



TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK

APRIL 2-3, 2022

Bedford Park, IL | Wintrust
Sports Complex



HYPE NATION EVENTS

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We are very pleased to have you at the inaugural **Windy City Challenge** tournament hosted by *Hype Nation*. 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 starting on Monday, March 28th.
Direct link to the schedule is: [Windy City Challenge 2022](#)

TICKETS:

All spectators 11 & up will need a wristband, 10 & under are free. Coaches will receive a wristband at check-in (2 coaches maximum. No chaperones/team representatives). Prices will be \$25 for the weekend & \$15 for a day pass. There will be no pre-sale tickets sold, all tickets must be purchased at the facility. Cash or credit card payments will be accepted. Please allow enough time to purchase your tickets & enter the facility.

TEAM CHECK-IN:

Teams can check-in at the facility on **Friday, April 1 from 6-8pm** or any time before their first match on **Saturday, April 2**. Please allow enough time to get through the check-in process prior to your first match and bring a signed copy of your ROSTER (unless it's loaded into AES by Thursday, March 31).

VENUE:

Wintrust Sports Complex
5499 W 65th St, Bedford Park, IL 60638

PARKING:

There is plenty of parking available at the facility. Parking will be free for the weekend. Do not park in the fire lanes and do not park illegally. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense.

WRISTBANDS:

The ticketing program only allows us 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 allowed in the facility.

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 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:

Before your *first match*, teams will share the court for 2 mins (please keep balls on your own side). After the share 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. Most teams will play 3 matches on Saturday & 2 on Sunday, but a few teams (especially in 5-team pools) might play 4 matches on Saturday or just 2 but play 3 on Sunday. Regardless, all teams will receive 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.

SATURDAY WAVE TIMES:

Doors open daily at 7am. First match is at 8am each day.

- **AM WAVE (8am-2pm):** 10-11 Girls, 12 Girls, 13 Girls, 16 Girls,
- **PM WAVE (2:30-8:30pm):** 14 Girls, 15 Girls, 17-18 Girls

NATIONAL SCOUTING REPORT

The National Scouting Report will be onsite to help athletes get scouted and take the next step in their playing careers. Follow the instructions below to get your team ready to be scouted!

3 Steps to Getting Scouted and Evaluated by College Scouts

Step 1: Register athlete* for free metrics testing provided by the NSR college volleyball scout staff by clicking [HERE](#).

**Athletes must be in the 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 grad class.*

Step 2: Stop by the NSR booth at the event for the metrics testing. Testing only takes 5 minutes and gets your athlete certified for recruiting purposes!

Step 3: Request to be evaluated by coaches during games by the college scouting staff. To get your athletes on that list, click [HERE](#) and complete the request to be scouted.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:

1. Masks are REQUIRED for everyone in the building. Vaccine cards are NOT required.
2. We ask that teams in the afternoon wave please not enter the facility until 30 minutes prior to their match time. We also ask that teams who are finished playing for the day exit the facility promptly to reduce the number of people in the gym at any one time.
3. Attendance as a participant or spectator is strictly voluntary and at your own risk. If an individual does not agree with the protocols or any of the additional event or facility protocols, we ask you not to attend the event.
4. REMINDER: All COVID requirements are facilitated by the local government and local facilities. The tournament organizers have very little (if any) say about the protocols put into place.

Thank you for your understanding, support and cooperation in the above COVID-19 protocols. Our goal is to make sure our athletes can safely play the game they love with the requirements given to us by the local state and city officials. We have put in these measures to ensure a safe, healthy, limited capacity event but it will take each person following the rules to help make that a reality.

For a complete list of Covid & Safety Policies please click the link [HERE](#)

STREAMING:

All matches this weekend will be streamed on BallerTV. Click on this link to view: [BALLER TV](#)

AWARDS:

Medals will be given to 1st place and 2nd place in the GOLD bracket of each division only.

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2022 SCHEDULE

Hype Nation has released the 2022 schedule with over a dozen events in several states, including two 3-event series in Alabama and Illinois. We run volleyball tournaments with experts in the industry, which means you can expect the very best in volleyball tournaments and competition with us. All Hype Nation events are \$395 per team and include ages 10-18 with Open and Club, Premier and Club, and Girls divisions. Register online today!

Alabama

- JANUARY 8-9
Alabama Icebreaker
@ Hoover Met Complex
- JANUARY 15-17
Sweet Tea Challenge
@ Hoover Met Complex
- FEBRUARY 26-27
Southern Showdown
@ Hoover Met Complex

California

- APRIL 2-3
Capital City Clash
@ Roebbelen Center

Florida

- FEBRUARY 12-13
Battle of the Beach
@ Wiregrass Ranch
Sports Campus

Illinois

- FEBRUARY 5-6
Frozen Festival
@ Midway Central Station
- FEBRUARY 19-21
Presidents' Day Festival
@ UW Sports Factory
- FEBRUARY 26-27
Second City Showdown
@ Midway Central Station
- APRIL 2-3
Windy City Challenge
@ Midway Central Station

North Carolina

- JANUARY 29-30
Clash in Carolina
@ Rocky Mount Event Center

Ohio

- JANUARY 22-23
Frozen Lake Festival
@ Cedar Point Sports Center

South Carolina

- APRIL 2-3
High Tide Invitational
@ Myrtle Beach Sports Center

Texas

- MARCH 12-13
Round Rock Rumble
@ Round Rock Sports Center

Virginia

- JANUARY 8-9
Virginia Beach Brawl
@ Virginia Beach Sports Center

\$395

Per Team

Contact us for multi-team discounts!

REGISTER ONLINE: [HYPENATIONVB.COM](https://hype-nation.com)

