

THE SETON 2011

What is The Seton - The Seton is a Milwaukee Archdiocese eighth grade only volleyball championship. It is in its sixth year. The tournament is modeled heavily after The Padre Tournament that is held for basketball. It is an invitational tournament for boys and girls teams that participate in archdiocese regulated volleyball during the fall season. There are three divisions. One division for boys, and a division 1 and a division 2 for the girls.

Who hosts The seton – The Athletic Board of The Waukesha Catholic School System are the hosts for the tournament. It is their responsibility to run all aspects of the tournament. We thank them for stepping up and creating this great championship for the eighth graders.

Who is eligible – Any eighth grade team that competes in a Milwaukee archdiocese regulated league, or in an outside league, but still follow all of the Archdiocese policies and regulations. We have identified the following leagues as eligible leagues. Metro, Parkview, Kettle Moraine, North Shore, Ozaukee/Washington, Racine Parochial, Sheboygan County and WACC.

How are Divisions picked – The following guidelines are used for the invitation and seeding committee when deciding on invitees. Remember these are guidelines, but may vary depending on league size and available teams. Girls 1 division will have 32 teams invited. The break down is as follows:

Metro – top 7 A teams

Parkview – top 7 teams

Ozaukee – top 3 teams

Racine – top 3 teams

WACC – top 3 teams

North Shore- top team

Kettle Moraine – top team

Sheboygan – top team

That leaves 6 spots open for at large invitations.

Girls Division 2

Metro – top 7 teams out of B league

Parkview – top 7 from B league

Ozaukee – teams 4-6 in the standings

Racine – teams 4-6 in the standings

WACC – teams 4-6 in standings

North shore – 1 team

Kettle Moraine – 1 team

Sheboygan – 1 team

That again leaves 6 at large invitations.

Boys Division

The boys will invite 20 teams. That is just about all the teams in the archdiocese. A few will not get invited. The boys play one division, and we play pool play to qualify for championship bracket. You can see the brackets on the web site.

How do I get my team invited – There is a selection and seeding committee in place. This committee is made up of the Athletic director at Waukesha Catholic along with several league directors. These folks will be watching league standings and play through out the season to decide who gets invited. If your team is being invited, your volleyball coordinator will get a call. Invitations will be based on league records as of Sunday Oct. 16th. You may get an invitation earlier if your league record is good enough to guarantee you a spot.

When and where – The Seton will again be held at Center Court in Waukesha and the finals weekend at Catholic Memorial High School. The tournament will run from Monday Oct. 31st until Sunday Nov. 7. Games during the week will be scheduled at either 5:30 or 7:30 PM. Boys will play first round on Monday, Girls Division 2 first round on Tuesday, girls division 1 on Wednesday. Remaining schedules and brackets can be found on The Seton website.

Website – Seeing that the website has been referred to a couple of times already, I suppose it would be handy to have. The site address is theseton.org. It can be linked to on many of the league sites. The website has great photos of last year's action. Take a look, it was very fun.

How is tournament structured – The tournament for both girls divisions is a 32 team single elimination format. We will play matches that are 3 out of 5 games. Rally scoring will be used. Rules of play will be the rules of The Metro league. Copies of those rules can be found on their website. Once you lose a match you are out. The tournament will be seeded based on league and other tournament play. Seeding is at the discretion of the seeding committee.

The boys first round will be pool play. There will be 5 teams per pool and the top 3 teams from each pool will advance to the championship bracket. Pool play games will be two games to 19 with a cap of 21. Once championship play begins, it is single elimination. Brackets can be found on website.

Proceeds – Proceeds from The Seton are divided among three non profit groups. Waukesha Catholic Athletic Association, Milwaukee Archdiocese Foundation for religious Retirement, and an archdiocese tuition assistance fund for Catholic grade school.

Sponsors – In order to enhance the financial well being of the tournament, we are in need of sponsorships. There is a sponsorship brochure posted on the web site. We are looking for many corporate sponsors to help with this tournament. Please check

out the brochure and help us make this an ongoing successful tournament for the kids. We would love to get sponsors from throughout the ten county Archdiocese. Please help us.

Registration – registration fees for The Seton will be \$175.00 this year. This includes play in the tournament and a tee shirt for all participants. Once you are invited a registration packet will be sent to you by email. We will need a check, roster and team picture. It would be helpful to have pictures ready to send ahead of time.

Spirit ads – Spirit ads will be available for teams invited to the tournament. The ads are \$100.00 for a half page ad. Ads need to be electronically submitted and can contain pictures or what ever you want. They will be due along with registration material.

Schedules – schedules of play are posted on web site. This will be the official schedule notification. NO matches will be rescheduled. If you accept an invitation, you need to be able to play when you are scheduled. A missed match will be a forfeit.

What you will need – once your invite comes you will need a few things. Best to have them ready ahead of time. You will need a picture of your team that you can send electronically. You will also be invited to place a spirit ad for your team. Have that ready in electronic form also, to avoid last minutes headaches for yourself.

Questions – please direct all questions to Tom McElmeel, tournament director. Tom can be reached by email at mcelmeelt@archmil.org or by phone at 262 501-6722

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