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The game of Eclipse ball is a combination of volleyball, badminton and tennis.

PLAYERS: Six players are on the court at a time

GAMES: Played to 21 or when time is called. Win by two points.

SERVE: All serves must be made underhand from ¾ court or further back. The

server only has one chance to get the ball over the net and in bounds. The serve is

good if it hits the net on the serve and goes over the net.

SERVICE RETURN: The ball must be contacted with the racket. It is against the

rules to catch and throw the ball. The front row must let the ball bounce once on the

serve; the back row may hit it on the fly or let it bounce.

PLAYING THE BALL:

1. Players cannot hit the ball two times in a row.

2. Teamwork and passing the ball between players is encouraged.

3. During play, the ball is allowed to bounce once between hits. The ball may

also be hit on a fly.

4. You may get up to 3 hits (racquet or body) on a side before you hit the ball

over. Block is not considered a hit.

5. When returning the ball, a player may not cross over the net (or under,

inside), either themselves or with the racket.

6. Bounces off the wall and bleachers are allowed. Bounces off the ceiling are

not allowed.

“PLAY-IT”: may be called by a team member, who decides to keep the ball in play,

when the opposing team is at fault. The player calls “play it” before the ball is

hit. The team winning the volley scores the points regardless of who served. “Play it”

points are worth 2 points instead of 1 and can accumulate by multiples of 2 each time

there is a fault and “play it” is called.

MORE RULES AND SCORING:

1. Only the serving team can score, except in a “play-it” situation.

2. A ball that lands on the line is always in bounds.

3. Balls that hit the net and go over while serving or during play

are ALWAYS good.

4. The ball hitting the ceiling is out of bounds.