

WOMEN'S 6-HIT VOLLEYBALL

LEAGUE REQUIREMENTS

1. **A PLAYER MUST BE 15 YEARS OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEAGUE (PLAYERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST HAVE A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TO SIGN FOR THEM).**
2. **TEAMS WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED A TOTAL OF 3 HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE PLAYERS (VARSITY OR J.V.) PER ROSTER.**

ROSTERS

Teams will be permitted to sign as many players as they deem necessary. Each team must submit a completed roster of all its players and also a player contract and contract fee for each player. Thirty-five dollars (\$35) should accompany each county resident's player contract. Non-residents must pay a \$40 player contract fee. The roster, and at least six contracts and contract fees are due by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 30. A player may not play for any team in this league until: (a) her contract is properly signed; (b) she is properly released from another league or team and (c) her contract and release is turned in to the Dept. of Recreation and Parks by 5 p.m. the day of the game. Contracts turned in after 5 p.m. that day will be acknowledged the following day. Any player signing a contract can only be released to a team lower or even in standings. Additions to or releases from contract agreements can be made up to the halfway point of the season.

A Contract will not be accepted without the contract fee, and the contract fee will not be accepted without the contract.

ENTRANCE FEES

The entrance fee must be handed in before the league schedule is made.

DECISIONS

1. The referee and only the referee will call and conduct the game.
2. No judgment calls will be disputed.
3. In situations where the referee's interpretation of a rule is in question, only the team captain or coach (no one else) may consult the referee.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Abuse of the referee will not be tolerated. In any case where a participant gets out of hand and offers abusive gestures and language to the referee, the referee has the authority to eject her from the remainder of that match. In addition, any person ejected from a match must sit out the entirety of her team's following match.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- A. **COUNTY POLICIES:**
 - a. Any player physically or verbally assaulting an employee, volunteer, program participant or spectator will be subject to disciplinary action which will be decided in accordance to the severity of the offense.
 - b. Physical assault is defined as offensively touching, shoving or striking another person without that person's consent. Verbal assault is defined as threatening bodily harm or directing excessive profanity toward another without that person's consent.
 - c. The minimum penalty for these offenses shall result in a three match

suspension with a maximum penalty of an indefinite suspension from the county's recreation program.

B. LEAGUE POLICIES:

- a. Any player or team reported by the referees for unsportsmanlike conduct or tactics distracting to the game shall be called before a committee of the league and dealt with accordingly.
- d. Any player ejected from a game will be out the remainder of the match (and must leave the premises) and the next match. Any player ejected from a game for fighting and reported by the officials shall be subject to a three (3) match suspension. Second time offenses will be subject to removal from the league (brought before a league committee).

PROTESTS

When a question pertaining to the interpretation of a rule has not been settled between the team coach or captain and the referee, then at that moment (on the spot) the team coach or captain must inform the referee that he or she wishes to have the questions presented to the Division Representative. The following date, a team representative must go to the Dept. of Recreation & Parks and pay \$10 and place a written statement in order to enter a plea. After this point, the referee will then consult both the Dept. of Recreation and Parks and the League Representative. The League Representative will in turn appoint and head a committee of non-related parties to reach a verdict. Their decision is final. If the team entering the pleas wins the case, the \$10 will be returned. If their plea is lost, the \$10 will go into the league.

FORFEITS

In case a team anticipates a forfeit on a particular night or nights, please contact the Dept. of Recreation and Parks as soon as possible, so that others might be notified.

RESCHEDULING/CANCELLATION

Once a schedule is made up, matches will not be rescheduled unless:

1. the facility is unavailable that evening.
2. inclement weather.

The department will attempt to use radio stations to inform you of cancellations.

LOCAL RULES

1. The winner of a game is the first team to score 21 points or be ahead after the game has been played for 20 minutes, whichever comes first.
2. Each match will consist of three (3) games. All three (3) games will be played.
3. The team with the best won/loss % at the end of regular season play will be the regular season champions. In the event of a tie for first place, a 2 out of 3 game tie breaker will be played to determine the regular season champion.
4. There will be a league play-off at the end of the regular season. Four teams will be invited to participate. The play-off will consist of the best 3 out of 5 games in the semi-finals and finals. In the semi-finals, the first place team will play the third place team and the second place team will play the fourth place team. **THERE WILL BE NO TIME LIMITS IN THE PLAY-OFF GAMES.** Two 30-second time-outs will be allowed per playoff game. A tie for second place (play-off spots) will be played off; one 21-point game (no time limits).

SPECIAL RULES: TEAMS

1. No assistance in serving.
2. The height of the net will be seven (7) feet.
3. Six players will constitute a team. Teams will be permitted to play with no less than 4 players and no more than 8. Teams may begin a game with 4 players and continue for the entire game if no other players arrive. However, if other rostered players arrive, they must be inserted into the line up until the team is complete. Those arriving late will be put into the center back position.
4. Grace Period: A 15-minute grace period will be allowed **for Y & CC games only**. Teams unable to field enough players (minimum of 4) 15 minutes beyond the scheduled starting time will forfeit the complete match to the opposing team. If four (4) players are present at the scheduled starting time, no grace period will be permitted and play must begin. **Due to time restraints, there will be no grace period allowed for games scheduled at Westside Intermediate School.**
5. Rotation will be clockwise.
6. The arm may go over top of the net (provided it doesn't touch the net) on a spike follow through only.
7. Touching the net in any way is a foul.
8. A player may hit the ball on two (2) consecutive hits; a total of six (6) hits on a side is permitted. However, only three (3) players may be involved in those six hits.
9. Except for the server, all players must be inside the court's boundaries when the ball is being served. After the ball is served, players may go outside of the court's boundaries. The server may serve from anywhere behind the end line - as long as she is within the sidelines. A served ball hitting any part of the backboard on your own side will be side out.
10. One 30-second time out will be allowed per team per game during regular season. Two time outs per game will be allowed for playoff games. Time out will only be permitted when the ball is dead.
11. All players must wear sneakers.
12. Substitutes may only be made for the server, after she has served. **EXCEPTION:** injury. In case of injury and the player must be removed from the game, a substitute should be placed in her position. If an injured player desires to return to the game, she should rotate into the center back position.
13. Before each match, a coin toss will determine the choice of courts and serving order. In the third game, teams will switch sides at 11 points or 10 minutes, whichever comes first.
14. If the ball touches the net on a serve it is a side out.
15. A ball which lands on the line is good.
16. A player's foot may go over the court's center line provided that a part of the foot crossing center court is on the line. No other parts of the body may touch the center line or go over it. Appendages can center under the net in spaces as long as there is no interference with the other team.
17. The back three players are not allowed to spike or block in front of the ten foot line.
18. The block counts as a hit.
19. The ball may be contacted with any part of the body above and including the waist.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to those teams finishing first & second, in regular season play and first and second in the play-offs.

NOTICE: THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURIES OR DAMAGES INCURRED BY PLAYERS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE LEAGUE.

ATTENTION MOTHERS!! Children 12 years and under attending the volleyball matches must have supervision (other than a participating player) **or the mother must sit out.** (Enforced by referee and/or gym supervisor.)