

## **WELCOME TO ROCKETS BLAST!**

### **13 Gold Division**

Sunday February 8th, 2026

Mercer Aquatic Center, Scanlon Gymnasium, 2701 Bradford Dr. Iowa City

**Warm-Ups:** Each team's first match will be 10 min (2 mins ball handling, 4 mins whole court for each team). Subsequent matches will be 6 minute warm-ups (3 mins for each team). Coaches **START** warm-ups **IMMEDIATELY** after previous match finishes. We will play ahead of schedule. Building will open at 7:45am.

**Pool play** will be 2 sets to 21. During pool play, players may ref if an adult referee with a whistle oversees the game. Finish placement and tie-breaking criteria will be per USAV guidelines.

**Bracket Play** will be best 2 out of 3 sets to 21 points; 3rd set to 15 if necessary. No cap. An adult **MUST** be the first referee during Bracket play and losing teams ref the next match. Top 2 teams in each pool go to the Championship Bracket, while 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams go to Consolation.

Initial Schedules are posted on [tm2sign.com](http://tm2sign.com)

Be ready to play or ref right after your pool is finished. Since there will be 2 divisions, 6 teams in Gold and 6 teams in Consolation, **there are no pre-assigned courts for Bracket play. We'll assign quarter, semi, and final matches on a "next available court" basis.** You can **IGNORE** the tm2sign schedule for bracket play - see the WALL CHARTS instead.

There is **NO** Concession stand. You may bring in food, but please clean up your team camp area. Space is limited so keep your team camps compact. Sorry, no plug-in appliances or tables and no food or drink except water allowed in the gym. No **STANLEY** cups allowed without spillproof lids. Please keep your camp small and tidy. Thank you!

Bleachers are provided, but you may bring in a few soft-tipped chairs. Be prepared to share your chair when your team is not playing, or take your chair with you.

Admission: We will be charging a spectator fee for those not listed on the roster. Adults and seniors are \$6. Children ages 3 to 12 are \$3. Under 3 is free. Dollar bills are appreciated.

**Donations for Nigerian Volleyball kids.** We are collecting gently used volleyball items to send to Nigeria for their volleyball program. They have over 900 athletes who would cherish anything you can give them - shoes, knee and elbow pads (even singles), backpacks, spandex, shorts, socks. We'll take care of the shipping, so if you have stuff you can't use anymore - put it to good use! We have a huge drop off area for any items you bring in. They also take old nets, ball carts, and balls if they are still somewhat workable/usable.

There will **NOT** be a coaches meeting. Tournament rules will be reviewed at check-in. Please **BRING** an up to date roster with you to be turned in to the Tourney Director; do not email one in advance. Questions, contact Kyla Rodgers at [\(319\) 330-9499](tel:3193309499). Have Fun!