

Recreational Beach Volleyball Rules

1. Player Requirements / Safety
 - a. Minimum of 4 and maximum of 6 players on the court
 - b. Two players on the court must be female
 - c. Each player must sign the waiver form before his/her first game
2. Start Time
 - a. The first games begin at 10:00am. Please arrive 15 minutes early to ensure that your games start on time.
 - b. This is a double elimination tournament, so each team is guaranteed 2 games
3. Scoring
 - a. Each game is played to 20 points with rally point scoring (i.e. a point is scored on every serve). Each game must be won by 2 points, with a 22 point cap.
 - b. Games are time capped at 15 minutes. If the whistle is blown, play the point out if the ball has been served. If the game is tied, the next point wins.
4. Referees
 - a. All games are self-officiated (no referees); therefore, teams are required to call their OWN violations. They are expected to be honest and keep a high level of sportsmanship at all times. If you feel that your opponent is not being accountable, your team captain may politely intervene to discuss fouls called or uncalled. We rely on your Spirit of Sportsmanship and honesty to keep the matches pleasant for all. If there is a dispute, please re-serve the point.
5. Play
 - a. A player may never block a serve.
 - b. A block is not counted as a hit.
 - c. No lifting or scooping the ball.
 - d. Maximum of 3 hits per side.
 - e. If the ball lands on the line, it is in.
6. Player rotations
 - a. Rotate new players in before your team starts a new server. In 6's divisions, you must follow the same rotation as in court volleyball (i.e. players must rotate positions from back right to back middle, to back left, to front left, to front middle, to front right)
7. Playing the Ball
 - a. Players may play the ball off any part of their body, excluding feet.

8. Contacting the Net and Centre Line

- a. A player can not touch the net at any time during the game (if you touch the net, it is the other team's ball). However, a player may cross the imaginary centre line as long as they don't interfere with the play or get in the way of the opposition.

9. Serving

- a. Net serves are allowed (the ball is allowed to contact the net on the serve).
- b. A server may serve the ball from anywhere along the baseline.
- c. A maximum of 5 serves per player. After 5 serves, the opposing team is awarded the serve and rotates one position.

10. Weather Conditions

- a. In sunny or windy conditions, where one side of the court offers an advantage, teams will change sides after every 10 points scored.
- b. Games are played rain or shine (but no lightning), cancelled games are not rescheduled. Always show up to the game even if it's raining as the weather can change very quickly. At the start of the game the captains are to make the decision if the games are to be cancelled.
- c. LIGHTNING POLICY: If thunder is heard within 30 seconds of seeing lightning, games will be postponed. All participants must leave the playing area and seek shelter in a building or an automobile. Never stand under trees, in an open field or under an umbrella. Games will resume 15 minutes after the thunder and lightning have moved away. If thunder and lightning are still present 15 minutes after, the game will be cancelled and the score counts as it was when the game was stopped. Halfway point of the game must be reached (13 points by one team) in order for the game to count towards the league standings.