



2025 Elizabeth Seton Volleyball Championships Updates for Coaches

The Elizabeth Seton Volleyball Championships is the 8th grade, invitation-only championship tournament for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The tournament consists of 68 teams in 3 divisions (Boys Division, Girls Division 1, Girls Division 2) playing 156 matches over 7 tournament days to crown 3 champions. The tournament supports causes including the Waukesha County Catholic School Tuition Assistance Fund and the Foundation for Retired Religious.

1. The 2025 Seton tournament will run from Monday October 27th through Friday October 31st for the first 3 rounds, then a week later on Saturday November 8th & Sunday November 9th for the Final Four
 - a. Monday-Friday will be at the Milwaukee Sting Center in Menomonee Falls
 - b. Saturday-Sunday will be held at Catholic Memorial High School in Waukesha
2. **At no point should any 8th grade league or tournament games take place on nights of the Seton tournament.** *If possible please complete any tournaments for younger grades prior to the Seton to allow those kids to support their classmates, but we understand those dates may be necessary for 4th-7th grade tournaments to be run.*
3. The tournament format is as follows:
 - a. All divisions will have pool play on their first night. Pools will consist of 4 or 5 team groupings, with 2 or 3 teams from each pool advancing to bracket play.
 - b. Once pool play is complete, teams will be seeded into brackets. Brackets are single-elimination, best 3 out of 5 set format (similar to high school varsity) during bracket play.
4. Tournament entry fee is \$225 per team. Schools may be issued invitations for multiple teams depending on league results.
 - a. When registering a team if you receive an invitation, ***please verify the address/payment info with whoever cuts checks at your school!*** Several schools had to re-cut checks that were inaccurately written or sent to the wrong address or were payable to the wrong name
 - b. Each team will receive T-shirts for all players, a copy of the tournament program for the head coach, and every match played one player from each team will be selected for a sportsmanship award
5. **8th Grade Coaches for this fall should all enter their contact information on the Seton website ASAP**
 - a. This DOES NOT guarantee an invite (the tournament is invitation only, but will speed up the process)
 - b. This DOES NOT count as a team registration—instructions are sent to coaches once they accept invitations
 - c. This DOES show your team is interested in participating should you receive an invitation (especially if there is a late decline/drop)
6. **Contact your school to make sure the dates of the Seton are kept available for your players** (to avoid concerts, parent meetings, science fairs, etc. over the Seton tournament)
7. Schools must report scores to the league the weekend of games (or immediately after weekday games). Coaches should constantly check the accuracy of both league standings and scores throughout

the season—those are the primary source used for invitations and seeding. Please report any issues to your league immediately

a. *Unreported scores/standings will lead to delays in invitations and may hurt your league/school's chances of receiving invitations!*

8. **At the start of the fall season, please ensure you have a copy of your roster with names, jersey numbers, and T-shirt sizes for your players. Also, be sure to take a team picture when you have everyone there.** You need all of that information and the picture when registering a team for the Seton if you receive an invite to play in the tournament
9. Days/times for playing are as follows:
 - a. Boys Division – Monday Oct. 27th Pool Play begins 5:30 pm; Thursday October 30th Second Round 7:30 pm; Friday Oct. 31st Third Round 7:30 pm; Final Four Saturday Nov. 8th 2 pm; Championship/Third Place matches Sunday Nov. 9th at 2 pm
 - b. Girls Division 2 – Tuesday Oct. 28th Pool Play begins 5:30 pm; Second/Third Rounds Thursday Oct. 30th at 5:30 pm (winners play again at 7:30 pm the same night); Final Four Saturday Nov. 8th 4 pm; Championship/Third Place matches Sunday Nov. 9th at 4 pm
 - c. Girls Division 1 – Wednesday Oct. 29th Pool Play begins 5:30 pm; Second/Third Rounds Friday Oct. 31st at 5:30 pm (winners play again at 7:30 pm the same night); Final Four Saturday Nov. 8th 6 pm; Championship/Third Place matches Sunday Nov. 9th at 6 pm
- 10. Please note that The Seton does not take or honor requests to play in a specific division. Several committee members observe multiple games in several conferences throughout the Archdiocese each year to determine where teams should be placed to represent all conferences and their level of play.**
11. School rosters MUST match league roster. No additions/changes may be made for the Seton tournament or teams will forfeit. 7th graders MAY ONLY play in the Seton if they are on a combined 7th/8th grade team the entire season playing exclusively at an 8th grade level. No “fill-in” players are allowed
12. Metro League rules are used with some slight modifications for the Seton
13. Playing time will follow Archdiocesan rules—teams that fail to play all eligible players will face a forfeit and a losing team may be recalled into the tournament
14. There will be a MANDATORY coach Zoom meeting 1-2 weeks prior to the start of the tournament to discuss rules, logistics, playing time, check-in procedures, etc.
15. Visit the Seton website for more information (www.theseton.net). There is a FAQ section on the left that answers common questions in advance (question/answers will be updated in the next few months)
16. Additional changes may be made prior to the tournament this fall. Coaches will be notified of any new changes via the Seton website or on the Coaches' Zoom prior to the tournament starting
17. Questions, contact Bill Serb, Tournament Director setondirector@gmail.com