

## **Beach Volleyball @ The Score League Rules**

**1. Rosters & Waivers** - All players and substitutes will be required to print and sign an official roster/waiver before participating. Players under the age of 18 must have a parent's signature. These signatures will serve as the official roster. All substitutes must complete/sign a waiver **for that team** prior to playing. **A player must participate in at least 2 of the regular season matches in order to play in the playoffs.** Special requests due to circumstances such as, but not limited to, injury/Covid must be cleared prior to the match with the Volleyball Managers or nightly supervisor.

**\*\*B/C teams can have no more than 1 "A" player, BB/BBB teams no more than 2 "A" players.**

### **2. League Format –**

- All Leagues: three games to **18 points, straight up/first to 18**

**if time is a factor, supervisors may shorten the games depending on time remaining).** All 3 games will be counted for overall record.

**3. Time Limit** - **There will be a 50 minute time limit for each 3-game match-MAX!** If both teams are present for the next scheduled time and the preceding match is complete *and the teams are done*, you may start early or you can use this time for warm-ups. Warm-ups may have to be done at the side as matches should begin within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time. **When the time limit is up that game/match is complete, so the longer you take with warm ups, the less game play time you will have available.**

**4. Forfeits** - Games will start on the scheduled times as long as the minimum number of people are present. In the event a team is **not able to start within 10 minutes of their match start time**, game 1 will be forfeited. Games 2 & 3 will be forfeited on 15 minute increments after that. Due to circumstances that may arise, supervisors reserve the right to handle certain situations on an individual basis. (for example: shortening game 3 as needed, forfeiting games, etc.) ***BUT we don't want or allow forfeits really! Use the sublist, get someone there to play or get kicked out of leagues!***

**5. Games will begin with:** captains "rock/paper/scissors" or odd/even. The winner chooses side or serve. Game 2, other team gets choice. **Redo for game 3, winners choose side or serve.**

**6. Playoffs** - After the regular season there will be a playoffs/position night for all teams. Playoff schedules will be available shortly after the regular season is completed. See Rule #1 for playoff eligibility. **Players can play on multiple teams during regular season only (subbing), but must choose 1 team only to play on for Playoff/Tournament.**

**7. Cancellations** - In the case of bad weather, a cancellation decision will be made by The Score Volleyball Managers by 5pm for M-Th, 6pm for Fri. and 10am for Sunday. An email will go out to all registered team captains to inform them at that time. Every effort will be made to reschedule any matches canceled. **Plan on playing! Its Michigan and we don't have the luxury of lots of make up dates, we play in all weather except visible Lightning!**

**8. Hand Setting** - Allowed & not strictly called on rotation. ***Obvious double hits, lifts or carries are illegal.*** Self Officiated Leagues, means the players on the court need to be on court referees. **Clean it up and call it!! (All Leagues) no open hand setting into the opponent's court.**

**9. Serves** - **Players cannot open hand set or block/attack a serve.** A serve hitting the net between the antennas and going over is legal and playable.

**10. Co-Ed Rule** - If a ball is hit more than once on a side, a woman has to hit it before it goes back over the net **for all leagues** (except QOTB!)

**11. Team Make-up** - Teams must have a minimum of 2 players to start play, and must have at least one woman present. If only one woman is playing the co-ed rule still applies. **Coed 4's Teams, no more than two men playing on the court at a given time.** Only 4 players per game/set.

**12. Positioning** - Players do not have to hold their positions during the service, but must maintain the proper serving order. All players are eligible to block or spike.

**13. Contacts** - **Blocking does not constitute a team contact for 4's league play.** A player may touch the ball with any part of the body. In 4's a player may have successive contacts (double) with the ball during a single attempt to make the team's first contact (not a serve) and there is no lift of the ball. \*2's play is more competitive in nature, so no open hand doubles on rolls, free balls, **ONLY on hard driven balls with pace!**

**14. Net** - Players may partially or completely cross the center line below the net...provided this does not interfere with the opponent's play. Incidental contact with an opponent is ignored, unless such contact interferes with the opponent's ability to play the ball. **Players hitting or touching the net during play is illegal and will result in a fault.**

**15. Open Hand Tipping is not allowed.** (knuckles, rolls, bumps, fists and hits are all considered attacks and therefore legal)

**16. Time Outs** – Each team will have 1 timeout per game; time outs will be 30 seconds in length.

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