

Rumble in Rocky Mount



Tournament Handbook

March 7-8, 2026

Rocky Mount Event Center

Rocky Mount Event Center, Rocky Mount NC 27801

We are very pleased to have you at the **Rumble in Rocky Mount** 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: [AES Schedule](#) All schedules & results will be posted on AES.

TEAM CHECK-IN:

Please check in online (AES) by 11:45pm on Thursday with rosters uploaded. Teams can check in at the facility beginning any time before their first match on **Saturday (3/7)** to pick up coach wristbands and team bag tags.. Doors open at 7 am. Please allow enough time to get through the check-in process prior to your first match. If you miss the deadline fro check a signed copy of your roster is required. **There will be no early check-in on Friday night.**

VENUE: Rocky Mount Event Center: Rocky Mount NC 27801

PARKING:

The facility charges \$10 for parking, it is CASH ONLY. There is a parking lot at the facility and a parking lot and two others that are within walking distance. Do not park in the fire lanes and do not park illegally. Do not park on the railway track. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense. Shuttle services will be provided. There is additional parking at Off Site at Atlantic Avenue (Lot 2) and Washington Street (Lot 3)

TICKETS:

All spectators will need a wristband to enter the facility. Kids 10 & under are FREE. Coaches get a wristband at team check-in (2 coaches maximum. No chaperones or team representatives). Admission is \$30 for a weekend pass or \$20 for a single-day pass.

CASH ONLY TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR.

There are NO online ticket sales and NO credit card sales at the door.

The box office will be open on Friday, February 13th between the hours of 4pm - 8:30pm to allow spectators to purchase tickets before the event if they so chose. Spectators may also purchase tickets on the day of the tournament. Please allow ample time before the first match to purchase your ticket.

The ATM on-site will be filled on Friday but it will likely run out so bring plenty of cash.

WRISTBANDS:

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.

FOOD/CONCESSIONS:

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

AGE-SPECIFIC RULES:

All teams playing in 11/12s 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:

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.

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](#)

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.

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.

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) 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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