



**TOURNAMENT
HANDBOOK
JANUARY 9-10th, 2021
Bowling Green, KY**

2021 WINTER WARM-UP

Club Directors and Coaches:

Welcome to the 9th annual Winter Warm-up on Saturday & Sunday, January 9-10th. Thank you for joining us and we hope to see you for additional events in 2021 and for years to come! Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make the Winter Warm-Up and future events a great experience for you, your team, and your fans!

It is important that every coach read this email in its entirety, as this was created in lieu of a coaches' meeting.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Schedule is here:

All Teams:

- Tournament will be on Saturday (12s, 13s, 14s, 17/18s) & Sunday, January (15s and 16s).
- This is a one-day tournament and every team receives 4 matches
- Matches will be best two of three sets, with the first two sets being to 25 points, and the deciding set—if necessary—to 15. Tiebreaking protocol is described below.
- The warm-up protocol will be 2-4-4 for all matches—i.e., 2 minutes of shared court time for warm-up on your side only; 4 minutes for serving team to hit and/or serve; 4 minutes for receiving team to hit and/or serve. To enable the playing of matches to 25 without the tournament falling behind, officials will call for the Captain's Meeting of the subsequent match immediately upon completion of the previous match, and the 10-minute warm-up will begin at that time.
- Liberos may serve.
- Every team will receive four matches.
- The first matches on Saturday and Sunday will commence at 7:30am; subsequent matches will begin immediately upon completion of the previous match.
- There is NO BRACKET PLAY – everyone will receive 4 matches and how they finish will determine winners of each division.
- **PLEASE double check AES carefully to note reffing assignments. Refing assignments are not always for YOUR bracket.** If in doubt, check with the site director.

AGE SPECIFIC RULES:

- 12&under rules will be followed by ALL teams in the 12&under division with the following
 - EXCEPTION: 10's and 11's teams will be allowed to step-in to serve at any time. If coaches agree, then 12s teams can step-in as well. If they cannot agree then traditional 12u rules apply.

REFING ASSIGNMENTS:

- **Check AES carefully to note reffing assignments. Refing assignments are not always for YOUR bracket.**
- Many of the teams will be reffing two courts at once. Please do not get frustrated if you do not have enough players/coaches – parents can call lines if necessary.
- There will be no down ref. Each team is only responsible for 4 people per court: 2 lines, 1 book, 1 libero/scoreboard

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TIEBREAKERS:

THERE WILL BE NO BRACKET or PLAYOFFS. EVEN FOR GOLD vs. SILVER COMPETITION. You DO NOT have to stay and wait for your pool to complete! You can see all finishes/seeding on AES as the pools finish.

ALL TIES WILL BE SOLVED VIA THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOL:

Teams tied for position **shall not** compete in a playoff set to determine seed. Rather, each team's standing shall be determined by the priority system described below.

- o Match Percentage
- o Head-to-head (ONLY used if it is 2 team tiebreaker)
- o Set Percentage
- o Point Percentage
- o Flip a coin

All calculations are viewable on AES pools online. Please monitor scores as they are updated to be sure this information is accurate throughout the day.

VENUES - Doors at all Facilities will open at 7:00AM

BOWLING GREEN, KY:

Ephram White Park: 885 Mt Olivet Rd, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Michael O. Buchanon Park: 9222 Nashville Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Phil Moore Park: 7101 Scottsville Rd, Alvaton, KY 42122

PARKING

Free parking is available at each facility. If there are no available spaces in the main parking lot by the time you arrive, we advise dropping the girls off at the entrance to the building and parking in one of the overflow lots. Please regard facility signage. Additionally, **do not park in the fire lanes under any circumstances** and do not park illegally and block someone in. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense.

GATE ADMISSION

There is a **gate admission fee of \$12.50 for a day pass or \$20 for the weekend** for adult spectators. All tickets must be purchased online. **There is a limited number of available tickets.**

FOOD/CONCESSION STAND

Outside food, drinks or coolers **WILL BE** allowed into all facilities.
Concessions are available at most facilities.