



6th Annual Kauai Challenge Volleyball Invitational 2007

LIHUE, Kauai (July 30, 2007) – Kauai High School will host the 6th Annual Kauai Challenge Girls Volleyball Invitational from Aug. 9-11. The tournament is a High School Girls Varsity Tournament. This year, play will be at all three High Schools, Kapaa, Waimea and Kauai High. The tournament began five years ago with just 8 teams competing. This year's tournament will host 24 teams, including defending champion Vista Murrieta-CA. Other High Schools from California include; Buena High School, Dos Pueblos, Fairmont Prep, La Salle, Los Osos, Murrieta Valley, Notre Dame-San Jose, Oxnard, South High, Upland and Upland Christian. Hawaii High Schools Include: Kauai, Kapaa, Waimea, Roosevelt, Pearl City, Molokai, Hawaii Baptist Academy, Iolani, Mililani, Kamehameha Hawaii, Kalaheo, Kealakehe Eighty-four matches will be played over three days.

Matches begin on Thursday, August 9 at 1:30 PM at Kauai, Kapaa and Waimea High Schools. Friday play starts at 1:30PM and 5:15 PM at Kauai High, and at 5:15PM at Kapaa and Waimea High. Play starts Saturday at 8:00AM at all three schools. On Saturday, all teams will be playing in one of three divisions, Po'okela, Olinolino or Onipa'a for respective division championships. A complete schedule and scores will be posted at <http://www.tisworld.com>. Click on volleyball, then Hawaii tournaments and then the Kauai Challenge and look for the tournament score link.

Parking is limited at Kauai High prior to 2:30PM. Spectators coming prior to 2:30PM will need to park off campus and will need to walk to the gym.

If matches start finishing ahead of schedule they will start earlier at all sites. So if you are planning on watching a favorite team or individual we suggest you get there earlier than the estimated start time. The finals will be at Kauai High at 3:30PM on Saturday in the Po'okela(Gold) Division. Tournament shirts will be available for sale at Kauai High. All sites will have food booths for you to refresh yourself and help to support the High School programs on Kauai.

The community has been very supportive and we are grateful to our sponsors: County of Kauai-Anti Drug Program, Office of Economic Development and Kauai Visitors Bureau, Anchor Cove Shops and Restaurants, JJ's Broiler, Waimea Plantation Cottages, Kikiaola Land Company, ResortQuest Hawaii, John H. Connors Insurance, Kauai Sports Foundation, Kauai Community Federal Credit Union, Kukui'ula Development Company (Hawaii), Island School, Outfitters Kauai, King Auto Center, Brenneckes Beach Broiler, Jodi Matsumoto-Realtor, KIUC, Travel International Sports, Omao Care Center, Friends of Jimmy Tokioka, Borders Books and Music, Ibaan Table Rentals, Ventures, Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School, Waimea High School, Kapaa High School.

A huge mahalo to the parents who are organizing the event and who are also coordinating the awards dinner.

Many of the California teams are ranked in the top 10 of their respective CIF-Southern Section leagues. Combine this with some of Hawaii's top teams out of the OIA, ILH, BIIF, MIL and KIF and there should be some great match-ups as the days progress. If you love volleyball you will be treated to some great play.

Shelton Tang will again be the overall tournament and court director at Kauai High. Shelton runs Impact Volleyball Club in Honolulu and is a volunteer coach at the University of Hawaii for the women's volleyball program. This year, we are again fortunate to have Dan Kitashima as court director at Kapaa High School and Debbie Koochi as the Waimea court director. Dan is a former head coach of Kamehameha Schools Girls Varsity program with numerous state championships and a National Championship. Debbie runs Oahu Volleyball Club and is on the committee that runs the USA Juniors Aloha Region Volleyball Program and has recruited the majority of the officiating staff out of the OIA.

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