

City League Volleyball — Bylaws

RULES—the following rules are in effect for the 2023/24 Season:

1. Rally scoring: A point is scored regardless of which team serves.
2. Matches are 2 out of 3 to 25 points for the first two games and 15 points for the third game.
3. Win by two, cap at 30.
4. Let serve: A serve that contacts the net between the antennas and falls into the opponent's court is now legal.
5. Multiple contacts are permitted on a team's **first hit**. This includes balls played using a setting action. Prolonged contact, such as: the ball rolling along the fingers or arms, throws, lifts or the ball being directed in more than one direction are considered to have prolonged contact and are illegal.
6. Blocking or attacking the serve above the height of the net is illegal.
7. A minimum of 4 players is needed to begin a match, one of the four needs to be a female. For 6 players a minimum of two females is needed to be on the court. Teams can play short if they don't have enough women. (B Division)
8. A minimum of 3 players must be approved by the opposing team to begin a match. For 6 players a minimum of 1 female is needed to be on the court. Teams can play short if they don't have enough women (A Division) (*Invoked at the November 1st, 2022 meeting for the '22-'23 season*)
9. If a player is substituting down a division, he or she cannot serve overhand or attack with their feet leaving the ground. (*Invoked at the February 22, 2005*)
10. Teams are allowed 1 time-out per match.
11. Teams that forfeit more than two nights in a half will be removed from league play. Advance notice of team forfeit will not carry the same penalty
12. Teams must have uniforms with numbers on the shirts for the officials to see (*Invoked at the October 29, 2019 meeting for the '19-'20 season*)

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT AND PROCEDURES—Unsportsmanlike conduct includes actions, which are unbecoming to an ethical, fair, honorable individual or team. It consists of acts of deceit, disrespect or vulgarity and includes taunting or intimidation:

1. No player, coach and/or team attendant shall act in an unsportsmanlike manner while on or near the court before, during or between games.
2. Only coaches/captains are allowed to speak to the referees during a match. This includes asking for timeouts and the score. Comments or remarks made by an opposing team should be brought to the referee's attention during a dead ball time out by the opposing team's coach.
3. Warning: For the first minor offense, a warning will be issued at the first dead ball.
4. Penalty: For a second minor offense or a single serious offense, a point/loss of rally will be awarded. Profanity directed towards an opposing team is considered a major offense.
5. For a third minor or second serious offense by the same individual, the offender is disqualified from further play, must immediately leave the building and is suspended for one game.
6. If the disqualified person does not leave immediately, the team will forfeit the match
7. No fighting will be tolerated. Individuals will be ejected for 12 calendar months from the league.
8. There will be a league meeting to discuss any incident involving suspensions or actions that require police action.
9. Out of control players or overly aggressive players contacting opposing players under the net will be issued a warning, with a possible point/loss of rally. Similar occurrences could lead to being disqualified for the remainder of that game. Reoccurring incidents during the match could lead to being disqualified for the rest of the match. Continued reckless behavior could result in a league suspension.

PICK-UP AND NEW PLAYERS:

1. Teams are allowed to pick up only 1 player for league play. Pick-up players must be approved by the opposing team and the referee needs to be informed of any pick-up players at the start of the game. More than 1 pick-up player must be approved by league directors by 4 p.m. on scheduled game day. Team penalty for illegal players will be to forfeit that game (*Revised at the November 2, 2021 league meeting*)
2. Team captains are responsible to inform the referee before play begins of any players added to the roster by the team captain.
3. All players need a signed waiver and fees paid before they begin league play.
4. Players may be on more than one roster, but in different divisions. Player is responsible for paying player fee for both divisions (*Invoked at the October 27th, 2016 meeting for the '16 – '17 season.*)

FEES, DATES AND TIMES:

1. Monday, Wednesday, and Sundays is for B Division teams. Tuesday, Thursday, and Sundays is for A division teams. Games times are 8:10 and 9:10 p.m. Until earlier gym space is available. **Teams are required to help set up and take down equipment.**
2. Captains must submit a completed roster, with signed waiver forms, and all fees paid before being scheduled for league play.
3. Fees for each division are \$200 per team, \$40 per player. **No player or team will be eligible until all waivers and fees are paid.**