

Event Rules – All Participants

1. Ability Level: Teams of all abilities are welcome and all reasonable accommodations will be made to ensure an enjoyable day.
2. Registration Entities: Teams are generally comprised by individuals who are affiliated with a company or organization, but unaffiliated individuals may also assemble teams. There are no limits to the number of teams that any company or organization may enter in the competition, but no individual may compete on more than one team, within the same event. AIA membership is not required to participate.
3. Free Agents: Individuals without a team may register for the tournament, as such. Event organizers will, on a best-effort basis, assemble teams from individual registrants. If no assignment is possible, the individual(s) will be notified prior to the event and a full refund will be issued.
4. Vehicular Access: No motorized vehicles are allowed beyond designated parking areas.
5. Tournament Direction: The competition will be overseen by a committee of volunteers who will not tolerate abusive language or behavior. Offending participants will be issued a warning and then disqualified from the competition with a second violation of this rule. Particularly egregious or harmful behavior will result in the *immediate* disqualification of the competitor, without warning.
2019 Competition Committee:
 1. Wayne Mortensen, Sand Fest Chair
 2. Brett Klinger, Sand Castle Competition Director
 3. Elizabeth Hooley, Volleyball Tournament Co-Director
 4. Samantha Ayotte, Volleyball Tournament Co-Director
 5. Dave Weiser, Cornhole Tournament Director
 6. Patty Lampert, AIA Cleveland Executive Director
6. Metroparks Oversight: Adherence with all Metroparks rules is required.
7. Appeals: Any disciplinary or competitive appeals should be immediately referred to the competition committee, who will make a swift decision; all decisions made by this committee are final.
8. Competitor Waivers: All competitors are required to be listed on the team manifest and to have a liability waiver on file at the registration desk. Participants must confirm their compliance with these conditions by checking in at the desk and receiving a bracelet. **Only individuals with bracelets will be allowed in the competition areas.**
9. Equipment: Teams are responsible for bringing their own beverage coolers and shading devices. Sand socks, gloves, and light clothing with good coverage are also recommended to avoid injury during the event.
10. Refuse: Per Metroparks, no glass containers or illicit substances are allowed on the beach; all teams are responsible for the removal of their equipment and debris.
11. Concessions: Food and beverage (including alcohol) will be available for purchase from food trucks as well as the Edgewater concession stand, which includes a family-friendly concession stand and full service bar.
12. Weather: Event is rain or shine; competition will be suspended only in the presence of lightning or other beach closure. No refunds will be awarded within two weeks of the event.

Competition Rules: Sand Castle

1. Fees: Participation fee is \$600 per team and is paid upon registration (early bird and other discounts apply).
2. Registration: All teams must pre-register to compete in the sand castle competition.
3. Honors: Awards will be conferred in three categories: Castle, Sculpture, and Theme and will be determined collaboratively, by a celebrity jury. Teams must select the category in which their sand creation will be judged.

- a. **Castle:** Creation resembles a building, built form, or is otherwise architectural in character (i.e. castles, replica of iconic structures, or possessing contemporary geometry).
 - b. **Sculpture:** A gestural, organic, or abstract composition, object, or reference; an amalgam of “characters” or other reference to popular culture (e.g. replica of natural form, pop culture reference, or composition).
 - c. **Theme:** An installation that revolves around this year’s theme: “Land and ‘C’”.
 - d. **“Best of the Beach”** is an overall honor that is agnostic of category and is decided by the public, through day-of voting (determines seeding) and a social media tournament the following week.
 - e. **Honorable Mention:** The jury may, at its sole discretion, confer citations on any competing team.
 - f. Conferred awards have no monetary value.
4. **Timing:** Team check-in opens at 7AM, at which point teams are free to setup their build site. No sand may be moved until the start of the build, at 8AM. All building must occur between 8AM and 3PM.
 5. **Building Provisions:** Each team is provided the following:
 - a. 20’ x 20’ beach plot (within a 24’ x 24’ staked site);
 - b. Five yards of clean building sand;
 - c. Access to clean water near the competition area; and
 - d. 10’ x 10’ shade tent immediately South of the build site.
 6. **Site Selection:** Designated build sites are determined by team selection, in order of arrival.
 7. **Implements:** Teams are responsible for providing all of their own formwork, tools, and other implements. Buckets, shovels, and masonry tools of all kinds are recommended.
 - a. All team members and supplies must remain inside the team’s designated build area or immediately “behind” (North). Teams that fail to constrain their activities within their designated area will first be warned and then disqualified from award consideration.
 - b. All supplies, formwork, and any foreign materials must be removed prior to judging at 3PM.
 8. **Foreign Materials:** No adhesives, glues, or foreign materials of any kind are allowed in the construction of the castle. The only non-sand materials exempted from this rule are objects or materials found on Edgewater Beach.
 9. **Communication:** Sand castle teams are encouraged to appoint a team spokesperson willing to speak with spectators curious about the team’s activities. A single sign that promotes the build team and its design concept is also encouraged. The sign must be no larger than 18” x 24” and must be removed prior to judging.
 10. **Captain’s Duties:** All official communication for the competition will be done through the designated captain, with contact information provided. A voluntary captain’s meeting will take place 1-2 weeks prior to the event at which additional information will be shared and all questions will be answered.

Competition Rules: Volleyball

1. **Fee:** Participation fee is \$400 per team and must be paid upon registration (early bird and other discounts apply).
2. **Prizes:** Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in Bracket A: Champion (\$800), Runner-Up (\$600), Third Place (\$500), and the Bracket B Champion (\$400)
3. **Timing:** Team check-in begins at 9AM, with the first matches starting at 10AM, with rolling match starts thereafter. If at least four players (two women, two men) are not present within five minutes of the announced start of the match, the set is forfeited. If the team has not arrived after ten minutes the match is forfeited.
4. **Rest Periods:**
 - a. Teams are entitled to a 2-minute break between sets and a 10-minute break between consecutive matches.
 - b. Additional water breaks may be allowed, based on weather conditions.
 - c. (2) 1 minute timeouts may be used by each team during a match. Injuries automatically qualify as a timeout.

5. Competition: Tournament is a co-ed, seeded tournament with round-robin pool play followed by two separate single-elimination tournaments: Bracket A (competitive) and Bracket B (recreation). Bracket assignment and seeding will be determined by pool play results. This format ensures all teams of at least four matches and tournament play against teams of roughly equal caliber.
6. Composition & Subbing: Teams must play with at least four participants on the court and not more than six, with at least two of the participants being women and two being men. Unlimited substitutions may be made at the server position only. Players must play a full rotation prior to subbing out (injured players may sub out from any position, but may not reenter a set that they leave).
7. Scoring: Tournament will observe rally scoring. Tournament matches will be determined by prevailing in best-of-three sets, with sets 1 & 2 being played to 21 (win by two, cap at 25) and the third set (if nec.) to 15 (win by two, cap at 19). All pool play matches will be one set, played to 30 (win by 2, cap at 35).
8. Side & Serve: "Rock-paper-scissors" will be used to determine side and serving order. The winner chooses side or serve, the loser chooses the remaining option; side and service order are switched at the end of each set or, in the case of single set matches, at the point that either team reaches 15 points. During the third set of 3-set matches, teams will switch sides each time the point total is divisible by seven (i.e. 7-0, 8-6, 11-10, etc.).
9. Rules: Scooping, lifting, pushing, or allowing the ball to roll on the body will be considered a held ball. Attacks may be attempted by any player on the court, while blocking can only be done by front row players. Serves may be initiated from any point behind the end line and may not be attacked.
10. Officiating: Matches will be officiated by certified referees, who will not tolerate abuse directed at either themselves or other players.
11. Weather: Tournament is rain or shine, but gusty winds will mandate more frequent side switches and will be determined by the competition committee.

Competition Rules: Cornhole

1. Fee: Participation fee is \$50 per pair and must be paid upon registration (early bird and other discounts apply).
2. Prizes: Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four finishers in the amounts of \$250/\$150/\$100/\$50.
3. Competition: The competition will be run by leadership from Cleveland Cornhole and follow the competitive rules of the American Cornhole League.
4. Brackets: The tournament director retains broad discretion in the population of tournament brackets.
5. Premier Players: No pair may have more than one premier player.