

# Commonwealth Grand Prix



## Tournament Handbook

**February 7-8, 2026**

**Central Bank Center**

430 West Vine Street, Lexington KY 40507

We are very pleased to have you at the **Commonwealth Grand Prix** tournament hosted by **Showtime Events**. This packet should 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 will check in online through AES. Please check in before your first match and make sure your rosters are complete.

**VENUE:** Doors open at 7am with the first matches beginning at 8am.

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## **PARKING:**

The facility charges per day for parking (which allows in & out) but we encourage you to carpool to save some money. Please do not park in the fire lanes or park illegally. The rates can change throughout the date due to other activities at the CBC or Rupp. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense. Weekends when Kentucky games are going on parking is \$27 if you do NOT say you are parking for volleyball, otherwise it is \$17. Please clarify with parking workers.

## **TICKETS:**

All spectators will need a wristband. Kids ages 10 & under are **FREE**. Everyone else will need a wristband. Coaches will receive a wristband at team check-in (2 coaches maximum. No chaperones or team representatives).

Admission is **\$30** for a weekend pass or **\$18** for a single-day pass. Online sale only via the link below. No credit card or cash sales at the door.

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

## **WRISTBANDS:**

Wristbands must be worn on the wrist the whole time - not on purses or held in your hand. Also the ticketing program only allows the ticket to be scanned once - so when you receive your wristband (one-day) or two wristbands (weekend), do NOT lose them for any reason. If you take off your wristband or lose it, you will be charged for a new wristband. No exceptions.

## **AGE-SPECIFIC RULES:**

All teams playing in 10/11s 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:**

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. Warmup balls are NOT provided.

## **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. Some pools are marked as AUTO 3 meaning they will play 3 sets to 25 no matter what. 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.

## **SEATING:**

There are plenty of chairs at each court for spectator seating. Absolutely NO outside chairs are allowed. Bleacher seats for back support are allowed.

## **FOOD/CONCESSIONS:**

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

## **STREAMING:**

All games are livestreamed on **SportsEngine Play**. Teams get exposure. Fans stay connected. Everyone wins. Livestreaming isn't just a perk—it's a powerful reason to participate. [CLICK HERE](#)

## **AWARDS & BAG TAGS:**

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.

## **RECRUITING:**

Showtime Events is pleased to partner with **StackAthlete** as our official recruitment partner. 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 StackAthlete profile. Get exposure all season long.

## **BOYS POLICY:**

Any team looking to include a boy on their roster **MUST** have their roster loaded in AES and **MUST** email Michael Ortman ([michael@champions-collective.com](mailto:michael@champions-collective.com)) for approval **BEFORE** the tournament.

- 12 & Under – Boys can play co-ed
- 13s – Must play in 14s or older team
- 14s – Must play in 16s or older team
- 15-18 – Not eligible to play.

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