

Women's Tournaments for 2006

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This season, adult tournaments will use all-day paid officials for pool play and play-off matches. Team members will still need to provide the support officials: 2nd referee, 2 linespeople and 2 scorekeepers. This service will raise the tournament entry fee to \$110 per team. This should provide a better experience for the players.

Anyone wishing to host a tournament should contact me (Women's tournaments) or Hank Trimble (Men's tournaments). It is good to schedule early if you can while the calender is wide open.

Regionals will be held on April 8-9, 2006 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. Divisions for each day will be posted on the Men's and Women's Tournament Schedule when approximate numbers of teams are known.

Miami Valley Masters 55s Reach Third in Silver at Nationals



Front row: Sam Tehrani (10), Rick Laskey (1), Steven DiBacco (17), Gary Ludt (Manager).
Back row: Bob Dingee (6), Steve Crane (9), Terry Miller (55), John Tokash (8), Alan Brunsman (2)

23 teams competed in the in the 55s' division of the 2005 USA Open Volleyball Championships in Denver, Colorado. For some reason we were seeded second in our 6-team pool. Without our middle hitters and with half the starters playing 60s in the second half, we did poorly in the pool play, finishing 6th in our pool. On the third day in the challenge round we lost to Michiana, 19-25, 20-25, putting us in the Silver Bracket. In the quarterfinals of that bracket we defeated Colorado Masters White, 25-15, 25-16. We then lost to Spike Force in the semis, 20-25, 10-15. We finished tied for 3rd in the Silver Division and 18th overall.

Team members were setters John Tokash and Rick Laskey, middles Bob Dingee and Terry Miller, outsides Sam Tehrani, Alan Brunsman, and Steven DiBacco, Libero Steve Crane, and manager Gary Ludt. Most of us will be playing in the 60s next year in New Orleans.

— Rick Laskey