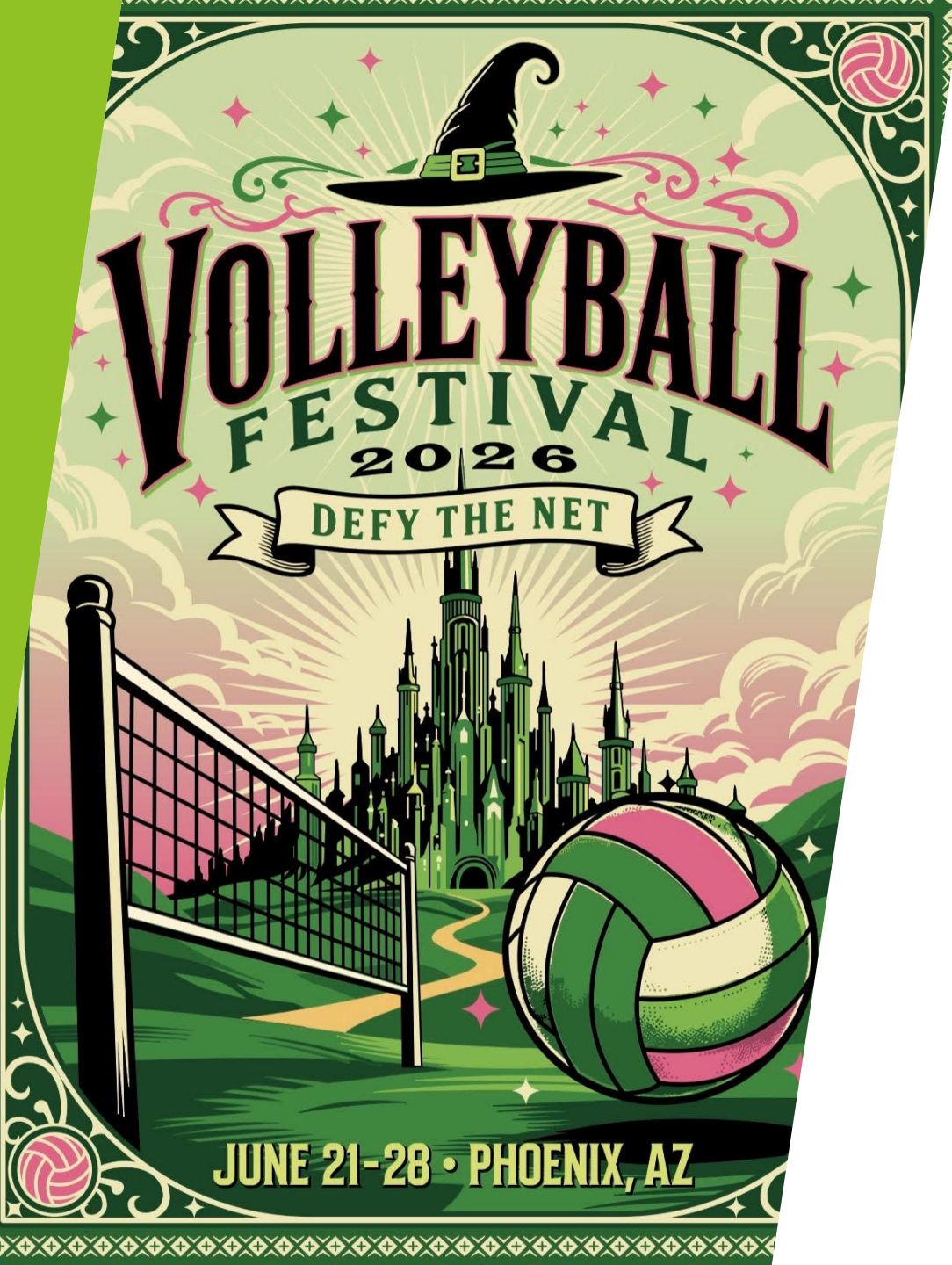
- ▶ Liz Lutrell (1st session)
 - ▶ Connor Kelley
 - ▶ Craig Boston

UPPER 51-79 & WEST 80-85

- ▶ Lawrence Pfefferle
- ▶ Craig Baseman

SOUTH 89-100

- ▶ Liz Lutrell (2nd session)



Volleyball Festival 2026

- ▶ **GOOD LUCK!**
 - ▶ Be safe
 - ▶ Be respectful
 - ▶ **HAVE FUN!**
- ▶ 😊