**Prayer, Team Introductions and Presentation of the Pledge of Allegiance**

**WARMUPS**

The referee typically provides 15 minutes of warm-up, but my be shortened to keep tournament on time.

Three - 5 minute warm-ups to be given for Bumping, Setting and Serving. Each team will warm-up on their respective sides at the same time and are required to retrieve their own balls and return the ball cart to the sidelines.

At the end of timed warm-up, the referee and the two line judges must be on the court for the introduction.

All officials shall face the Cross/Flag and stand at attention during the Prayer and Pledge.

*“Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the 2017 St. Sebastian Classic JV and Varsity Volleyball Tournament. Over this weekend, we will have over 22 games played with 2 Champions to be recognized.*

*As we are a Catholic Youth Organization, we are privileged and honored to be able to recite the Lords Prayer before our game. Let us rise and pray as a Catholic Family.*

*‘Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.’*

*We also live in a great country with freedoms like no other in the world. To honor America and IN RESPECT FOR ALL WHO HAVE SERVED to defend these freedoms, place your right hand over your heart to say our Pledge of Allegiance:*

*‘I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.’*

*Reminders that all athletes, coaches AND officials are guests of CYO, Parish and St. Sebastian School/Booster Club. We ask that everyone keeps with the ideals of good sportsmanship and Catholic Values are treats everyone with respect.*

*Now, let’s meet the coaches and teams.”*

* Introduce Visiting Team & Coaches
* Introduce Home Team & Coaches

Teams will line up on the out of bounds lines to be introduced at the start of the first game of the tournament. No other introductions will be made throughout the tournament.

At the completion of player introductions, the referee will beckon both teams onto the

court to shake hands.

The line judges shall go to their respective corners with their flags.

**After the each school’s last match**

**MVP Announcement**

*“Ladies & Gentlemen, at the completion of the tournament, we recognize the Most Valuable Player from each team. Our referees and team coaches have voted throughout the tournament for the MVP of each team. Their vote is based on how the athlete performed, sportsmanship, leadership on the court.*

*For the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Visitor team), Number \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*For the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Home team), Number \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**After the Championship Match**

**RUNNER UP**

*“Ladies & Gentlemen, please direct your attention to Center Court where \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, representing St. Sebastian School and Booster Club, will present this year’s Runner Up and Champion trophies*

*First, our Runners-Up. Our Runner up for the 2017 St. Sebastian Classic Volleyball Tournament is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. When your name is called, please step forward to be recognized. Number \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. “*

(Allow time for presenter - Coach of the Team or the AD hands individual medallion to the athlete puts them around the neck of each individual.)

*“Would the captains for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ please come forward for the presentation of the Runner Up Team Trophy. Congratulations, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for being the 2017 Runner Up of the St. Sebastian Classic Volleyball Tournament.”*

**CHAMPIONS**

*And now, your 2017 St. Sebastian Classic Volleyball Tournament CHAMPIONS are the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. When your name is called, please step forward to be recognized. Number \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. “*

(Allow time for presenter - Coach of the Team or the AD hands individual medallion to the athlete puts them around the neck of each individual.)

*“Would the captains for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ please come forward for the presentation of the Champion’s Team Trophy. Congratulations, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for being the 2017 Champions of the St. Sebastian Classic Volleyball Tournament.*

*Thank you for your attendance and for supporting all CYO events and our Student-Athletes. Please travel home safely.”*