

Welcome to Bump,Set,Splat – Mud Volleyball Tournament 2025

First of all, THANK YOU, for joining us for the Mud Volleyball Tournament. Your participation is helping us make a donation to Nature's Nursery (animal rehabilitation, education and conservation) and support their efforts in helping the community.

Please read the rest of this Registration Packet very carefully! This packet contains many very important details about how things will be run as well as other notes that will be helpful in making this event successful for your team and the rest of the participants. So sit back, relax and enjoy the light reading 😊

1. BYOB instead of beer trailer on site – Do not bring GLASS... and we still have the right to remove you from the event if you show signs of being overserved. Please, let's have fun responsibly!!
2. There WILL BE 2 FOOD TRUCKS: TBD at this time but will be announced via Facebook and Event page before the event.
3. NO VEHICLES are permitted to drive inside the fencing while volleyball is still being played. Anyone found breaking this rule will not be allowed to play in future tournaments.
4. Tournament play will be a single game to 28 straight until we only have 8 teams left in the bracket. At that time, the teams will play a best of 3 match with games being played to 15 straight.

When you arrive:

1. Every person entering the fenced in area will have to sign a waiver form and wear the wristband to indicate he/she has signed. This includes participants, spectators, and volunteers.
2. The gates to the event open at 9:00am and games will start **promptly** at 10:00am. The hour is provided to allow teams to get in through the Registration Line and set up their 'site' before their first games. We must start on time or else we won't finish the tournament by the end of the day!!
3. Teams may "claim" their space inside the fences starting at 12:00p on Friday and check out their assigned court. Space is limited and with as many teams as we have, your site is restricted to a 10' x 10' area.
4. The map seen below indicates where the event is taking place as well as where to park for the event. The address to the fairgrounds is: 1406 Key Street, Maumee, Ohio 43537
 - a. See map below
 - b. Google map pin: <https://goo.gl/maps/GPUtma7R8wVDJCceA> should land you in the exact spot. Enter from Key street to the Fairgrounds



5. Game schedules will be sent out prior to the day of play and also listed on the Event page of ToledoSSC.com. Note that for the Round-Robin portion of the tournament you are **assigned to a court and will be recognized by your team number** in the schedule for that court.
6. **NO CARS** are permitted to drive into the fenced area while matches are still in progress!! Yes, this means you have to haul your gear to the fence and a car can meet you there for pick-up!!
7. Team captains are responsible for knowing the rules and communicating them to their teammates. The **OFFICIAL RULES** can be found on the event page on ToledoSSC.com and will be posted on-site.

Playing the games:

1. **Shoes ARE required!!** We can't guarantee what we find at the bottom of the courts when we dig and we want to protect your feet. The bottom of the courts is primarily clay but mixed in are rocks, hard clay, and other various items that have been mixed in over the years.
2. Duct tape is recommended to help keep your shoes on your feet. As we progress through the day, the bottom of the courts is going to transform from hard clay to squishy clay. The looser clay may 'hold' on to your shoe.
3. The mud volleyball rules are the same as standard volleyball rules with the exception of allowing up to 8 players on the court and there is no ability to play a ball outside of the court area. Rules will be posted at the event and can also be found on the website event page.
4. The first 5 games that you will play are in the Round-Robin portion of the event. These games are played to 18 points and **NOT WIN BY 2**. Straight first to 18 wins.
5. Each game will be 'refereed' by another team assigned to the court. The schedule is currently designed such that if you play next on the court, you ref the match before yours. **If a team does not show up to referee, that team will be subject to removal from the tournament that follows the round-robin play.** Two referees must be supplied by the assigned teams. The assignments are listed on the schedule. 1 ref will be either side of the court.
6. The referees are responsible for keeping the score, making final judgment calls on "In" or "Out" and general rule interpretation. Players are still responsible for calling their own infractions for hitting the net, illegal contact with the ball, etc. and the refs will help with these calls.
7. **Both teams** should make sure the final score is being recorded on the court schedule and reported to the **Scoring Table** immediately following the game.
8. Games must stay on schedule. We don't have lights and running behind will put us in jeopardy of not finishing the event!!

Single-Elimination Tournament:

1. Once the round-robin portion of play is completed, we will tally scores and records to seed teams into the "Upper" or "Lower" brackets.
2. Teams will be ranked on Winning %. The top teams from each court will advance to the upper bracket and the bottom teams from each court will be in the lower bracket.
3. The tournament will be a single game to 28 until the final 8 teams are left in the bracket. All games in the tournament will be played to 28 straight. Once we are down to the final 8, the tournament will continue as a best 2 out of 3 format with games being played to 15 points straight. A team winning 2 of 3 games will advance through the bracket.

4. Refing assignments will continue through the playoffs. When your team is next up to play on a particular court, you must supply one person to ref along with a person from your upcoming opponents' team.
5. The tournament is single-elimination.

Miscellaneous Information:

1. Medical Supplies will be on site for the potential of cuts, scrapes, bumps, bruises, etc.
2. Sports come with an inherent danger of injury. Add to that, playing in an uneven surface with mud, the potential does go up. Please be aware of these risks and take caution to help prevent injury.
3. There will be an outdoor 'washing' station set up and there are also portable restrooms and showers.
4. You **are permitted** to bring in your own food and **GAS GRILL**. NO CHARCOAL GRILLS allowed!!
5. Temporary Fences around the event are **NOT** to be moved without specific approval from Event Coordinator. Those bringing in grills will either need to be able to transport them through the main gate or bring them the night before the event and take them away after completion of the event.
6. **DOGS/PETS** are **NOT** allowed inside the fences for the event.
7. You are permitted to bring your own food, water, and sports drinks.
8. **COSTUMES are encouraged** and, in fact, will be rewarded!!
9. Rain... Yes, it could happen that we don't have a perfectly clear, 85 degree day. In that case, and especially since we will already be playing in the mud, the tournament will likely still be played. However, we will use our RainOut line 855-HEY-TSSC (439-8772) extension 1 to provide a status for the event.

MOST IMPORTANTLY:

HAVE FUN!! And, remember, this is a charity event benefitting:

