



## **Participants must know and abide the Official Volleyball Rules**

- Co-ed teams must contain at least one male and one female player
  - Opposing teams need not contain equal numbers of males and females
  - You must have a minimum of 4 people the day of the tournament in order to play. Otherwise, you will have to forfeit play.
  - You may only play on ONE team in the tournament
- Each team will play one game, rally scoring to 25 (must win by 2 points) in the first round of the tournament (random assignment);
  - Each game is subject to a 30 minute timeline
  - Rally Scoring – Whenever a team fails in serving, fails to return the ball to the opponent in three hits, or commits any faults, the opposing team wins the rally. The result of winning the rally:
    - If the opponent served, they get a point and continue serving
    - If the opponent received the serve, they get a point and gain the right to serve next
  - Once the first match is completed, each team will be seated accordingly in the second round of play
    - Starting with the second round, there will be two separate brackets (a winning and a losing bracket). Please see bracket set-up.
    - Each team is guaranteed 2 games
- Scoring is done on the honor system with each team keeping their own score
  - An official scorekeeper will be available to monitor game if needed
  - One captain from each team will report the final score to the head volleyball table. At this time, the captains will be informed on their next start time (if a team is more than 5 minutes late to this provided time, it may be considered a forfeit).
- Teams will rotate after each rally scoring
  - After the serve, front line players may switch positions at the net
  - There will be rotation errors assessed
- Each team is entitled to a maximum of 2 timeouts per match

- Maximum of three hits per side
  - Player may not hit the ball twice in succession
  - A block is not considered a hit
  - Ball may be played off the net during a volley and on a serve
  - If two or more players contact the ball at the same time, it is considered one play and either player involved may make the next contact (provided the next contact is not the team's 4<sup>th</sup> hit)
- A ball hitting a boundary line is "in"
- It is legal to contact the ball with any part of a player's body
- It is illegal to catch, hold, or throw the ball
- Participants must behave respectfully and courteously in the spirit of FAIR PLAY towards officiating crew members, opponents, and spectators.
- Communication between team members during the match is permitted.
- Incorrect conduct by a team member towards officials, opponents, teammates, or spectators (e.g. rude conduct – action contrary to good manners or moral principles, or expressing conduct; offensive conduct - defamatory or insulting words or gestures; aggression - physical attack or intended aggression) may lead to removal of the team member from the tournament.