

2021 Early Bird Tournament Guidelines

We look forward to hosting everybody in Rochester the weekend of November 20-21st. Please note the tournament policies and guidelines below. We ask that everybody cooperates to help make this tournament a success. Please monitor your teams, coaches, and spectators for any Covid symptoms. If somebody is experiencing Covid symptoms leading up to the tournament, please do not have them attend the tournament, so we minimize the risk of transmission to others

- **Masking Guidelines**
 - Masks must be worn by all: spectators, coaches, and athletes when they are not actively playing in the game. Only players actively playing in the game do not have to wear a mask
- **Pre and post-game expectations**
 - If you play one of the 8am games, we ask that you do not show up to the facility more than 45 minutes before the start of your game. This gives our tournament staff time to set up and be prepared for the day. We have tried to minimize back-to-back games for teams, there are very few this year. Should your team not have a back-to-back, we prefer you leave the facility after your games to limit crowding and the risk of Covid-19 transmission
- **Concessions**
 - We are still working with facilities for concessions. However, most of them will likely not have concessions. Please plan accordingly as a result. We will send out more dining options around town as we get closer to the tournament
- **Admissions and merchandise**
 - We will be charging admissions at all of our sites. There will be an option to purchase a tournament pass (Saturday only) or a day pass. Tournament T-shirts will also be available for purchase throughout the weekend (\$20)
 - Day Pass: Adult - \$7. Student/Senior - \$5
 - Tournament Pass: Adult - \$10. Student/Senior - \$8
 - 10 & Under: Free
- **Scorekeeper**
 - We ask that each home team provide a scorekeeper for the game. Official scoresheets will be provided, inside of the court binder. The home team is the bottom team listed on the bracket, or if it is pool play, the second team listed
 - A scoreboard operator will be provided by the tournament staff. If there is no scoreboard operator due to limited staff, we ask that the opposing team provide a scoreboard operator, thank you
- **Officials**
 - We are working to staff 2 officials for each game. However, due to the nation-wide shortage of officials, some of the younger aged games, may have only 1 official. Please be mindful of this, should you have a game with 1 official. They are out there trying their best given the difficult circumstance

- **Facility Changes**
 - Please be cognizant of your teams current and upcoming schedule. There are only a handful of teams throughout the weekend that will need to travel from one site to another, the same day. Many divisions will travel from 1 site to another from Saturday to Sunday, please be aware of this too
- **Pool-Play to Bracket-Play**
 - Similar to facility changes, based off of your pool standing, please beware of where you will be placed onto the bracket following pool-play. Some divisions will go into bracket play immediately on Saturday