



TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK

**BOWLING GREEN, KY
NASHVILLE, TN
May 12&13, 2018**

2018 MIDSOUTH MAYhem

Club Directors and Coaches:

Welcome to the 2018 MidSouth MAYhem Tournament. Thank you for joining us and we hope to see you for additional events in 2018 and for years to come! Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make the MidSouth MAYhem and future events a great experience for you, your team, and your fans!

This will be your last correspondence related to the tournament; this letter and any future communication will be posted on the tournament's website, www.unionvolleyball.com. **It is important that every coach read this email in its entirety, as this was created in lieu of a coaches' meeting.**

If you did not input your roster on AES, you must submit a copy of your roster upon check-in.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT FORMAT

All Teams:

- Tournament will be Saturday and Sunday.
- 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 is guaranteed five matches.
- The first matches on Saturday and Sunday will commence at 8:00 a.m.; subsequent matches will begin immediately upon completion of the previous match.
- Once bracket play begins, the loser on a given court is obligated to officiate the match immediately following unless specifically noted otherwise on the schedule. **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.

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AGE SPECIFIC RULES:

- 12&under rules will be followed by ALL teams in the 12&under division with the following EXCEPTION:
 - o At the beginning of each match BOTH coaches and the referee can agree that BOTH teams can “step-in” a designated amount. The rule will be consistent for BOTH teams involved in the match and will stay in place for the entire MATCH. If this exception cannot be agreed upon quickly and without conflict prior to the match, the standard 12&under rules will apply.

TIEBREAKERS:

THERE WILL BE NO 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 position 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.

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VENUES -

Doors at all Facilities will open at 7:15AM

BOWLING GREEN, KY:

Michael Buchanon Park - 9222 Nashville Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Ephram White Park - 885 Mt Olivet Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101

NASHVILLE, TN:

A-Game - 215 Gothic Court, Franklin, TN 37067

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 \$15 for a weekend pass or \$8/day** for adult spectators. Children 10 and under are free. College coaches with proper credentials are admitted free.

FOOD/CONCESSION STAND

No outside food, drinks or coolers will be allowed into ANY FACILITY. WATER ONLY. Please do not attempt to "smuggle" in food. Concessions are available at all facilities.

FEEDBACK

If you have any suggestions or comments or general thoughts on how your tournament experience was, please feel free to contact us. We hope you'll continue to compete in our tournaments for years to come!

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