

# BEACH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE -RULES & REGULATIONS

**BEACHES:** Please note that all games on the attached schedule will be played at the outdoor courts located at either Paddlewheel Park or Kalamalka Beach.

**TEAM LINE-UP FORM:** (Green) will be forwarded to you and must be turned into your referee no later than the FOURTH (4) night of play. This team line-up must have the names and addresses of every player who will be participating on your team. **NO PLAYERS MAY BE ADDED TO YOUR TEAM AFTER THE FOURTH NIGHT** (except in special circumstances).

**ELIGIBILITY:** Players must be at least 18 years of age. Teams violating this rule will forfeit all games in which a junior has participated.

- Players must participate in a minimum of three (3) league nights to be eligible for playoff action.

**LEAGUE PLAY:** Each match will consist of **four official games**. Games #1,2, & 3 will be played to **25 rally points or fifteen minutes**, whichever comes first. Game #4 will be played to 25 rally points or to the end of your **sixty minutes of court time**, whichever comes first. **All games are to a maximum of 25 points (no duece to win)**. Each official win is worth one point. Standings will depend on win/loss record of every official game played.

- Please remember, contests must begin on time. However a **five minute** grace period will be given and then the team with less than four rostered players will forfeit a game every 15 minutes until the forfeiting team can provide the minimum number of players. If both teams cannot provide the minimum number of players required during the allotted grace period, both teams will forfeit each game accordingly. **Please arrive ten to fifteen minutes early** before your scheduled games so that you may get a chance to warm up before moving onto the court.

**REFEREES:** are allocated for each match. If, for any reason, a referee is not present at a match, the two teams are to effect the officiating in any way they deem satisfactory. The match is to be played and all games will be considered official.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPANT :** Participants must accept referees' decisions with sportsmanlike conduct, without disputing them and must refrain from actions or attitudes aimed at influencing the decisions of the referees. In case of doubt, clarification may be requested through the team captain and only through him or her. Participants must behave respectfully and courteously in the spirit of FAIR PLAY, not only towards the referees, but also towards their opponents, teammates and spectators.

**RAINED OUT GAMES: Please play all your games if possible.** Games cancelled due to inclement weather (heavy rain, lightning and thunder) will be made up by adding an extra evening prior to the playoffs, at the original scheduled times and locations.

**NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED IN PLAYING AREAS :** It's against the law. Players or spectators in possession of such will be asked to leave the area. If the Referee cannot obtain positive results to his/her request, he/she is directed to award the win to the opposing team, leave the area and report the incident to The Coordinator. Your division sponsor will be happy to serve you, after your match!

**PARKING NOTICE:** There is **NO PARKING** allowed in boat launch parking lots. **PLAYERS AT PADDLEWHEEL PARK** are to park in the parking lot east of the park. **PLAYERS AT KAL BEACH** are to park in the Public Beach Parking -access is off Husband Road located above Kal Beach. **PLEASE NOTE:** There is a gate on the Husband Road parking lot which will be locked at 10:30pm on a nightly basis. If your vehicle is in this lot after 10:30pm it will be locked in over night.

Everyone enjoys volleyball because it is a fun, positive, social team game. Let's keep it that way by following these guidelines and playing for the fun of it!

**SPECIAL RULES:** C.V.A. Rules apply unless stated.

**PLAYERS:** A maximum of six rostered team players are required on the court, however, a match may be played with a minimum of four players.

1. Guidelines for players shown **Sand** and **Surf**:

- 6 team members -maximum of 3 males
- 5 team members -maximum of 3 males
- 4 team members -maximum of 2 males

2. Guidelines for players in **Sun** division:

- 6 team members -maximum of 4 males
- 5 team members -maximum of 3 males
- 4 team members -maximum of 2 males



3. At least one female player must hit the ball in a series of three allowed hits. Two men may return the ball, however, a woman must be involved in any series of three hits.
4. **No spiked shoes** are allowed on the volleyball court. Runners should be used at all times. Runners are recommended for all players in order to eliminate any foot injuries which may occur.
5. The ball may be served from anywhere along the back line.
6. A player can **NOT** touch the top of the net, but **CAN** touch the bottom of the net.
7. A player may cross under the net to play the ball as long as they do not contact or interfere with an opponent.

**SERVE RECEPTION & FIRST ATTACK :** **Setting is allowed on a serve** , however, because the C.V.A. rules allow for double hits, but not ball handling, a huge grey area and judgement call situation exists for our officials and players. Double hits (not ball handling) will be allowed on serve reception and 'first attack' plays during a rally. Remember -**BE NICE TO THE REFS** as they try to deal with this grey area.

**PLAYOFFS:** All playoff games will be the best 2 out of 3 games. -Games #1 & 2 will be played to a maximum of 25 rally points (no duece to win). -Game #3 will be rally point to a maximum of 15 points. Recreation Services sponsors league participants that are under 19yrs. Daylight is a factor, so start early if possible.

**AWARDS:** Vernon Recreation Services will be presenting awards this season on the last night of the playoffs to first and second place teams.

**PRACTICE TIMES:** The three volleyball nets at Paddlewheel Park and two nets at Kalamalka Beach area being left out all summer for your use! The courts at Paddlewheel Park are booked for Recreation Services programs on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays and the courts at Kalamalka Beach are booked Monday through Friday nights.