

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

General:

- For **BEST** viewing of the brackets, please use your mobile device's web browser (safari, chrome, IE). You'll be able to zoom in/out (this is not available in the aes express app) and scroll through the schedule.
- **Follow the TIME/DATE that your match is scheduled to play and NOT the order of the Match numbers. Matches are scheduled out of order on purpose.**
- Please check your schedule periodically throughout the day and an hour prior to your start time for any last minute changes. Changes included, forfeits, no-shows, moving courts around in case the ocean swallows it whole.
- WT stands for "Working Team" which stands for "Reffing"
- If you see a "Split" on your reffing assignment this means that you and your partner will be reffing on 2 different courts. Courts will be right next to each other.
- Remember to scroll all the way down the bracket's page to see the loser's bracket, specially for divisions with 33 teams or more.
- The AES Express mobile app has a scoreboard feature for you to use when reffing.

Junior's Format:

- All junior teams including Quads, Parent/Child and Coach/Player are guaranteed 2 days of tournament play, pool play on day 1 and bracket play on day 2.
- Junior Doubles will have pool play on Thursday then bracket play on Friday (all teams make it to bracket)
- After pool play, Juniors will be broken down to a maximum of 16 teams per bracket. In a 64 team division, there will be four 16 team brackets (Gold, Silver, Bronze and Diamond). Less than 64 teams may vary. Prizes may vary!
- Junior Quads will have pool play on Saturday then bracket play on Sunday (all teams make it to bracket)
- Boys will NOT be allowed to play on a Girl's Quads team. Girls can play on a Boy's Quads team.
- 3-team pool will play all 3 games to 21, no cap (regardless if you've lost the first 2 or not).
- 4-team pool games will be best of 3 games to 21, 21, 15, no cap.
- 5-team pool games will be best of 3 games to 21, 21, 15, no cap.
- All Bracket matches will be best of 3 games at 21, 21, 15 no cap (tournament directors have the right to change the games depending on how much daylight is left).
- Junior brackets are Single Elimination or Modified Double Elimination depending on team turnouts.
- Maximum of 64 teams per division.
- Minimum of 5 teams per division (Divisions with 4 teams or less will be combined with the next level up, example: 14U Novice will be combined with 14U Advanced or 16U A will be combined with 16U AA).

Adult's Format:

- All OPEN divisions will be Double Elimination + Crossover.
- All Masters divisions will Double Elimination + Crossover. Pool Play, depending on team turnouts.
- All other Adult divisions will be straight Double Elimination, NO Crossover. Pool Play, depending on team turnouts.
- Divisions with 5 to 24 teams will have pool play then go into a single or double elimination bracket depending on court availability so please check your schedule (with the exception of Open Divisions).

- Divisions with 25 teams or more will only be straight double elimination bracket (NO pool plays)
- Divisions with 33 teams or more will be divided into an East and West bracket then followed by a Finals bracket
- All bracket matches will be best of 3 games at 21, 21, 15 no cap, this includes loser brackets. Tournament directors have the right to change the games for Saturday and Sunday depending on how much daylight is left.
- All Double Final games are 1 game to 21 with the exception of men/women doubles open divisions. This means during the championship match, if the team that was undefeated the whole day loses then there will be 1 more game to 21 (no cap).
- 3 team pool games will be 2 games to 21, no cap (total points = 84 +-2).
- 4 team pool games will be 1 game to 28, no cap (total points = 84 +-2).
- Maximum of 64 teams per division
- Minimum of 5 teams per division (Divisions with 4 teams or less will be combined with the next level up, example: B moved to BB or Masters 55 moved to Masters 45 or AA moving to Open)

Reporting Your Games:

- **ONLY WINNERS are REQUIRED** to report the outcome of your match to a nearby tournament director's tent (DT), this includes every pool games and bracket matches.
- Format to report your games/matches in the order below:
 1. **Division** (the division you are playing in)
 2. **Court Number** (the court number you just played on)
 3. **Who Won** (Your team name "lastname/lastname")
 4. **Scores** (ONLY for Pool Games) We do not need to know the scores for bracket matches.

Scheduling:

- All matches (first serve) are required to start at the scheduled time.
- Please arrive 30-45 minutes to the court you're scheduled to play on.
- If a team does not show up 15 minutes after the hour a penalty of 1 point per minute will be applied.
- If a team does not show up 30 minutes after the hour, it is an automatic forfeit.
- If a previous match finishes early and both the playing teams and refing team of the next match is present and ready to start then they are allowed to start early.
- If a match runs late then the next match must start right after. Previous teams should use the time waiting to warm-up.
- **If a team does not show up to ref, it will be an automatic forfeit of their next scheduled match.**
- **If you do not ref after your last losers match, you will not be allowed to play the following year.**