

MB5 PRE-EVENT INFO – Please Read This!

SUPPORT MONKEYBALL SPONSORS

The **Spartan Hall of Fame Café** on Lake Lansing Road (formerly Damon's) is a new sponsor of Monkeyball. Go to the "HOF" the weekend of the World Championships, wear an MB shirt or tell them you're going to MB Worlds, and the HOF will donate a portion of your bill to help support future MB events. And while you're at it, you can also support our other two corporate partners: **Biggby Coffee** and **CaseysHead.com**.

FOOD DRIVE

New at MB5, we're asking all participants to bring non-perishable items to the tournament. Folks from the Greater Lansing Food Bank will stop by Saturday morning to pick up our goods. Thanks for helping us help those in need in the Lansing area.

DIRECTIONS (Map on page 2)

The Old Orchard is located at 3426 N Michigan Rd in Dimondale. It is 4 miles south of I-96 (exit 101 - MLK/M-99). Look for the World's Largest Monkeyball Ladder and other signage on the east side of Michigan Rd (M-99). If you go past the entrance, there are a number of turnarounds in the median.

PARKING

Go all the way up the driveway and look for the folks pointing you to the parking spaces.

SCHEDULE

Get there as soon as you can because we won't wait for you. I suggest a pre-9:30 arrival which should give you plenty of time to park, register, set up camp, and maybe even get in a couple of warm-up tosses. Other than check in/meeting times, all times on this schedule are approximate:

- 8:30 Registration begins
- 8:30 Courts open for warm-up/practice
- 9:45 Players meeting (all players must attend)
- 10:00 Morning qualifying (all players)
- 12:30 Championship session (q-fiers from morning)
- 3:30 Championship match

LUNCH

60 single topping pizzas will be delivered at noon. If you want pizza, you can throw a couple bucks in the hat (\$6/pizza) and have at it. This is a great option if you don't want to pack a lunch in the morning, and since there aren't many other food options nearby, it also allows you to stay at the Old Orchard all day.

WEATHER

Rain or shine, we play – so come prepared. Lightning may be the only thing to keep us off the Monkeyball fields.

BEER

I'll provide the beer for the day. Non-playing spouses are welcome to imbibe on the MB brew, but other non-playing spectators should plan to BYOB (or find me and fork over some cash). I'll also be providing water for everyone, so don't be afraid to mix in a bottle of water or two.

BRING WITH YOU

Lawn chairs and tents/canopies. Lunch, if you want something other than pizza. Non-perishable food items for the Greater Lansing Food Bank. A good attitude.

GAME LENGTH

The key to a smooth event is keeping all 18 courts full at all times. We'll be helping keep players organized, but it doesn't hurt for you to keep an eye out on your group's schedule, know "who's on deck", and be ready to play when your name is called. Games should take about 10 minutes. And for those of you bringing kids, please help keep them off the courts. Some serious Monkeyballin' is going on, and I don't want to see anyone get hurt.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Players are divided into five groups for double-elimination morning qualifying.

The first group features the Top 16 players according to the World Rankings. All other players will be evenly dispersed into the other four groups.

Each morning match is one game, with 44 players advancing to the afternoon's single-elimination Championship session (12 from the Top 16, 7 from each of the other four groups, and 4 more from play-in games). All matches in the afternoon are best two-out-of-three.

EQUIPMENT

We'll be providing all the equipment for the World Championships. However, if I have made balls for you in the past, can you bring them with you? In case of equipment malfunction I'll have plenty of ladders, but I may be short on balls.

T-SHIRTS

I'm almost completely sold out of MB5 t-shirts, but I do have our official MB logo t-shirt available as well as some shirts from previous Worlds. All shirts are \$15.

PREVIEW/PREDICTIONS

I've finished my annual World Championships preview and predictions, so be sure to check out playmonkeyball.com before heading to Vegas to place your MB5 bets.

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