



General Information

Welcome to the Third Annual Gateway Warrior Classic, hosted by the St. Louis Blues Warriors at the Centene Community Ice Center in St. Louis, MO. There are 3 indoor rinks and 1 outdoor rink, all in one complex for our use! This tournament is only open to teams rostered through USA Hockey Warrior Division and teams will be placed in Upper, Intermediate, Lower and Developmental Divisions. Each division is guaranteed a minimum of 4 games of play this weekend!

All tournament players are invited to watch the Blues Alumni take on your Warrior All Stars on Friday, Feb 9th, at 7:00 in the USA Arena. Following the game, all players plus one guest each are invited to the "After the Whistle" player party at Hollywood Casino. Food will be provided

by Vets Rolling Smoke & BBQ.

Facilities Information

Centene Community Ice Center

750 Casino Center Dr, Maryland Heights, MO 63043-4821

Parking

There is no charge for parking at the facility.

Locker Room Assignments

Locker room assignments will be posted on the digital screens in the facility all weekend and in this bulletin.

Streaming Services

LiveBarn is available in all rinks. Additionally, The St Louis Blues Warriors will be streaming all of their games through PrepCast. A link to these broadcasts is available on the St Louis Blues Warrior Facebook page.

Event Services

Pure Hockey Services

Pure Hockey will have a pro shop and skate sharpening services available in their retail location between the main hall and The Barn rink. This full-service shop has hockey equipment for purchase and offers skate sharpening during the following hours: Friday: 7:00a – 8:00p

Saturday: 9:00a – 6:00p

Sunday: 7:00a – 5:00p



Medical Personnel

Athletic Training Staff will be on site to provide medical care in the event of an emergency. The medical staff has been given the authority to determine if an injury, or illness, warrants removal from a game and/or referral to a local hospital.

Merchandise/Apparel

Merchandise and apparel is available at the information desk immediately upon entering the Centene Community Ice Center. Our supplier, Logolt, has provided sublimated t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, quarter zips, shorts and hoodies with the Gateway Warrior Classic Logo for your purchase.

Information Website

Event information and scheduling is available at <https://gatewaywarriorclassic.com> St Louis Blues Warriors <https://www.stlblueswarriorhockey.com/>

Roster Submission

All rosters had to be submitted through USA Hockey then passed on to info@gatewaywarriorclassic.com by January 18th, 2024 .

Any roster changes must be also submitted to info@gatewaywarriorclassic.com and must be approved by the Gateway Warrior Classic Tournament Committee.

Roster Eligibility

The Gateway Warrior Classic is a USA Hockey Sanctioned event. All players must be properly registered with USA Hockey. All players must be on the approved USA Hockey roster for this event. All players must adhere to the minimum disability requirements and have their disability verification completed. Two (2) players on each roster are allowed to have submitted their paperwork for VA benefits without receiving his or her rating. Any team found playing a game with an ineligible player on the roster will forfeit that game and the player will be removed from the remainder of the tournament. No double rostering for any skater.

Goaltender Exemption

If a goaltender is injured or unable to compete, a goaltender may move up one (1) division to play with the same organization.

Team Check-in

Managers must check in to the tournament office at the Centene Community Ice Center on Thursday February, 2024, between 6:00p and 10:00p. Please notify the tournament committee at info@gatewaywarriorclassic.com if you are not able to make this time frame. We will be available in the tournament office prior to competition on Friday February 9th, 2023. The tournament office is located in the hall between the Plager rink and The Barn. At check-in you will acknowledge receipt of the tournament rules, ask any questions and receive your tournament gifts.

Please send no more than three(3) representatives at the time of check-in.

Game Play

Games will be in a pool play format Friday and Saturday.

All teams should plan to arrive Thursday evening to be ready for a Friday morning game. No double rostering.

Players can only play on one team in one division (see goaltender exemption in roster eligibility). All players must be members of USA Hockey ('23-'24 season) when rosters are to be submitted.

USA Hockey Approved Rosters will be required and due by January 18, 2024.

GAME FORMAT

Pool Play/Consolation Games

Ice Slots for each game are 1 hour and 20 minutes total

- Periods: 15 Minute Stop Time with one (1) minute between periods
- Overtime: See overtime rules below
- Penalties: 2-minute Minor, 5-minute Major, and 10-minute Misconduct •

Timeouts: Each team is permitted one (1) 1-minute time out per game. • NOTE:

During pool play if the score difference is (6) goals or more at any time during the third period, the clock goes to running time and will remain for the remainder of the game. • Curfew Rule: Reserve the right to drop the clock to 5:00 to keep schedule on time.

CHAMPIONSHIP

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 - Overtime: See overtime rules below
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- Timeouts: Each team is permitted one time out per game (one (1) minute duration).

Game Play Cont.

OVERTIME FORMAT

Pool Play/Consolation Games:

- At the end of the third period, the teams take a two (2) minute rest period. • Teams do NOT switch ends during the overtime period.
 - Overtime will be 5 min stop time 3 on 3 Sudden Death
 - If tied after OT, the game will result in a tie

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

- At the end of the third period, the teams take a two (2) minute rest period. • Teams do NOT switch ends at any time during the overtime period
- A five (5) minute, stop time, 5 on 5, “sudden death” period will be played.
 - Penalty(s) will carry over into the overtime and/or shoot out.
 - If the score is still tied, there will be a three (3) player shootout format. • Home team determines first shooter.
- If still tied after three(3) shooters, one(1) shooter from each team will continue “sudden death”

STANDINGS SHALL BE DETERMINED UTILIZING THE FOLLOWING: •

Win - 3 points • Tie/Overtime Loss - 1 point • Loss - 0 points

TIE BREAKERS

1. Points
2. Head-to-Head
3. Goals against
4. Coin flip

Game Play Cont.

PLAYING RULE HIGHLIGHTS

The Gateway Warrior Classic will follow USA Hockey Adult Hockey Rules. These can be found in the Official Playing Rules at <https://www.usahockey.com/rulesandresources>. The rules in this document supersede any discrepancies in the Official Playing Rules for Warrior Hockey.

- The event has a zero-tolerance policy for fighting. All fighting penalties assessed by the referee will result in an automatic disqualification of said player(s) for the remainder of the event. There are no appeals allowed for fighting penalties.
- This is a non-checking tournament. Body checking is not permitted in any division. • Slap shots are allowed.
- The red line will be used for automatic icing.
 - All players on the roster must play in at least one pool play game (Friday or Saturday) to be eligible for Consolation or championship games.
- Any team who willingly forfeits a game they are scheduled to play will not be eligible for semi-final or championship games in the event.
- Jersey colors: Home = Dark; Visitor = Light
- Certified hockey helmets must be worn.
- A forfeit will be counted as a 1-0 loss.

WARM-UP PUCKS

The Gateway Warrior Classic will provide warm-up and game pucks in all rinks. At the completion of the contest each team will be given one of the two(2) game pucks

St Louis Blues vs Warrior All-Star Alumni Game

On Friday February 9th, the St

Louis Blues Alumni Association will visit the USA Arena of the Centene Community Ice Arena to participate in a charity game in support of the Gateway Warrior Classic.

The game will be held in the USA Arena at 7:00 pm. Admission to the game is free of charge to all players of the Gateway Warrior Classic. Additional tickets may be purchased for
Adults \$10
Children 12 and Under \$5.

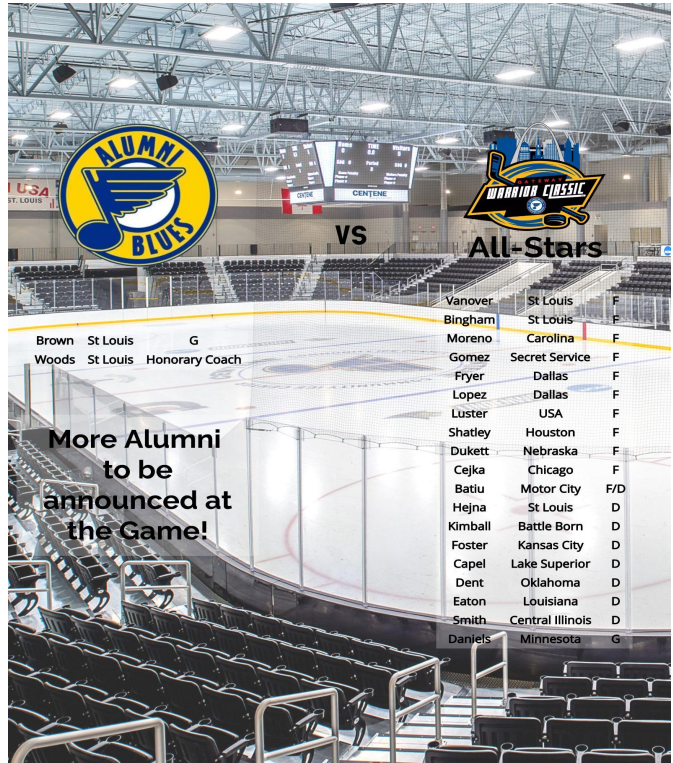
Participants should arrive no later than 6:00pm and meet in the St Louis Blues Alumni room near the Zamboni entrance of the Plager rink.

Players should wear their white jersey and socks. *Dark jerseys will not be permitted.*

If a player does not have a white jersey, one will be provided for them.

The exhibition will consist of two (2) 20-minute, running clock periods. Specific game rules will be provided prior to game play.

During halftime there will be a 50/50 contest and a ceremony



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