

2026 Great Lakes Festival Tournament Guide

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Time to
Spring Ahead

Sunday March 8 @ 2AM

ADMISSION:

- \$10 per day (5 & under free) **Check playing site information at the end of the guide for form of payment accepted for each site**
- Only service dogs with properly displayed license are allowed in facilities.

SCHEDULE AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Play Schedule: Please ensure you can access AES for your schedule.

- The play schedule will be posted on www.advancedeventsystems.com. Scores will be updated after every match on Advanced Event Systems. Please make sure you look at your teams officiating and playing assignments as each day progresses.
- Wave Times will be Saturday 8:00 am – 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm.
- Pools will typically consist of three or four teams: If your pool consists of 3 teams, it will be handled in one of two ways:
 - You will play two matches in your three-team pool and once the three-team pool completes its matches, the teams will be re-seeded and begin play in a cross-over match. In this scenario, only your first two matches will be listed on AES, and your third match will be determined once the three-team pools are complete, and teams are re-seeded.
 - You will play two matches with three sets to 25 each, both listed on AES.
- Once each wave starts, we will play ahead of schedule as play allows. Teams will be allowed to play with 5 players (ghost).

Team Check-in:

- **TEAMS MUST CHECK IN ONLINE IN AES by Thursday March 5th.**
- Rosters will be verified online when you check in. The receipt you receive after checking in will be your coach's credential. Players will be granted entry by wearing their volleyball gear.

Tournament Play:

- Coin Flip will determine choice of serve. Matches will begin no later than 10 minutes from the conclusion of the preceding match. Matches will begin ahead of schedule as play allows. Wave start times will not be moved up. Subsequent rounds and bracket play matches will be moved up whenever time allows. At the start time, if teams are not ready to play, the opposing team will be awarded one point per minute. After ten minutes, the first game will then be forfeited. The second game and match will also be forfeited after an additional 10 minutes.
- There are no caps for any sets. Third set will be up to 15, no cap, but we will not switch sides at 8. Coaches are allowed to designate 2 liberos. The libero is allowed to serve for one position.

WARM-UP PROCEDURES

For all matches during the event, warm-up time will be 2-4-4. 2 minutes for shared ball handling, 4 minutes for the serving team to have the entire court, 4 minutes for the receiving team to have the entire court.

Matches will be played ahead of schedule if possible. We are asking teams to help shag for their opponent during warm-ups to keep balls off other courts.

Warm-up balls are NOT provided at any site. Teams must bring their own warm-up balls.

Complete posting of results and next round of play will be available on the Advanced Event Systems website (<http://www.advancedeventsystems.com>.) This is the official schedule. There will not be any posting of pool results around the tournament desk. Check AES for all results. Before leaving your site, be sure to check your schedule carefully for the next day. Site Directors and officials will not be held accountable for miscommunication or schedule interpretations. The official tournament posting on AES is the only source that will be considered should a dispute arise.

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

There will be no play-offs to break any ties.

2 Way tie

- Head-to-head

3 Way tie

- Set percentage, sets won divided by sets played.
- Point percentage: points scored divided by the total points scored by the team's opponents.
- Coin Flip

PROTEST PROCEDURES

If a protest needs to be filed it must be done at the time of the incident, no later. The first referee is obligated to acknowledge and record all protests. For U15-U18 teams, only the floor captain may file a protest. For U11-U14 teams, the coach or the floor captain may protest

The protest must be written on the score sheet by the official scorekeeper or the first-official and must be signed by the person presenting the protest as well as the first official. All protests will be ruled upon prior to the next service. Judgment calls may not be protested. Protests will be considered only for situations outlined in the United States Volleyball Official Rules booklet. The Head Official will handle all protests and their rulings are final.

GENERAL RULES:

Only AAU registered members are allowed on the bench & court.

AAU Registered coach must be on the bench. A team without an AAU registered coach is considered incomplete and may not play.

Any abuse of tournament officials or staff by players, coaches or parents will result in that person's removal from the tournament.

Chairs that are provided for team benches may not be moved or taken to another area.

Players may pack a snack in their bag.

Check the information for each site below for concession availability.

Fine Designs will be selling tournament gear and t-shirts.

Facility Rules

- NO outside food or drink allowed in any facility (except player snacks in their bag).
- NO Coolers or Wagons allowed.
- Children must always be under adult supervision.
- Electrical outlets may not be used.
- No smoking or vaping inside or on the grounds of any facility

PLAYING SITES

No warm-up balls provided at any site – teams are responsible to bring their own warm- up balls.

We are fortunate to have several venues willing to host courts for GLF that allows us to keep this event out of a convention center & keep the cost down for teams and their families. Each site operates the gate/admission with the resources they have available to them. Most sites will take credit cards or cash but there are 3 sites that can only take cash. Check the playing site information below for admission policy and other details.

Admission is \$10 per person per day. 5 & under free

Additional Facility rules and Tournament information can be found on [MJVBA](#)

United Wholesale Mortgage Sports Complex (UWMSC), 867 South Blvd E, Pontiac

- Courts 1-16
- Concessions available
- **NO** outside chairs allowed.
- Admission – Credit/Debit Card only

Schoolcraft College (SC College) & Trinity Health Sports Center (Trin He), 18600 Haggerty, Livonia Schoolcraft Gym Courts enter through the Trinity Health Sports Center entrance.

- Courts 1-8 (TH), 1-2 (SC) 
- Concessions available
- **NO** outside chairs allowed
- Admission – Credit/Debit Card only

Elite Sportsplex (ESP), 2220 Mall Dr. East, Waterford

- Courts 1,2,4,5,6,7
- Concessions available
- Bring non-marking chairs.
- Admission – Credit/Debit Card only

Jewish Community Center (JCC), 6600 W Maple Rd, West Bloomfield Twp.

- Courts 1-8
- Concessions available
- Bring non-marking chairs.
- Admission – Credit Card only

High Velocity Sports (HV) 46245 Michigan Ave, Canton

- Courts 1-4
- Concessions available
- Plenty of Seating may bring non-marking chairs.
- Admission cash or credit card

Thurston HS 26255 Schoolcraft Ave, Redford

- Courts 1-4
- Concessions available
- Bring non-marking chairs.
- Admission Cash only

Madonna University Alliance Arena (Madonna), 14680 Newburgh Rd, Livonia

- Courts 1-2
- Concessions available
- **NO** outside chairs allowed
- Admission Cash only

SPARC Sports & Recreation, 42775 W 9 Mile Rd, Novi, MI

- Courts 1-3
- Concessions available
- Seating Available may Bring non-marking chairs.
- Admission – cash or credit card

Henry Ford College 5101 Evergreen Rd, Dearborn, MI

- Courts 1-2
- Concessions available
- Bring non-marking chairs.
- Admission - prefer cash but will accept credit card

Sunday Only Site

Livonia Stevenson HS 33500 W. Six Mile Rd. Livonia

- Courts 1-3
- NO Concessions
- Bring non-marking chairs.
- Admission cash or Venmo