

The Gathering Place @ Community Church of Greenwood

Adult Co-ed Recreational & Competitive Volleyball Rules

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. A spiritual message and prayer may be provided prior to the start of each game.
2. **TEAM FEES ARE DUE IN FULL BEFORE THE START OF EACH TEAM'S SECOND GAME.** The GP supervisor and/or Sports Director reserves the right to declare a forfeit for any team not paid in full.
3. If balance is unpaid prior to the start of the 2nd game, there will be a 5 minute grace period to allow more time to pay off balance. If 5 minute grace period expires, the game will be an automatic forfeit.
4. **Team captains must show official the receipt proving the balance has been paid off prior to the start of the game.**

ROSTER

3. All players **MUST** complete and sign the official roster. If a player is not on the roster, the player is ineligible. Any team that plays an ineligible player will forfeit all affected games.
4. The official roster **MUST** be completed by the beginning of the second game.
5. **NO** roster changes can be made after the team's second game. Special requests may be made to The GP Sports Director no less than 24 hours before a scheduled game. Limited to 1 per league session.
6. False or incorrect information on rosters is grounds for a team to be dismissed from the league without a refund.
7. Team rosters are limited to 12 players, with minimum 2 of those being female.
8. Players may only play on **ONE** team. No player may play on multiple teams (either in the regular season or the tournament). An infraction of this rule will result in the team's forfeiting of the game (the team whose roster the player is **NOT** listed on will forfeit; the team with the offending player on its roster will **NOT** be penalized).
9. A team's captain may request a roster check at any point between the pre-game devotional and five minutes following the conclusion of the game. If a team is found to have violated any roster rule, the referee and/or GP supervisor may report the infraction to The GP Sports Director for a ruling.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Players must be at least 18 years of age. Proof of age is required. Exceptions may apply if granted by The GP Sports Director up to 24 hours before a scheduled game.
2. Players as young as 16 years old may play with proof of valid driver's license and signed parental/guardian consent.
3. Players must be in good standing with The Gathering Place.

D. EQUIPMENT

1. Each team **MUST** wear a similar-colored jersey.
2. No hard knee braces or dangling jewelry (including earring hoops) are allowed.

E. GAME

1. All matches will be played under IHSAA Rules unless otherwise stated in the rules below.
 - The Extent of variances allowed will be up to each individual referee.
2. There is a 5-MINUTE GRACE PERIOD AT THE START OF A GAME. Teams unable to play after that time will forfeit the game.
3. A minimum of 4 players are required to start a game (minimum of 1 male and 1 female).
4. A Maximum of 6 players may be on the court at one time. Teams may have ANY combination of male/female players as long as there is a minimum of 1 male and 1 female on court at all times.
5. Scoring – Each team will play 3 Games a night or 40 minute time limit, whichever comes first.
 - First 2 games to 25 points. Third game to 15 points.
 - Rally scoring – a point is awarded for either service or side out.
5. Games will consist of 40 minutes.
6. Teams will play 40 minutes or 3 games, whichever concludes **FIRST**.
7. **In playoffs only: a) the 40 minute time limit is not in effect; b) teams will play best 2-of-3.**

8. Each team gets one 60 second time-out per match.
9. If a team has more than six players, they may substitute at each rotation. The last person to have served goes out and the substitute comes in at the position to the left of the server. This is the only position that a sub may enter.
10. During a volley, the ball is in play if it hits the ceiling or goals and comes back down on the side of the team that hit it. However, if the ball hits the ceiling or goals on the opponents' side of the court, it will be a side out, and a point awards to the defensive team.
11. If the ball hits the ceiling on a serve, it is a side out for the other team.
12. Balls may not be played off the back or side walls.
13. No closed fist overhand serves.

F. FORFEITS

1. A forfeit may be declared by the referee in favor of the team not at fault for violations governing forfeiture in the Official IHSAA Rule Book and these supplemental rules.
2. Any team forfeiting 2 games will be dismissed from the league without refund.

G. CONDUCT

1. This is a Christian Church league and the attitudes and actions of players and spectators should be of highest quality.
2. The Gathering Place is a drug, alcohol and tobacco Free Zone. Anyone believed to be under the influence of such will be asked to leave to building, or escorted out by GP personnel.
3. THIS IS A ZERO TOLERANCE LEAGUE. Trash talking, foul language, swearing, and rough play will not be tolerated. Anyone striking at, fighting with, harassing, or in any way intentionally causing bodily harm to another person in conjunction with this league (player, referee, staff, spectator) may be immediately and indefinitely suspended from all Gathering Place activities at the discretion of the referee or GP staff. .
4. In order to preserve the safety of everyone at The GP, in the case of a violation of Rules G.2 and G.3 above, The GP reserves the right to seek help from the Greenwood Police Department, if needed.
5. Any player removed from the game by the officials (unsportsmanlike conduct, etc.) will be suspended for a minimum of one game. NO EXCEPTIONS.
6. Suspended participants may seek reinstatement by submitting a letter to The GP Sports Director requesting review and reinstatement.

H. CAPTAINS

1. Team Captains are responsible for the following:
 - Informing players of all rules, regulations and guidelines of conduct
 - The conduct of all members and spectators of his or her team
 - Keeping email addresses and phone numbers current with the The GP Sports Director via the roster.
 - Collecting all team entry fees and making sure balances are paid in full by the end of the second game, with ONE payment accepted per week.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The GP Supervisor is in charge of all decisions except when it involves a referee's decision as to the play of the game.
2. The GP Sports Director has the authority to make rulings on any matter related to this league.

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