

# Lincoln's Birthday Bash

Tournament Handbook



February 14-15, 2026

**Hammond SportsPlex**

6630 Indianapolis Blvd, Hammond, IN

Presented by:



We are pleased to have you at **Lincoln's Birthday Bash** hosted by **Level 12 Sports**. This packet contains 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.

## SCHEDULE:

All schedules and results will be posted on AES (link below):

### [EVENT SCHEDULE](#)

## TEAM CHECK-IN:

Teams must check in online through AES by Thursday at 11:45PM. If you do not check in by Thursday, you'll need to bring a full hard copy roster showing player name, membership number, jersey number, etc.

Coaches need to swing by the check in desk before their first match on Saturday to pick up their team's FREE bag tags. Doors open at 7am. Please allow enough time to get through the check-in process prior to your first match.

**There will be no early check-in on Friday night.**

## VENUE:

***Hammond Sportsplex | 6630 Indianapolis Blvd, Hammond, IN 46323***

## PARKING:

There is plenty of parking available at the facility. There are parking lots both at the front and the back of 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.

## TICKETS:

All spectators will need a wristband. Kids ages 10 & under are **FREE**. Everyone else will need a wristband.

Spectator Admission is \$25 for a weekend pass or \$15 for a single-day pass. Tickets are available via the link below. **NO CASH SALES. No credit card sales at the door.**

### [CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

Coaches will receive a FREE wristband at team check-in (**2 coaches maximum. No chaperones or team representatives**).

Doors open at 7 am with the first matches beginning at 8 am.

## 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.

## SEATING:

There are plenty of bleachers at each court for spectator seating. Outside chairs are also allowed and encouraged but please place chairs close to the wall, and away from the playing area.

## FOOD/CONCESSIONS:

No outside food, drinks, or coolers will be allowed into the facilities. Concessions are sold at the facility. There is also a bar upstairs with additional food options.

## AGE-SPECIFIC RULES:

All teams playing in 11/12s 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.

## WARM-UP PROCEDURES:

Before your *first match*, teams will share the court for 2 mins (please keep balls on your own side). After the share time, 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 will get the court first.

## 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.

## **BOYS POLICY:**

Any team looking to include a boy on their roster **MUST** have their roster loaded in AES, and **MUST** email Troy Helton ([tristan@level12sports.com](mailto:tristan@level12sports.com)) for approval **BEFORE** the tournament.

- 12 & Under – Boys can play co-ed
- 13s – Must play in 14s or older team
- 14s – Must play in 16s or older team
- 15-18 – Not eligible to play.

## **AWARDS:**

Medals will be given to 1st place and 2nd place in the **GOLD** bracket of each division only. Medals are for players only, no medals will be issued to coaches.

## **RECRUITING**

Level 12 Sports is pleased to partner with StackAthlete as our official recruitment partner. Take this opportunity to create your own personal or team StackAthlete profile. Links are below to begin the scouting process!

**PLAYER:** Click [HERE](#) to create your **FREE** StackAthlete profile. Get exposure all season long.

## **STREAMING: [CLICK HERE](#)**

All games are livestreamed on **SportsEngine Play**. Teams get exposure. Fans stay connected. Everyone wins. Livestreaming isn't just a perk—it's a powerful reason to participate.

## **TOURNAMENT WEBSITE**

Visit our website for more information on this tournament: [https://level12sports.com/lincolns\\_birthday\\_bash/](https://level12sports.com/lincolns_birthday_bash/)

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