



ADULT BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

BASIC RULES & GUIDELINES FOR ALL PLAY

OFFICIATING:

- Teams must make their own calls – be honest!
- If there is a disagreement, please re-serve – if a disagreement cannot be resolved by the 2 captains quickly, please speak to the league convenor.

WEATHER:

- Tournaments will run as scheduled, rain or shine. In the case of a thunderstorm/lightning play will be suspended until the storm passes.

Tournament Format:

- Round Robin Pool play
- 2 games each match to 21, with a cap of 25 & the 3rd if necessary to 15 points – cap of 20
- Ties will be broken as follows: head to head, points for and against, coin flip.
- Playoffs will be best 2 out of 3. Games to 21 with cap of 25. 3rd if necessary to 15 with cap of 20.

RECORDING:

- Each captain is responsible for recording scores of each game on the score sheets provided to them.
- Sheets indicate games won/lost, points scored and against and both captains' MUST sign initial.

REPORTING:

- Each captain must drop off their completed score sheet to the convenor.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- In order for a team to play without default a minimum of 3 players is required.

STALLING:

- Teams cannot delay intentionally in an effort to get a victory from the timed conclusion of a match.

TIME OUTS:

- There are no time outs in tournament play.

SAFETY ON THE COURTS:

- Please keep children or pets clear of the court areas.
- Please report any significant injuries to the league convenor.

Tournament Playoffs:

- To be eligible for playoffs, participants must have played in a minimum of 2 round robin matches for that team.
- Participants may not participate on 2 different teams in the tournament.

RULES CHANGED/REVISED:

- The Organizers have the right to make changes to the rules and will communicate them to the Team Captains.

GAME BALLS:

- Mikasa Balls from the OVA.

REMINDERS FOR ALL DIVISIONS

SERVING:

- One service toss per player – 8 seconds to serve once they have the ball
- Service contact must be made with hand or arm ONLY
- Server can serve anywhere behind the end line & between the sidelines. The ball can hit the net on the serve.
- No blocking serves.

BALL INTERFERENCE

- If a ball enters your court during a rally, please stop the game until the ball is removed, and the point can be re-served.

PLAYING THE BALL:

- The ball can be played by any part of the body (except when serving).

RECEIVING SERVE:

- A player may 'volley' or overhand receive the serve and/or 'free balls' (in addition to the overhand 'digs' that have always been permitted on 'driven' or spiked balls).

BALL IN OR OUT:

- If the ball hits the line it is in. If the line moves unintentionally, and the ball does not hit the line, the ball is out.

SETTING/VOLLEYING:

- Volleys are when you contact the ball at or above face level, with open hands, without the ball coming to rest.

- Official volleyball rules state that double contacts and lifts are illegal (you should use the division skill level as a guide to apply the rules and recreational divisions should be the least strict rules and elite division should be the most strictly adhered to).

VOLLEYING ACROSS THE NET:

- **When volleying the ball over the net, the shoulders of the player volleying must be facing the direction of the intended target (facing one direction and volleying in another, is a fault).**
- **A ball that drifts over the net when setting is not a fault.**
- **If a ball is affected by the weather, there is no violation.**

FAIR BALL – OVER THE PLANE OF THE NET:

- If any part of the ball is over the net it is fair game for either side to play but once it crosses the plane completely only that side is able to play it. That means that you cannot set your tall player over the net and they reach over to the opponents side of the net to play it.

CONTACTING THE NET AND CROSSING UNDER THE NET:

- **Players CANNOT touch the net during play.** Touching the net is a violation, and we ask that you call your violation immediately, to stop play.
- There is no centreline violation in beach volleyball. A player may cross under the net without violation and resume play, but may not:
 - Touch anyone on the other team;
 - Interfere with them playing the ball;
 - Make contact with the net.

COURT SIZE:

- 4s divisions will play on 8m x 8m.

ROTATION ON THE COURT:

- No rotation is required except when ensuring proper service rotation.
- All participants are considered front row participants and can spike or block at any time.

SUBSTITUTIONS:

- No restrictions.

HITTING AND OPEN HANDED TIPS:

- No open hand tips allowed.
- A legal tip or soft shot must be with:
 - A closed hand (hard contact with the ball) fist.
 - Knuckle, or heel of the hand, or the back of the hand.

BLOCKING:

- If the ball touches the block it DOES NOT count as the 1st contact.
- The blocker has the right to play the 2nd contact.
- Touching the net is a fault.

- Blocking a ball across the net/penetrating is legal provided that the blocker doesn't interfere with the opponents attack or the opponent has completed all of their three hits.

Please note that there are no official International (FIVB, National (Volleyball Canada), or Provincial (OVA) Beach Volleyball rules for 4s or 6s. The only official rules are for 2s since its played in the Olympics. As such, the league rules listed above are a combination of various court and beach volleyball rules aimed at allowing maximum participation and enjoyment!