



# TOURNAMENT HANDBOOK



**January 13-15, 2024**

**HOOVER MET COMPLEX – FINLEY CENTER**

**HYPE NATION EVENTS**

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We are very pleased to have you at the **Sweet Tea Challenge** tournament hosted by *Hype Nation*. This packet should contain all the information you need to compete in this year's event. Please be sure to read everything very carefully as we will not have a coaches' meeting prior to playing on Saturday.

## SCHEDULES:

All schedules and results will be posted on the AES website.

Website is: [SCHEDULE](#)

## TEAM CHECK-IN:

Teams can check-in at the facility any time before their first match on **Saturday, January 13**. Please allow enough time to purchase your tickets & enter the facility. **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.*

## VENUE:

**Finley Center**

5508 Stadium Trace Parkway, Hoover, AL, 35244

## PARKING:

There is plenty of parking available at the facility. Parking will be free for the weekend. **Do not park in the fire lanes and do not park illegally. Violators will be towed at the owner's expense.**

## WRISTBANDS:

The ticketing program only allows us to scan the ticket one time so do NOT take your wristband off for any reason. If you take it off or lose it, you will be charged for a new wristband. No exceptions.

## TICKETS:

All spectators 11 & up will need a wristband, 10 & under are free. Coaches will receive a wristband at check-in (2 coaches maximum. No chaperones/team representatives). Prices will be \$36.16 for the weekend \$15.49 for a day pass. Credit Card payments only will be accepted, **no cash**. Please allow enough time to purchase your tickets & enter the facility. You can pre-purchase your tickets at the link below.

\*Tickets purchased online will include an additional 10% credit card fee. Tickets purchased at the venue will not include this fee.

[Purchase Tickets Here](#)

## SEATING:

There are plenty of bleachers at each court for spectator seating. Bleacher seats are permitted, but no lawn chairs or other outside chairs are allowed in the facility.

## FOOD/CONCESSIONS:

**No outside food, drinks or coolers will be allowed into the facilities.** Concessions are sold at the facility.

## WARM-UP PROCEDURES:

Before your *first match*, teams will share the court for 2 mins (please keep balls on your own side). After that each team will then get the entire court for 4 mins (serving must be a part of this time). The team that elects to serve first gets the court first.

\*\*\*If a team plays back-to-back, then there will be NO warmup for that team\*\*\*

## AGE SPECIFIC RULES:

All teams playing in 10-11s or 12s divisions are allowed to use the "step-in line" to serve. The step-in line will be 6'6" into the court. If a player gets 3 serves in a row from the step-in line, they will be asked to move back beyond the end-line until their service turn is ended.

## POOL-PLAY FORMAT:

In all pools, matches will be best 2 of 3 sets with sets 1 & 2 played to 25 points. If necessary, a 3rd and deciding set will be played to 15 points. All sets have no cap and must be won by 2 points. Pool play will consist of 3, 4, or 5 team pools. Most teams will play 3 matches on Saturday & 2 on Sunday, but a few teams (especially in 5-team pools) might play 4 matches on Saturday or just 2 but play 3 on Sunday. Regardless, all teams will receive a minimum of 5 matches (or 10 sets) for the weekend.

## TIEBREAKERS:

There will be NO PLAYOFFS during pool play (not even for Gold or Silver). All ties will be solved via the following protocol:

- Match Percentage
- Head-to-head (ONLY used if it is 2-team tiebreaker)
- Set Percentage
- Point Percentage
- Flip a coin

All calculations are viewable on AES online. Please monitor scores as they are updated to be sure this information is accurate throughout the day.

## STREAMING:

All matches this weekend will be streamed on BallerTV. Click on this link to view: [BALLER TV](#)

## AWARDS:

Medals will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the GOLD bracket of each division only. Commemorative Bag Tags will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in the GOLD bracket of each division only.

## CLUB MANAGEMENT - SKILLSHARK

Hype Nation is proud to announce SkillShark as the official Club and Team Management partner. Hype Nation clubs can enjoy 20% off ALL Skillshark plans. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

## RECRUITING

Hype Nation is pleased to announce **CaptainU** will be our official recruitment partner for the 2024 volleyball season. Take this opportunity to create your own personal or team CaptainU profile. Links are below for coaches and players to begin the scouting process!

PLAYER: Click [HERE](#) to create your free CaptainU profile for Sweet Tea Challenge and get college coach exposure all season long.

COACH: Click [HERE](#) to create a free CaptainU team account and help your athletes get to the next level.

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# 2024 SCHEDULE

Hype Nation has released its 2024 schedule featuring 12 events in eight states! Our volleyball tournaments are run by experts in the industry, designing events curated at bringing girls and volleyball teams together from different cities and states across the country. We're more than just an events company. We're a team committed to expanding the sport of volleyball through tournaments, education, and player engagement.

## Hoover, AL



JANUARY 6-7 (GIRLS)  
Alabama Icebreaker \$425  
@ Hoover Met Complex



JANUARY 13-15 (GIRLS)  
Sweet Tea Challenge \$425  
@ Hoover Met Complex



FEBRUARY 24-25 (GIRLS)  
Southern Showdown \$425  
@ Hoover Met Complex

## Sacramento, CA



APRIL 6-7 (POWER & CLUB)  
Capital City Clash \$395  
@ Roebbelen Center

## Rocky Mount, NC



JANUARY 27-28 (GIRLS)  
Clash in Carolina \$395  
@ Rocky Mount Event Center

## Chicago, IL



FEBRUARY 3-4 (BOYS ONLY)  
2nd City Showdown \$350  
@ Wintrust Sports Complex



FEBRUARY 24-25 (GIRLS)  
Frozen Festival \$425  
@ Wintrust Sports Complex



APRIL 6-7 (GIRLS)  
Windy City Challenge \$425  
@ Wintrust Sports Complex

## Virginia Beach, VA



JANUARY 6-7 (GIRLS, CLUB & OPEN)  
Virginia Beach Brawl \$395  
@ Virginia Beach Sports Center

## Cedar Point, OH



JANUARY 20-21 (GIRLS, CLUB AND PREMIER)  
Frozen Lake Festival \$445  
@ Cedar Point Sports Center

## Myrtle Beach, SC



APRIL 12-13 (GIRLS)  
High Tide Invitational \$395  
@ Myrtle Beach Sports Center

## Round Rock, TX



MARCH 9-10 (GIRLS)  
Round Rock Rumble \$375  
@ Round Rock Sports Center



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