

## 2023 Beach Volleyball Guidelines

### 1. Player Requirements/Safety

- i. Maximum of 12 players per team roster. Only those on the roster will be permitted to play.
- ii. The roster form must be turned into the Coordinator Nancy Agassiz on the first night of play. This roster must have full names, addresses and phone numbers for all team members. Players must be at least 17 years of age.
- iii. 6 players on the court - a maximum of three men on the court at all times.
- iv. If the minimum player requirement of four people cannot be met, the game can be played as an exhibition game.
- v. Runners are recommended to avoid foot injury. No spiked shoes allowed.

### 2. Start Time

- i. The first set of games begin each night at 5:30 pm at Kal Beach. The second round begins at 6:30pm and the third at 7:30pm. Please check the schedule carefully as timeslots rotate. Arrive 10 minutes early to ensure that your games start on time. Do not approach the court until the previous players have vacated.
  - ii. Captains please check in with your Ref and fill out your scoresheet and receive your ball.
- If a team does not meet the minimum requirement 5 minutes after the official match start, they will default the first game by a score of 25-0. If the minimum requirement is not met 15 minutes after the match begins, then they will default both matches (all 4 games).

### 3. Scoring

- i. You will play 3 games against 1 team per night. If time allows a 4<sup>th</sup> exhibition game can be played.
- ii. Each game is played to 25 points. One point will be awarded for each game won.
- iii. It is the responsibility of both team captains to read and sign the score sheet before leaving.

### 4. Referees

- i. As there is only one ref per court players are encouraged to call their OWN violations and are expected to be honest and keep a high level of sportsmanship at all times. We rely on your spirit of sportsmanship and honesty to keep the matches pleasant for all.
- ii. There will also be a City Staff Coordinator on-site who is a certified ref to assist.

### 5. Play

- i. A player may never block a serve.
- ii. Lifting, scooping the ball, and double hits are not permitted.
- iii. A block is not counted as a hit.
- iv. Maximum of 3 hits per side. 1 hit must be by a female.
- vi. If the ball lands on the line it is in.

### 6. Player Rotations

- i. Rotate new players in before your team starts a new server.

## 7. Playing the Ball

- i. Players may play the ball off any part of their body, including feet.

## 8. Contacting the Net

- i. If a player touches the top of the net during a play that will result in a fault.

## 9. Serving

- i. Net serves are allowed (the ball is allowed to contact the net on the serve).
- ii. A server may serve the ball from anywhere along the baseline.

## 10. Play Offs

- i. Playoff games are played as best 2 out of 3. First two games are played to 25 capped at 27. The tie-breaker or third game is played to 15 points, but you must win by at least 2 points with no point cap. In the third game, teams are to switch sides when the first team gets to 8 points.
- ii. Playoff Eligibility: Each player must have played at least 2 games in order to be eligible to play in the playoffs, unless it has been cleared with the league convener. This prohibits teams from adding "ringers" to their teams for the playoffs.

## 11. Weather Conditions

- i. 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 City Staff will make the decision if the games are to be cancelled. If lightning cancels any sets of games, the rest of the games are cancelled for the night.
- ii. 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.

## 12. Abuse/Alcohol:

- i. Any abuse, whether it be physical, sexual, or mental is not acceptable in any manner. If any of these types of abuse are reported, the player or team will receive a verbal warning. If a second incident occurs, the player or team will be asked to leave the league or tournament without refund. Teams are responsible for other teammates' actions; as a teammate, please encourage good sportsmanship at all times. City Staff reserve the right to eject a player or team without a warning and without a refund.
- ii. Alcohol is not permitted at any game or event, offenders will be asked to leave the league without refund. Playing while intoxicated is also prohibited.