

# TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK



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**JAN 31 - FEB 1, 2026**  
**WINTRUST SPORTS COMPLEX**  
**BEDFORD PARK, IL**

We're excited to welcome your teams to the *2<sup>nd</sup> City Showdown* hosted by Hype Nation! This handbook will have all the information you need, presented by [Capelli Sport](#).

Please read carefully—**there will be no coaches' meeting prior to Saturday play.**

## **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

### **SCHEDULES:**

All schedules and results will be posted on AES.

View the schedule here: [2<sup>nd</sup> City Showdown Schedule](#)

### **TEAM CHECK-IN:**

Teams can check-in at the facility any time before their first match on **Saturday, January 31**. **If you have not loaded your roster into AES by Thursday, please bring a signed copy for check-in.**

*One member will be allowed to check-in all teams and pick up the coach's wristbands.*

### **PARKING:**

Complimentary parking is available onsite. Please do not park in fire lanes or restricted areas—vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

### **VENUE:**

Wintrust Sports Complex  
5499 W 65<sup>th</sup> Street, Bedford Park, IL 60638

## **GUEST & SPECTATOR INFORMATION**

### **FOOD/CONCESSIONS:**

There is a full-service restaurant & bar inside the venue. Concessions will also be available for purchase. **No outside food, drinks, or coolers may be brought into the facility.**

### **SEATING:**

Spectator seating is provided on every court. Bleacher seats are permitted, but outside chairs or lawn chairs are not permitted inside the facility.

## SPECTATOR TICKETS:

All spectators **11 & older** must purchase a wristband; ages **10 & under** are free.

- **Weekend Pass:** \$25
- **Single Day Pass:** \$15
- **Payment:** The venue accepts debit, cash, apple pay and credit cards. There will be an additional 3% fee for all transactions using a credit card.
- **Coaches:** Receive wristbands at team check-in (2 per team max)

Please allow enough time to purchase your tickets & enter the facility.

There will be no pre-sale tickets sold, all tickets must be purchased at the facility.

## WRISTBANDS:

The ticketing system only allows each ticket to be scanned once. **Do not remove your wristband for any reason.** Lost or removed wristbands will require purchasing a new one; no exceptions.

## STREAMING:

All matches will be streamed live and available on-demand on **SportsEngine Play**.

Watch here: [SportsEngine Play – 2nd City Showdown](#)



## GAMEPLAY

## ATHLETIC TRAINERS:

Certified athletic trainers will be available to provide taping, address minor injuries, and respond to more serious incidents as needed. Please note that athletes must supply their own tape and pre-wrap for regular use; tournament supplies are limited to emergency situations.

## OFFICIALS:

R1 officials will be provided for all courts and matches. Teams are responsible for supplying the remaining officiating crew.

## POOL-PLAY FORMAT:

All matches will be played **best 2 of 3 sets**:

- Sets 1 & 2 to 25
- Set 3 (if needed) to 15
- All sets are win by 2, no cap

All teams are guaranteed a **minimum of 5 matches (or 10 sets)** for the weekend.

## TIEBREAKERS:

There will be **no on-court playoff tiebreakers** (including for Gold/Silver). All ties will be settled using the following protocol:

1. Match Percentage
2. Head-to-Head (only for 2-way ties)
3. Set Percentage
4. Point Percentage
5. Coin Flip

Please monitor AES throughout the day to ensure scores and calculations are accurate.

## WARM-UP PROCEDURES:

Warm-up for all matches:

- 2 minutes shared ball-handling
- 4 minutes Team A
- 4 minutes Team B
  - Serving time should be incorporated into each team's individual 4-minute warm-up period

The team choosing to serve first will warm up first.

**If a team is playing back-to-back, there will be no warm-up for that team.**

## AWARDS

### BAG TAGS:

Athletes will receive a commemorative bag tag. Coaches will receive **12 bag tags per team** at check-in.

### MEDALS:

Awards will be given to 1st & 2nd place teams in the gold bracket of each division (medals)

## **CLUB DISCOUNTS**

### **BADEN:**

Baden Sports is proud to serve as Hype Nation's Official Volleyball Partner. [Click here](#) to enjoy 20% off your purchase.

### **CAPELLI SPORT:**

Hype Nation is partnering with Capelli Sport to support athletes at every level. Capelli provides premium sportswear, custom teamwear, and high-performance training gear designed for speed, strength, and style. Enjoy 20% off using [this link](#).

### **PICTURE PROS:**

Hype Nation is thrilled to have [Picture Pros Photography](#) on site delivering top-notch team photos and posters to parents and athletes.

### **SIMAX:**

Hype Nation is proud to partner with Simax Sports to provide the exclusive apparel for this tournament.

### **STACK ATHLETE:**

Stack Athlete is the official recruiting partner of Hype Nation. Stack Athlete is a premier online collegiate sports recruiting platform that's helped over 3 million high school athletes connect directly with college coaches from all levels, build meaningful relationships, and manage their entire recruitment journey. To learn more, visit [stackathlete.com](#).

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