



2024 Boardwalk Block Party Tournament Manual

Locations

Atlantic City Convention Center | 1 Convention Blvd. | Atlantic City, NJ

Team Registration

Tournament registration is open in AES from August 1st, 2023, until April 12th, 2024, or until the event is full. <https://advancedeventsystems.com/33118>

Divisions & Age Groups

- Open – Highly Advanced (*14s - 18s*)
- National - Intermediate (*13 - 18s*)
- American - Regional (*13 - 18s*)
- Club - Fundamental (*14s - 17s*)
- Girls U12 (*12 only*)

Entry Fee

\$595 per team

Payment

Entry fees can be paid online via AES or by sending one check per club made out to 3Step Sports, LLC. Send to the following address:

3Step Sports
PO Box 458
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Payment Deadline: December 15th, 2023

Refund Policy

- Teams must withdraw before 3/1/24 will receive a full refund.
- Teams that withdraw after 3/1/24 but before 3/22/24 will receive a 50% refund.
- Teams that withdraw after 3/22/24 are not eligible for a refund.

See [Northeast Power Series Policies](#) for more refund and credit policy details.

Online Team Check-in

Online team check-in will open on Wednesday, 4/17/24 at 12:00 PM (ET) and will close on Friday, 4/19/24 at 8:00 PM (ET) through AES. Club Directors must verify the rosters by 8 PM on April 19th to confirm that their rosters are accurate, and the team is ready to compete.

Player and Coach Badge Pick-up

Tournament badges are required for all athletes and coaches to enter the venues throughout the tournament. Coaches may pick up their badges on Friday night, during the recruiting showcase, from 6PM – 8PM OR on Saturday at the Team Check-In table in the lobby, outside Hall D, before their matches are set to start.

Admissions & Ticketing

Tickets are ALL pre-sold through the [Boardwalk Block Party Ticket page](#). Tickets will be available for purchase starting 4/5/24.

Everyone entering the event over the age of 10, including siblings of players, MUST have a ticket. Spectator wristbands must be worn on the wrist.

Refunds must be requested within 30 days of purchase via email to volleyball@threestep.com. Refund requests should include the name of the event, name of the purchaser, and which ticket(s) the request is for. Tickets that have been scanned are NOT eligible for a refund.

Tickets are not able to be refunded after the 30 days post purchase due to our ticketing software.

Venue Details

- Doors Open
 - Doors open at each venue one hour before the first matches are set to start.
- Lost & Found

- If you believe you lost something during the event, please connect with the tournament desk or venue staff. Any lost items left at our events will be given to the venue.
- Athletic Trainers
 - Trainers are available for preventative taping and injury response, evaluation, and treatment, as well as post-play treatment (ice/wrapping). Athletes should bring their own tape. Tape provided by the trainers is designated for injuries only.

Venue Specific Information

- Atlantic City Convention Center
 - Parking:
 - Parking is available at the Convention Center for \$20/day. There are other parking lots within walking distance for a fee.
 - Carpooling is encouraged.
 - Outside Food
 - No outside food or coolers are allowed. There are concessions available on site.
 - Spectator Seating & Team Camping
 - Spectator seating is available, but personal chairs are allowed.
 - There is no room for team camping. Please keep belongings tight to your group when your team is not playing.

Spectator Code of Conduct

All Top Court Events and Northeast Power Series spectators must adhere to the following Spectator Code of Conduct:

- Spectators are an important part of the game and shall always conform to accepted standards of good sportsmanship and behavior.
- Be respectful of all athletes, coaches, officials, other spectators, and tournament staff.
- Taunting, foul and abusive language, and disrespectful signs and behavior have no place in youth sports and will not be tolerated. **This is a zero-tolerance policy.**
- Any physical or verbal altercations with athletes, coaches, officials, other spectators, or tournament staff will not be tolerated. Offending parties will immediately be escorted out of the venue and banned from returning to the premises for the remainder of the event.

- Be respectful of event staff, security, and rules of the event, along with the use of facilities and equipment provided, at all times.
- Spectators will observe the rules of the event venues concerning weapons, smoking, drugs, food/drink consumption, littering, and parking procedures.

Tournament Format

4 Team Pools (2 Day Event):

The desired format for each division is four (4) team pools on Saturday followed by bracket play on Sunday. The results of pool play will determine where the teams will play on Sunday. In the desired format, 1st and 2nd place from pool play will go to Gold Bracket, 3rd place to Silver Bracket and 4th place to Bronze Bracket. If you lose your first match on Sunday, you will play in a consolation match to determine final finishes.

As mentioned, this is the desired format. However, this is subject to change and also is subject to the amount teams in the given division. Uneven numbers may require us to have the following:

- A pool of 3 that is playing automatic 3 Sets on Saturday.
- Two or three, three team pools, that will play normal best of 3 and then crossover between the pools to determine seeding for the bracket
- Bronze brackets that are actually 3 team pools for Sunday.
- Additional Crossovers Needed

Please check with the tournament staff if you have any questions while looking at your schedule.