

2021 BLIZZARD BLAST

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

LOCATION Virginia Beach Sports Center, 1045 19th St, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

2-DAY TOURNAMENT FORMAT Every team is guaranteed five matches. Pool play will take place on Saturday with playoffs on Sunday. Games will be best two out of three sets with the first two going to 25 and the third set going to 15.

2-DAY SCHEDULE Doors will open at 7:00AM for the AM wave. Doors will open at 2:30PM for the PM wave. The schedule and results will be updated on the [AES](#) website throughout the tournament: [LINK COMING SOON](#)

You can expect the link to be published and updated here by Wednesday, January 20th.

ADMISSIONS We are allotted up to 12 spectators per team in the building and on the team's side of the court during play.

Admission is \$30 per person for the entire weekend. Passes are being sold via team-specific links provided to club directors. We have left it up to the club directors to decide how they would like to handle this for their teams.

Children 2 and under are FREE. Aka, children older than 2 will require a pass and be counted towards the limited spectator count. We highly advise children be left at home considering the limitations.

Wristbands will be required to enter and stay in the venue for the entire weekend. Spectators will initially need their receipt(s) at the door to receive the silicone wristbands for the weekend.

PARKING Parking is free.

TOURNAMENT QUESTIONS Any tournament questions should be directed to the Championship Desk.

TOURNAMENT T-SHIRTS Our friend Joey will be selling tournament **T-shirts**.



COACH INFORMATION

CHECK-IN Teams need to check in prior to their first match by turning in a **printed and signed AES team roster for this specific event** to the Tournament Director on Saturday. Keep the following in mind with your roster:

- ❖ The roster you turn in should be your team's roster from AES specifically for the 2021 Blizzard Blast. [Click here if you need information on how to print your roster.](#)
- ❖ Because this is a [JVA-sanctioned event](#), all adults on the roster must have some sort of verification under the column "BG Screen. Ver."

WARMUP BALLS Teams will need to bring warm up balls. ACE will provide game balls.

BENCH AND REFEREE AREAS Please, encourage your athletes to leave any areas clear of all trash after playing, reffing, or sitting out.

CAMPING Let's be mindful that we are all using the facility. Teams are NOT to leave large spaces with belongings and blankets spread out when unattended. It is



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reasonable for unattended belongings that are spread out to be moved to the side in order to create more space for teams and spectators who are present.

COVID-19 PROTOCOL & VENUE+ACE POLICIES

Please understand that COVID-19 has changed the way events are being operated. As of January 13, 2021 here is what we have in place. Guidelines are subject to change at any time.

- ❖ **ANYONE who is not willing to follow these guidelines will be asked to leave the facility with NO refund.**
- ❖ Coaches and club directors are responsible for confirming that all athletes and coaches participating in this event have not had COVID-19 symptoms or come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days prior to the event or has had a temperature greater than 99.9 degrees.
- ❖ Parents/Spectators are responsible for confirming that their athletes participating in this event have not had COVID-19 symptoms or come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within 14 days prior to the event or has had a temperature greater than 99.9 degrees. If this is the case, please inform your coach(es) and club director(s).
- ❖ Individuals who are sick or simply not feeling well must stay home.
- ❖ Individuals who are at risk or immunocompromised are encouraged to stay home.

SPECTATORS

- ❖ We can allow 12 spectators per team for the entire weekend. Please understand that we will not be able to provide any exceptions to this rule.
- ❖ We will be selling weekend passes ONLY. NO one-day passes will be sold. We will have links to share with clubs to distribute to your parents however desired.
- ❖ Admissions staff will be keeping track of the number of spectators per team upon entry.
- ❖ Everybody counts as part of the spectator limit unless 2 years or younger. We highly recommend leaving children at home if possible because they do count towards the overall team spectator count and will need a paid pass.
- ❖ We are not responsible for who enters for each team. If this is something that needs to be arranged in advance with your parents, we highly encourage teams to do so.
- ❖ Please be respectful of our staff if they must break the news that the limit has been reached and one may not enter.

ENTERING THE BUILDING

- ❖ Only teams and spectators of those teams may be in the building during the team's wave.



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- ❖ Only teams playing, the allotted number of spectators of teams playing, and teams reffing will be allowed on the court surface. Anyone not playing within the wave, should be in other areas of the gym other than the courts. There is ample space around the facility. Please, space out appropriately.
- ❖ All individuals entering the facility will have a temperature scan. Those with a temperature exceeding 99.9 will not be allowed to enter.
- ❖ Individuals with COVID-19 symptoms within 14 days prior to the event or any individual who has been exposed to COVID-19 will not be allowed in the facility. If either of these apply to you, please do your part and STAY home!

WHILE IN THE BUILDING

- ❖ All spectators 5 and older, will be required to properly **(over the nose and mouth)** wear a face mask at all times.
 - Athletes may only remove their masks during on-court competition and reffing with a whistle.
 - Coaches, and players on the bench will be required to wear a face mask at all times.
 - Work teams will be required to wear a mask at all times.
 - There is **absolutely NO exception** for the mask policy.
- ❖ One representative from each team will be allowed to videotape from the endline of their team.
- ❖ Team huddles, post-game chats, and pictures will need to take place off the court unless playing the next match.
- ❖ Teams will not be switching sides between sets.
- ❖ Working athletes will be required to work that entire game and will not be allowed to switch out workers during their working assignment. One coach, and the exact number of workers needed will only be allowed to stay on the court during their work assignment. Parents of working athletes will not be allowed to stay on the court during their teams working assignment.

EXITING THE BUILDING

- ❖ If in the AM wave, exit the building through the exit door immediately after your team is done playing for their wave to allow ample time for the venue staff to clean courts for the next wave to enter by 2:30PM.

RESTRICTIONS

- ❖ Avoid changing in the bathroom when possible. Aka, athletes, come prepared and dressed in your uniforms.
- ❖ No outside chairs allowed. Bleacher seats and seat cushions will be allowed. All spectators will be required to sit in the assigned bleachers.
- ❖ No outside food or beverages allowed with the exception of water. Concessions will be provided by the venue.
- ❖ No tailgate tents will be allowed.



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- ❖ No shaking hands.
- ❖ No walking to another court. Please respect each team's limited spectator space.
- ❖ No firearms permitted.
- ❖ No smoking is permitted inside at any time (Electronic cigarettes / vapes included.)
- ❖ No alcohol is permitted to be brought into the facility.
- ❖ No pets are allowed. This includes service animals not trained to perform a necessary life-saving task as defined by VA State Law.

SANITIZING

- ❖ Venue staff will be wiping down the courts every three hours. Generally after game three of each pool.
- ❖ After each wave, venue staff will clean all of the floors.
- ❖ Cleaning products will be provided at the ref tables. We encourage teams to wipe down their benches and the ref area after matches unless playing again on that court.
- ❖ Refs will have protocols that they will have teams follow. For example, no hand shaking, wiping down the ball between matches, etc.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation to make this possible. The safety of customers will always be our number one priority!



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