

# Southern KY Invite



## Tournament Handbook

**March 28-29, 2026**

**Bluegrass Sportsplex**

208 Peterson Dr, Elizabethtown KY 42701

We are very pleased to have you at the **Southern KY Invite** 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:**

Parking is free, please make sure that you are parked legally.

## **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:**

You ARE allowed to bring your own seating if you would like.

## **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.

## **TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:**

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