

**31<sup>st</sup> Annual USABA Midwest Regional**  
**Sponsored by the Michigan Blind Athletic Association**  
**Warren Mott High School, 3131 E. Twelve Mile Rd Warren, MI**

**A. CONTACTS**

- **Tournament Director:** Jessica Kusku, (586) 506-0259, jessica.kusku@gmail.com
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** Becky Hercula, (586) 506-0248, bmomrn@gmail.com

**B. COACHES MEETING**

- There is not a coaches meeting. The tournament director will be available beginning at 7:00am at the tournament site for any questions.
- In lieu of a coaches meeting, please read through this document carefully.

**C. LODGING**

- **Baymont Inn and Suites**, 7447 Convention Blvd., Warren, MI 48092, (586) 977-7270
- **Comfort Inn**, 7001 Convention Blvd., Warren, MI 48092, (586) 268-9020
- **Free Shuttle Service** will be available between the Baymont and Warren Mott HS for anyone staying at this hotel. Service is available from **7:00am to 9:00am** Saturday and Sunday mornings and **7:30pm to 9:30pm** on Saturday evening. If you need a shuttle at any time other than listed, you can call the Baymont Inn and they will let you know when the shuttle will be available for you. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF THOSE WHO HAVE GAMES BEFORE YOU! EARLIEST PLAYING TEAMS WILL HAVE FIRST PRIORITY FOR THE SHUTTLE!
- **Driving Directions from the hotel to Warren Mott High School:** From Convention Blvd., turn right on Van Dyke Ave. Drive about 1.5 miles, turn right on 12 Mile Rd. Drive about 2.5 miles, school will be on the right. The school is at the first light after Ryan Rd. Park in the front and enter in the main entrance.

**D. TOURNAMENT NOTES**

- **All rules will be IBSA rules unless noted in this document.**
- We will be having a marshalling table for **coin tosses**. The table will be located in the front lobby near the cafeteria. Coin tosses will occur 30 minutes prior to game time or earlier if both teams are present and agree.
- **Pool Players** will be distributed to requesting teams at the discretion of the tournament director.
- **Patching.** Due to budget and time constraints, we are unable to provide patches at every game this year. Patching will be done on request. The requesting team must make the request at the coin toss and provide the patches.
- **Equipment.** No external plastic knee, hip, or elbow pads and no black shoes that mark the floor.
- **Protests.** Protest fees are \$100 and will be returned if the protest is upheld. The protest committee will consist of the tournament director, head official, and USABA representative (if available). If one of these people is involved in the protest, an alternative representative will be found. Money must be received at the marshalling table within 30 minutes of the end of the game.
- **GAMES WILL NOT START EARLY! Please adhere to this even if both teams want to start early.** This is to accommodate coaches with multiple teams, teams who plan on watching specific games, and spectators who are planning on attending based on the schedule. If a gym is running behind, at the end of play five minutes will be put on the clock following every game until the gym is caught up to the schedule.

## E. WARREN MOTT HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY INFORMATION

- **Gym A:** Main gym located in the middle of the building
- **Gym B:** Auxiliary Gym located at the east end of the building
- **Gym C:** Large Cafeteria, located near the check-in area
- **Warm-up Throwing Area:** Wrestling room, located on the south end of the main gym
- **Cafeteria:** Small Cafeteria for food services and sales, located near the check-in area.
- **Registration, Volunteer Check-in, Information Table, Marshalling Table:** These will all be located in the main entrance area near the small cafeteria. There will be people at these tables throughout the day.
- **Locker rooms** are available and are located just outside the main gym on the south side
- There will be a **Physical Trainer**, Christine Mulka, on site. If you are in need of the trainer and do not know where she is, please contact the marshalling table.
- **NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE GYMS.** Please keep food and drinks in the small cafeteria and hallways. We are very fortunate to have this facility and would like to keep things clean! Water jugs will be available in each gym and only water is allowed on the benches.
- **NO THROWING THE GOALBALL ANYWHERE EXCEPT THE WRESTLING ROOM AND GYMS.** This includes no throwing in locker rooms and hallways.
- **NO SMOKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.** This is a public school building and all tobacco use is prohibited on school grounds. The easiest location for smoking will be to walk straight out the main doors to the sidewalk next to the road. It is about 40 yards. Please also clean up all dog waste on school grounds.

## F. FOOD

- We will be serving **lunch from 11:15am to 2pm**. Lunch will be served in the small cafeteria. We will be serving **dinner from 4:45pm to 7:30pm**.
- There will be a **concessions stand** available for food sales during non-meal times. This will be located in the small cafeteria.

## G. ALL-STAR GAMES

- The All-Star Games will occur after the medal matches on Sunday.
- The top players and coaches from the Men's and Women's teams will be voted on. The number of players chosen for each team will be dependent upon the results of voting.
- **All-Star voting** will occur on Saturday. Voting will occur from 2pm to 8pm. After voting closes, we will inform the coaches and players chosen and confirm that they are available and interested in playing in the all-star games.
- **New this year:** Each voter may vote for players and coaches, regardless of their role in the tournament
- We encourage everyone to come and vote! Assistance with ballots is available.

## H. TOURNAMENT DESCRIPTION

- **WOMEN:** There are 9 teams which are divided into two pools (X and Y). Each pool will complete a round robin. All teams except the fifth place team in pool Y will advance to quarterfinals. The four winning teams of the quarterfinals will advance to semifinals and finals. When ranking teams for the semifinals, the quarterfinal games and any games against the team which finishes fifth in pool Y will not be counted.
- **MEN:** There are 12 teams which are divided into two pools (A and B). Each pool will complete a round robin. The top two teams from each pool will advance to semifinals and finals.
- **RANKING:** Teams will receive 3 points for a win, 1 for a tie, and 0 for a loss. Following total point tallies, ties will be first broken by head to head play, then by goal differential, then by the least goals allowed. If a tie remains in ranking the first and second place teams for pools A or B, then a shootout will occur at 8:00am on Sunday in gym C to determine the team with a higher rank. All other ranking ties will be broken by a coin toss to take place at the marshalling area by an IBSA goalball official with the tournament director present. The team who wins the coin toss will choose to either be ranked ahead or behind the opposing team.
- **PLAYING & COACHING:** If you are playing in the men's tournament then you are not permitted to coach any other team in the men's tournament. If you are playing in the women's tournament then you are not permitted to coach any other team in the women's tournament.

## I. POOLS

### Men's Pool A:

British Columbia  
MI Omega  
Crown  
Quebec  
GLASA  
NY Empire

### Men's Pool B:

Atlanta Force  
Nova Scotia  
Moneymen  
NY Knights  
NJ Thunder  
Wisconsin

### Women's Pool X:

Phantoms  
Quebec  
BSO Phever  
Wisconsin

### Women's Pool Y:

Pool Team  
NS Storm  
Aftershock  
MI Livewire  
New York

## 2015 MIDWEST REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

SAT	GYM A	GYM B	GYM C
8:00	POOL TEAM NS STORM	AFTERSHOCK MI LIVEWIRE	BSO PHEVER WISCONSIN
8:50	ATLANTA FORCE NY KNIGHTS	MONEYMEN WISCONSIN	NOVA SCOTIA NJ THUNDER
9:40	BRITISH COLUMBIA CROWN	QUEBEC NY EMPIRE	MI OMEGA GLASA
10:30	NS STORM AFTERSHOCK	PHANTOMS QUEBEC	POOL TEAM NEW YORK
11:20	MONEYMEN NJ THUNDER	ATLANTA FORCE NOVA SCOTIA	NY KNIGHTS WISCONSIN
12:10	BRITISH COLUMBIA NY EMPIRE	MI OMEGA CROWN	QUEBEC GLASA
1:00	PHANTOMS BSO PHEVER	QUEBEC (Pool X) WISCONSIN	NS STORM MI LIVEWIRE
1:50	ATLANTA FORCE WISCONSIN	NY KNIGHTS NJ THUNDER	NOVA SCOTIA MONEYMEN
2:40	MI OMEGA QUEBEC	BRITISH COLUMBIA GLASA	CROWN NY EMPIRE
3:30	MI LIVEWIRE NEW YORK	PHANTOMS WISCONSIN	POOL TEAM AFTERSHOCK
4:20	NOVA SCOTIA NY KNIGHTS	ATLANTA FORCE MONEYMEN	QUEBEC BSO PHEVER
5:10	MI OMEGA NY EMPIRE	NS STORM NEW YORK	NJ THUNDER WISCONSIN
6:00	CROWN GLASA	POOL TEAM MI LIVEWIRE	BRITISH COLUMBIA QUEBEC
6:50	AFTERSHOCK NEW YORK	NOVA SCOTIA WISCONSIN	MONEYMEN NY KNIGHTS
7:40	GLASA NY EMPIRE	CROWN QUEBEC	ATLANTA FORCE NJ THUNDER
8:30	POOL X 1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE POOL Y 4 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE	POOL X 2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE POOL Y 3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE	BRITISH COLUMBIA MI OMEGA
SUN	GYM A	GYM B	
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9:40	WOMEN'S 1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE WOMEN'S 4 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE	WOMEN'S 2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE WOMEN'S 3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE	
10:30	MEN'S GOLD	MEN'S BRONZE	
11:20	WOMEN'S GOLD	WOMEN'S BRONZE	
12:00	CLOSING & ALL-STAR GAMES		

