



ADULT BEACH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

GUIDELINES FOR ALL PLAY

WEATHER:

- We play rain or shine. **New! We will play indoors at the Club if weather is not permitting.**
 - **BRING RUNNING SHOES!** Same rules for Beach will be facilitated when moving indoors.
- If there is Thunder/Lightening at the courts the convenor will move the games into the gym.

MISSED NIGHTS: After 2 weeks of forfeiting, we reserve the right to remove your team from the schedule for the remainder of the season with no refund.

GAME PLAY:

- 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.
- 1 match in approximately 55 minutes- 4 games in each match, 3-minute break between 2nd & 3rd game' No time-outs. 1st game: to 21 points (win by 2 & capped at 23).
- Last game of match: played until whistle blows – complete any rally that is in play at time of whistle. If the two teams are tied in the game being played when the whistle blows, then one point will be played to determine the winner of that game.
- **Each captain is responsible for recording scores on game sheet on clipboard & initial as well.**
- For a team to play without default a minimum of 3 players is required. Teams not able to field a team with the minimum requirements of the division may still play with the consent of the opposing captain. Any game default will be determined prior to the start of the match.
- If a team does not meet the minimum requirement at official match start:
 - After 5 minutes-default 1st game (score 21-10 for non-defaulting team);
 - If the defaulting team shows up and can meet the minimum team requirements before 10 minutes has elapsed from the initial whistle, then the second game can be played with no penalty in game 2; After 10 minutes – default 2nd game (score 21-10 for non-defaulting team).
- To be eligible for playoffs, participants must have played in a minimum of 1 regular season games for that team and be properly registered on the team roster.
- Participants may not participate on 2 different teams in the same division on the same night during the playoffs (Example: John cannot play with his team and sub with another team during the playoffs).
- Server can serve anywhere behind the end line & between the sidelines. No blocking serves.
- **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.
- **New this season!** Indoor Court volleyball rules will apply. Open hand tips and any clean volley whether shoulders are square to the net or not **will be permitted.**
- 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.
- The ball can be played by any part of the body (except when serving).

- 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).
- 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.
- 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).
- 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 can play it.
- 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;
 - Contact the net.
- 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.
- No restrictions on substitutions
- 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.

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