

## Welcome to Bump,Set,Splat – Mud Volleyball Tournament 2020 (The Year of the Vid)

First of all, THANK YOU, for joining us for the Mud Volleyball Tournament. Your participation is helping us make a donation to the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio 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 ☺

### COVID SPECIFIC CHANGES:

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. NO FOOD TRUCK – you can bring a GAS grill if you wish
3. MASK – Please, if it doesn't offend you, wear a mask to enter past our volunteers. Some of them are kidney donation recipients and it would be a real bummer to get one of them sick. Masks will not be required the rest of the event and we ask that you SOCIAL DISTANCE appropriately. We don't need someone calling the Health Department or local police trying to shut us down!!
4. We will email the WAIVER forms, to speed up entry into the event, we ask that you print a copy and have your teammates sign it in advance and drop it off with our volunteers.

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. Early check-in will be available on **Friday from 5:00p – 7:00p** at the tournament location. Teams can show up then to sign a waiver form and get their wristbands. Yes, you will have to wear it overnight and have it displayed on Saturday. Teams may also "claim" their space inside the fences at this time 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



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 ALCOHOL may be brought into the event!!** If you are bringing in a cooler, backpack, or other carrying device, it will be checked for illegal alcohol. **Anything found will be confiscated.** We have a temporary liquor permit for the event and outside alcohol puts it in jeopardy. The state Liquor Control could show up, find outside alcohol, and IMMEDIATELY SHUT DOWN the whole event!!

## **This year is BYOB!!!! Please do not bring GLASS!!**

7. For those of drinking age, there is an ID Check station at which you will receive a wristband that indicates your ID has been checked and you are of legal drinking age. No one is permitted to drink alcohol who is not wearing this wristband. **NO ID CHECK THIS YEAR**
8. 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 not be allowed to participate in 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. The **winning team** will report the final score of the game 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 % and total points earned. 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 best 2 out of 3 game format. All games in the tournament will be played to 15 with a cap at 18. 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. EMS 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... just not your own alcohol.
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:**

