



**2023 Mizuno Memphis Blues Bash  
Tournament Information Booklet**

# WELCOME

Welcome to the inaugural 2023 Mizuno Memphis Blues Bash hosted by NetLynx Sports!

We are looking forward to 2 days of great of competition and hope that you will find the event, facilities, and accommodations more than satisfactory. Please understand careful consideration went into scheduling the event to allow for maximum participation (5 match minimum). Thank you to all the clubs, coaches, players & parents for supporting and making this a momentous event. We truly, appreciate you and your families.

## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

### Facility Info and Directions

#### **Renasant Convention Center**

255 N. Main St.  
Memphis TN

### Playing Waves Saturday – subject to change

AM Wave: U18: U16Open: U16 Club: U14 Open: U14 Club: U12

PM Wave: U17 Open: U17 Club: U15Open: U15 Club: U13

### Trainers

Trainers will be available on site from 7:15 am until the end of each day. Athletes will be responsible for providing their own athletic tape. They may have tape for purchase. A trainer will be on-site at both locations.

### General Tournament Format

For determining forfeits, the scheduled time for the first match time for each team is the time that any forfeit may occur at the scheduled starting time. After every team's first math of each day, matches may/will start ahead of schedule. All teams are responsible for determining when they will play or work their next match. Tournament staff and officials are NOT responsible for relaying information. Please check your format of your pool. Formats vary in each division, please view your schedule for the format determined.

### Tournament Seeding

Seeding for this event was done and confirmed with the use of Advanced Event Systems. No outside event results were used unless imported into AES.

All teams in each age division are playing for one championship. In the case of ties, please refer to our tie-breaking procedures. Best two of three sets. One and two to 25 and if necessary third set to 15 (no cap).

#### **4 Team Pool Schedule**

Team 1 v. Team 3 (Work Team 2)

Team 2 v. Team 4 (Work Team 1)

Team 1 v. Team 4 (Work Team 3)

Team 2 v. Team 3 (Work Team 1)  
Team 3 v. Team 4 (Work Team 2)  
Team 1 v. Team 2 (Work Team 4)

### **3 Team Pool Schedule**

Please Note: 3 Team Pools are 3 sets to 25 unless otherwise noted.

Team 1 v. Team 3 (Work Team 2)  
Team 2 v. Team 3 (Work Team 1)  
Team 1 v. Team 2 (Work Team 3)

### **Tie Breaking Procedures**

**There will be no tie-breaking sets played. All ties will be determined by either Head-to-Head or Set %>Point%. All head-to-head ties will be broken on match results. There will be no tie breaking playoff matches at any level or age group.**

### **Results and Schedule Information**

Complete posting of results and next round of play will be done on the Advanced Event Systems Website located at <http://www.advancedeventsystems.com>. This is the official schedule. **There will be no paper postings of pool results around the tournament desk.** Look for QR Codes posted throughout the playing sites for easy access to the website. Before leaving the site be sure you carefully check your position in the pool. Site Directors and Officials **will not** be held accountable for miscommunications or schedule interpretations. The official tournament posting on the Internet/Results is the only source that will be considered should a dispute arise. **WE WILL HAVE A QR CODE POSTED FOR EASY ACCESS TO AES.**

### **ALL Teams - Check Your Finish**

Before leaving the site, be sure you carefully check your position in the pool. Site Directors will **NOT** be held accountable for miscommunications or schedule interpretations. The official tournament posting on the Internet is the only source that will be considered should a dispute arise. **These results are updated every 10 minutes. All teams are responsible for determining when they will play or work their next match. Please read the schedules carefully. Please do not go to the tournament desk for your next scheduled playing or officiating times. Check AES.**

### **Warm-up Procedures**

For all matches during the event, warm-up time will be 2-4-4. 2 minutes shared ball handling, 4 minutes for the serving team to have the entire court, 4 minutes for the receiving team to have the entire court. Matches will be played ahead of schedule if possible.

**You must provide your own balls during warm-ups. Parents are allowed to help shag the perimeter/end line for warmups.**

### **Match Times – Starting Early**

Match start times may be accelerated if coaches, officiating teams, and officials agree. For the purpose of determining forfeits, the scheduled time is the match time, and any forfeit may only occur at the scheduled starting time. Be at your court 45 minutes before your scheduled time to keep matches flowing (**this includes someone from the officiating team**).

### **U12**

With the use of the Lite volleyballs, we will not be allowing any step ins for this group.

### **Libero**

Libero will be allowed to serve in this event. Libero may be changed between sets if only 1 Libero is designated in the 1<sup>st</sup> set.

## **Protest Procedure**

If a protest needs to be filed it is to be done at the time of the incident, not later. The first referee is obligated to acknowledge and record all protests. Only the floor captain may file a protest. The protest must be written on the score sheet by the official scorekeeper or the first official and must be signed by the person presenting the protest as well as the first official. All protests will be ruled upon prior to the next service. Judgement calls may not be protested. Protests will be considered only for situations outlined in the United States Volleyball Official Rules booklet. The protest committee will manage all protests. The protest committee is led by the head official.

## **Food & Drink All Sites**

There is to be **no outside food or drink allowed in the facility**. Please leave all cooler and food outside the facilities. Absolutely no food is allowed on the SportCourt surfaces or court areas in any of the facilities. NO FOOD or DRINK at the score tables either. Teams which violate this rule be remove from the event venue. Spectators who violate this rule will be asked to leave. Concessions will be available at all playing sites.

## **Spectator Seating**

There will be plenty of spectator seating available at both locations. NO OUTSIDE CHAIRS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PLAYING FACILITY. We appreciate your cooperation in advance for following facility rules.

# **TEAM AND PLAYER POLICIES**

## **Team Forfeitures**

A team that intentionally forfeits a match will be excluded from further participation in the event. If a team forfeits a match, the forfeit will be considered intentional unless the team shows compelling cause for the forfeit. The Event Arbitrator will determine if compelling cause exists.

Last Day Forfeits: Teams that enter the Mizuno Memphis Blues Bash are committing to participating in the full event. Teams have control over their travel plans and those plans should be made so that a team will not have to forfeit any matches. A team that forfeits a match for any reason other than illness, injury or emergency is denying another team a match. Additionally, in a single elimination format, it is poor sportsmanship to deny a team the right to move on by beating them and then forfeiting out of the event. Furthermore, it is even more unacceptable to forfeit and then, as loser of the match, not to remain and officiate the next match.

Teams that have no flexibility in their travel plans and know they will need to leave before the conclusion of an event should notify the Tournament Director early in the event. A decision will be made by the Tournament Director when the team will need to take their forfeit. Teams forfeiting should recognize that additional penalties may apply.

A team that does not fulfill their officiating duty shall be responsible for the match fees assessed for a certified officiating team to work.

## **Officiating Assignments**

Teams are required to officiate as noted on the master schedule. During the pool play rounds the officiating teams are designated on the schedule available online. Teams must supply a down referee, lines people, and scorers. It is NOT required in this tournament that a coach be the second referee but is strongly recommended. A rostered adult from the officiating team must be present during all matches.

On Sunday, on most of the courts the losing team will stay and officiate the next match on their court. Those teams finishing pools on Sunday may also have officiating duties after their pool play completes. Check the schedule for verification of your work assignments.

The definition of "next match" is the next match that requires an officiating team on that court. For example, a team which loses a match at 8:00 am will normally officiate the next match which is scheduled at 9:00 am, however if there is no scheduled match at 9:00am or the 9:00am match is forfeited by a team; the scheduled officiating team will ref the next match which occurs on that court.

**In some cases, on Sunday a team that plays the 9:00am will have to be the work team at 8:00 am.** These teams are noted in both the master schedule and on the playoff charts. On the playoff chart the officiating teams are those teams which have a box around them. **Check the schedule carefully to see if you are the assigned team to match the 8:00am match on Sunday.**

**Please double check your "Team Page" on Advanced Event Systems as a small glitch may not push through your officiating assignment if you are to officiate another division than the one you are playing in.**

### **Missed Officiating Duties**

A team's failure to have a complete officiating crew, including a rostered coach for that team, available and on time, for a match officiating assignment could result in the team having to forfeit the first game of its next match. For every minute, an officiating team is late to fulfill its assignment, one point will be awarded to that team's next opponent for the first game of the next match – up to 25 points. No more than 25 points will be awarded to the team's next opponent, even if the team designated to officiate misses the entire match. The clock begins to run at the completion of the final 4 minutes of warmups. A team will forfeit its entire next match for failing, a second time, to have an officiating crew available, on time, for an officiating assignment.

### **ADMISSION INFORMATION**

Admission Wristbands for the event will be required. On-Site Admission prices are for five and Older:

**One Day Full-Event Pass: \$10**

**Two-Day Full-Event Pass: \$20**

**Advance Wristband sales will take place on Friday, April 28th from 5-8:00pm at the Renasant Convention Center ONLY. We encourage purchasing your wristbands on Friday night to avoid long lines on Saturday. Cash Only for Wristband purchases at all locations.**

### **HOUSING INFORMATION**

We have found a great partner in Destination Phoenix to manage the housing needs of our traveling teams. When looking for a housing service, we wanted to make sure Customer Service was the most important piece of the puzzle. This is our fourth year working with Destination Phoenix. Mary Jane Hughes is the owner of Destination Phoenix and will take care of all your housing needs!

The JVA does not have a "Stay to Play" policy. We have secured the best prices available and hope that you will use the rooms in our block. The event does receive a financial benefit from the booking of hotel rooms through the online system. This financial benefit is used to offset the cost of the convention center and other playing sites to keep the cost of team entry down from year to year.

### **TEAM CHECK-IN INFORMATION – ONLINE CHECK-IN**

**Our goal is to reduce paper by utilizing the online check in through AES as well as the JVA Coaches Event Sign-In Form. You will need to log into your Club/Teams AES account to complete this process.**

All teams will do the Online check in. It will open at midnight (EST) April 23 and close at midnight (EST) April 25. Changes or updates can be made to your roster at this time, but rosters are frozen once they are submitted via the online check-in process. No exceptions. Any changes after that will need to be approved via the tournament director.

Once you check in your team, you will receive a confirmation email and at that time will need to follow the link for the JVA Coaches Event Form sign in. Hard copies of this form and rosters WILL NOT be required when picking up your team(s) credentials/bag tags on Friday. It verifies that you have your teams' JVA Waiver of Liability Form and a JVA Medical Waiver

and Release Form or their USAV equivalent. <https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/emf/NetLynxSports/2023JVA-Coaches-Event-Sign-In-Form>

### **BAG TAGS/CREDENTIALS FOR TEAMS – PICK UP**

Pick up of ALL credentials (BAG TAGS) between 5PM - 8:00 PM on **FRIDAY APRIL 28th ONLY** (all credentials must be picked up at this time) at the Renasant Convention Center Lobby. There will be NO Saturday pickup! If you are unable to pick up your credentials (bag tags) on Friday night, please make arrangements with someone else in your club to assist you. **ONE PERSON WILL COLLECT CREDENTIALS FOR ALL TEAMS IN YOUR CLUB**-please submit name of person by Wednesday, April 26 to [samie@netlynxsports.com](mailto:samie@netlynxsports.com).

### **EVENT NOTES**

1. Admissions for spectators will be \$10/day. Please pass along to your families so they are aware. Cash only.
2. We will **NOT** be offering practice time on Friday evening prior to the event.
3. Players and coaches will be allowed to enter the playing site with their Memphis Blues Bash Bag Tag that were picked up by the Coach or Director on Friday evening. Coaches/Directors please make sure you distribute the tags to your teams prior to arrival or entering the venue and they are secured to their backpacks.
4. We will perform the national anthem. If you have anyone interested in singing, please contact Steve at [steve@netlynxsports.com](mailto:steve@netlynxsports.com).