Dear Coaches,

The Panama –Buena Vista Union School District will be sponsoring its 35th annual **8th Grade Girls Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026** at the Thompson Jr. High gymnasium. 7th graders are permitted to compete, but keep in mind this is a varsity, or A team tournament.

Email me with your intention to compete at Cserrato@pbvusd.k12.ca.us by September 23rd. You will be added to a mailing list so you continue to receive all relevant information as deadlines approach.

A $140.00 entry fee for one team, $200 for two teams. Please send the bottom portion of this letter by Wednesday, September 30th with your check to confirm your team's entry in the tournament. Checks should be made payable to: **Panama –Buena Vista USD.** Please send your check to:

Panama-Buena Vista Union School District
District Office Southwest | Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Building
c/o Cristian Serrato
4250 Ashe Rd.
Bakersfield, CA 93313

If you have any questions, please contact me via email at Cserrato@pbvusd.k12.ca.us.

Sincerely,

Cristian Serrato

Panama –Buena Vista Union School District 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Tournament Saturday, Oct 3rd, 2026.

_____ Yes, our school will play in the tournament on Saturday, October 3rd, at Thompson Jr. High. Our entry fee is included.

School Name:_____

Coaches Name and Phone number & email: _____

Panama Buena Vista Union School District
8th Grade Girls VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Pool play organization will be dependent on the number of teams competing. The game format is the same regardless of the pool size.

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026

General Format (dependent upon number of teams entered)

Pool Play

1. There are 3 pools or 4 teams sharing 2 courts. Each team will play within their respective pool & will play each other once to **"25" points rally scoring** within two point advantage (**cap score at 27 points).**
2. There will be **one minute** time out allowed per game throughout the entire tourney, even finals. No additional time outs will be awarded even if the game is tied at 25 points. Use your one time out carefully
3. Teams playing their first game of the day get **a five minute warm up of shared** court time which includes 1 minute of shared serving (4 min warm up, one serving, both at same time)
4. Thereafter, there **will be two minutes between games for a minimum time of warm-ups. Coaches need to immediately get their lineups to the scoring table as soon as the previous game has concluded.** During pool play, the team listed first will serve first, and the other team will choose sides. Higher seeds serve first during playoffs.

Playoffs

The number of teams who advance to the play-off round will be determined by the number of teams competing in pool play. Seeding for the play-offs will be determined by game record, head to head, point differential, or coin toss from each pool. Teams will be seeded within brackets so as not to have a rematch with a team from their same pool in the quarter or semi-final play-offs. The quarter/semi finals will be one game to **25 points, same rules as the pool play stated above, one timeout** only for the entire game for each coach. Teams that are eliminated in the semis will play one game to 25 for third place.

Please note: This fast match format runs at a rapid pace. By the time teams finish a game, debrief, refresh, it will be time to warm up and take to the court for the next game. The tournament will be starting promptly at 8:00 am. Depending on the number of teams, the tournament will finish sometime between 2:00 - 3:00 pm at the latest.

Finals

The finalists will play best of 3 matches, first two to "21" points rally scoring with a two point advantage (cap score at 23). If a third game is necessary, then rally scoring to "15" points with a two point advantage, no cap. Only one time out for each game as with all other games for tourney. …..or if both teams agree in the interest of time, one game to 25 like the rest of the day.

Additional Information

Cost at the door will be $5.00 per person, free of charge for children under the age of 12 accompanied by a parent.

The gym will be open by 7:30 AM. Please communicate with your players and families that there will be no food or drinks(other than water) allowed inside the gym. Additionally, there will be no “day-camping” inside the gym, there will be plenty of space outside, next to the gym in the grass area.