

Blues City Bash



Tournament Handbook

March 23-24, 2024

Memphis Sports & Events Center

995 Early Maxwell Blvd, Memphis, TN 38104

We are very pleased to have you at the **Blues City Bash** tournament hosted by **Showtime Events**. This packet contain all the information you need to compete in this year's event. Please be sure to read everything very carefully as we will not have a coaches' meeting prior to playing on Saturday.

SCHEDULES:

All schedules and results will be posted on the AES website. The direct link is below:

[AES Schedule](#)

TEAM CHECK-IN:

Teams can check in at the facility beginning any time before their first match on **Saturday**. Doors open at 7 am. Please allow enough time to get through the check-in process prior to your first match. If your roster is loaded into AES prior to Thursday @ midnight, you do not need to bring a signed copy of your roster. If you miss the deadline, a signed copy of your roster is required at check-in.

There will be no early check-in on Friday night.

VENUE:

Memphis Sports & Events Center | 995 Early Maxwell Boulevard, Memphis TN 38104

PARKING:

The City of Memphis handles parking and it is **\$12/day**. There is plenty of parking available on-site. Presale parking is STRONGLY encouraged, and can be purchased at the link below. Cash will also be accepted the day of the event. Do not park in the fire lanes and do not park illegally. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense. To view the parking map click [here](#).

[Reserve PARKING](#)

TICKETS:

All spectators over the age of 11 will need a wristband. Kids 10 & under are FREE. Coaches will receive a wristband at team check-in (**2 coaches maximum. No chaperones or team representatives**).

Admission is \$25 for a weekend pass or \$15 for a single-day pass. Tickets can be purchased online, or at the facility. Credit Card or Debit Card only. No cash sales for tickets.

[Spectator TICKETS](#)

The ticket window will be open Friday night from 6 - 8 PM for guest pick up/purchase of wristbands. This will help get you through the door quicker on Saturday.

WRISTBANDS:

The ticketing program only allows the facility to scan the ticket one time so **DO NOT TAKE YOUR WRISTBAND OFF** for any reason. If you take it off or lose it, you will be charged for a new wristband. No exceptions.

SEATING:

There are plenty of bleachers at each court for spectator seating. No outside chairs are allowed in the facility but they will allow bleacher seats.

FOOD/CONCESSIONS:

No outside food, drinks, or coolers will be allowed into the facilities. Concessions are sold at the facility.

AGE-SPECIFIC RULES:

All teams playing in 10/11s & 12s divisions are allowed to use the “step-in line” to serve. The step-in line will be 6’6” into the court. If a player gets 3 serves in a row from the step-in line, they will be asked to move back beyond the end-line until their service turn is ended.

WARM-UP PROCEDURES:

Before your *first match*, teams will share the court for 2 mins (please keep balls on your own side). After the shared time, each team will then get the entire court for 4 mins (serving must be a part of this time). The team that elects to serve first will get the court first.

POOL-PLAY FORMAT:

In all pools, matches will be best 2 of 3 sets with sets 1 & 2 played to 25 points. If necessary, a 3rd and deciding set will be played to 15 points. All sets have no cap and must be won by 2 points. Pool play will consist of 3, 4, or 5 team pools. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 5 matches (or 10 sets) for the weekend.

TIEBREAKERS:

There will be NO PLAYOFFS during pool play (not even for Gold or Silver). All ties will be solved via the following protocol:

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

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

STREAMING:

BallerTV will not be streaming matches for this event.

AWARDS:

Medals will be given to 1st place and 2nd place in the GOLD bracket of each division only. Medals are for players only, no medals will be issued to coaches.

Special Thanks: To our good friends at All Volleyball (www.allvolleyball.com) who are providing all the awesome championship medals for the weekend. As the Official Uniform Partner, they are also offering all new clubs 15% free goods on their team package. Contact Brett Strawhun (brett@allvolleyball.com) for more information.

RECRUITING

Showtime Events is pleased to announce CaptainU will be our official recruitment partner for the 2024 volleyball season. Take this opportunity to create your own personal or team CaptainU profile. Links are below to begin the scouting process!

PLAYER: Click [HERE](#) to create your FREE CaptainU profile and get college coach exposure all season long.

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Visit the tournament website to learn more

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CaptainU is the leading online, collegiate sports recruiting platform that helps high school athletes fulfill their dreams of playing sports in college.



OVER 3 MILLION ATHLETES

Over 3 million athletes have used CaptainU to gain exposure & get recruited.



OVER 2,000 EVENT DIRECTORS

More than 2,000 tournaments use CaptainU to promote their events to 100,000 youth teams and college coaches.



OVER 10,000 COLLEGE COACHES

Coaches save time managing their recruiting from beginning to end.



OVER 100,000 TEAMS

100,000 high school and club teams use CaptainU to help their athletes make college teams.

GAIN EXPOSURE **GET RECRUITED**

Athletes are **TEN TIMES** more likely to get recruited to play sports in college with an active CaptainU profile.

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90% of all recruiting (outside of NCAA Division I) occurs when Student Athletes contact College Coaches, NOT when College Coaches contact Student Athletes! CaptainU, a recruiting software has already helped over 3 million high school athletes pursue their dreams of playing sports in college. Take control of your recruiting future.

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