

**2021 ADIDAS BLUEGRASS TOURNAMENT
COACHES INFORMATION**
(Please read carefully)

TEAM & COACHES REGISTRATION – FRIDAY MARCH 5th ONLY

- Friday, March 5th from 2:00-9:00pm in room **B101 & B102** at the Expo Center.
- There will be **NO** check-in on Saturday March 6th. If you are unable to pick-up your credentials on Friday night, please make arrangements with someone else in your club to assist you.
- For those clubs who wish to do **GROUP CHECK-IN** they must e-mail ALAN@KIVASPORTS.NET by Monday, March 1st at 3:00pm.
- No roster can have more than 16 total members; including players and staff.
- Coaches will receive wristbands for the weekend.

FORMS NEEDED FOR THE REGISTRATION OF YOUR TEAMS

- **Tournament Housing/Contact Form**
You will need to fill out an Adidas Bluegrass Housing Form (**ONLY IF YOUR CLUB DID NOT BOOK THROUGH TEAM TRAVEL SOURCE**). This form will provide us with the name of the hotel you are staying at, number of rooms reserved, and the confirmation number(s).

IMPORTANT: The housing form must be filled out entirely by those teams who booked outside of the block or who had limited reservations through Team Travel Source

ADMISSIONS

ADMISSIONS & ENTRANCES – NEW

- **SPECTATOR LIMITATIONS**
 - Due to capacity restrictions, teams will be limited to a **MAXIMUM** of 25 spectators per team, per day. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. This includes siblings and other children. Children under the age of 3 are free and do not count.
- **SPECTATOR TICKETING & PURCHASE CODES**
 - Monday, March 1st Club Directors will receive a purchase code for **EACH** team participating in the event. E-mails will be sent to the address on file in AES. If this is not an e-mail that is checked regularly be sure to e-mail Alan@kivasports.net

- It will be the Club Directors responsibility to distribute the purchase code to the teams, coaches, and parents. Please remember to communicate to them that the purchase code will only work 25 times.
- Once the code reaches **MAX** capacity, it will no longer allow for tickets to be purchased.
- Admissions is \$15.00 per day, per person
- All admissions **MUST** be purchased online. No admissions will be sold on site.
- **REMINDER** Identification will have to be shown with each ticket. Please make sure to enter all information correctly.
- Once purchased a QR Code will be e-mailed to the individual ticket holder.
- Identification must be shown when entering with QR Code.
- For questions on admissions contact courtney@kivasports.net
- **Admission sales are NON-REFUNDABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE. ALL SALES ARE FINAL!**
- **NEW - DOORS TO OUTSIDE OF CONVENTION CENTER OPEN ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY AT 7:00AM.**

Admission credentials will be given to Coaches & Players ONLY.

Players and Coaches must enter through their designated entrance.

COACHES **MUST WEAR** a wrist bracelet at all times. You could be asked to leave the venue without a bracelet on your wrist. Coaches listed on multiple rosters will only receive **ONE** wristband for the event. Chaperones DO NOT receive credentials.

WORK TEAMS & WARM-UP BALLS

Teams will be responsible for providing a down ref, book keeper, score flipper/Baller TV and line judges during their assigned work times. No libero tracker will be used. Only two persons at Score table.

Work teams will have designated COVID procedures to follow at the end of each match.

- Down refs following the match will wipe down the ball and score table.
- Teams must provide all their own work utensils. No pens, pencils, erasers, etc. will be provided by the tournament
- At the conclusion of each match, the work team is to throw away any and all used line-up sheets, and libero tracking forms. Up ref will take score sheet.
- **MASK are to be worn at all times while working, including the down official.**

Warm-up balls will not be supplied by the tournament. Teams will need to bring their own.

TOURNAMENT RULES & TIEBREAKERS

The tournament will be conducted under JVA/AAU rules.

Coaches are allowed to designate two liberos. **They can be switched after each set.**

The Libero is allowed to serve.

HANDSHAKES

No handshakes will take place before or after the game. Teams will line-up on the end line and when the whistle has been blown will wave at the other team.

MATCH PLAY

- Match play will be best two of three sets. Sets one and two will be played to 25 points, no cap.
- Third set (if necessary) will be played to 15 points, no cap.
- No switching sides.
- Teams in a three team pool on Saturday only. Will play three automatic sets to 25, no cap.

STEP IN RULE:

- 10 Girls division will follow the AAU Step-In rule. The step-in line is 6'6" from the end line and will be marked with a piece of tape.
- 11 Premier & 11 Girls will follow the AAU Rules: They will serve from behind the standard serving line.

TIEBREAKERS:

- **TWO WAY TIE:**
The result of their head-to-head pool match will determine the winner in ALL CASES. There will be **NO PLAYOFF** regardless of whether it effects the GOLD.
- **THREE WAY TIES (Teams advancing to GOLD)**
 1. Head to head results are used to determine pool finishes for teams that are tied in Match record.
 - a. A team that beats all other teams with which it is tied in Match Record will finish ahead of the other teams in the pool.
 - b. If there are only two teams tied in matches, the head to head winner of those 2 teams earns the higher pool finish.
 2. Set percentage is the 2nd level of breaking ties and is used to rank a pool in which all three teams remain tied after applying the rules in step 1.
 - a. Teams with a higher set percentage finish ahead of teams with a lower set percentage.
 - b. If only two teams are tied in both match and set percentage, the team that won head to head receive the higher finish in the pool.
 - c. If three teams are tied in match percentage and set percentage after applying steps 2(a) & 2(b), the remaining teams would play a double tiebreaker to 15 points.
 3. If after steps 1 and 2, all three teams are still tied in match and set percentage. The three teams will now participate in play-off sets. The three teams are seeded based on their point differential. The highest seed will ref one set to 15 (switch at 8) between the two lower seeds. The loser of the first play-off match finishes third amongst the tied teams and refs a one set to 15 (switch at 8) play-off set.

- **THREE WAY TIES (NO teams advancing to GOLD)**

If a tie occurs and no teams are able to advance to GOLD. Steps one and two from above criteria will be used. In the case teams are still tied in matches and sets. Point differential will now be used to decide the pool. **NO PLAY-OFF** match will be played.

- **TIES FOR TEAMS PARTICIPATING IN POWER POOLS**

- a. All teams in Power Pools will advance to GOLD.
- b. In the case of a two-way tie, the result of their head-to-head pool match will determine the winner in ALL CASES.
- c. In the case of a three-way tie the criteria above will be used to determine the winner.
 - a. Head to head results are used to determine pool finishes for teams that are tied in Match record.
 - b. A team that beats all other teams with which it is tied in Match Record will finish ahead of the other teams in the pool.
 - c. If there are only two teams tied in matches, the head to head winner of those 2 teams earns the higher pool finish.
 - d. Set percentage is the 2nd level of breaking ties and is used to rank a pool in which teams remain tied after applying the rules in step 1.
 - e. Teams with a higher set percentage finish ahead of teams with a lower set percentage.
 - f. If only two teams are tied in both match and set percentage, the team that won head to head receive the higher finish in the pool.
 - g. If three teams are tied in match percentage and set percentage after applying steps 2(a) & 2(b). Point Differential will not be used to determine a winner.

- **PENALTY FOR MISSED TIEBREAKER SETS**

It is the responsibility of a team's coach to know if there is a potential tie in pool play. Teams must be present at courtside for tie breaker sets. They will begin as soon as the last pool match is finished. **We will not delay the start of tiebreaker sets to locate a team or any of its members, or provide time for a team to return to the court. Not being at courtside will result in a forfeit.**
If a team is not present to PLAY or REF the play-off match. They automatically drop to LAST amongst the teams participating in the play-off.

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK

No outside food or drink permitted at any of the facilities. **NO COOLERS will be allowed in the event hall.** Please pass this along to your parents.

CHAIRS

Each court will have existing seating. NO outside chairs allowed!

RECRUITING SEMINAR

There will be a **FREE** recruiting seminar on Friday March 5th at 6:00pm via Zoom. Those interested must register by noon on Friday – [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#). The seminar will be hosted by Travis Hudson (Head Coach @ Western Kentucky), Molly Alvey (Head Coach @ Cincinnati), and Lauren Rust (Assistant AD/Compliance Director @ Louisville).

PAPERLESS SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

The schedule and all results will be paperless. You can find both the schedule and results on ADVANCED EVENT SYSTEMS (AES) or by scanning the QR Code below.

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