



Adult Volleyball League Rules

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Player Eligibility/Roster

1. All participants must be at least 15 years of age or currently enrolled in high school (may not play if they are eligible to play in the Youth Volleyball League).
2. Teams must not have more males than females on the court during play. Teams may have more females than males and can be all female.
3. If a team is not able to have at least an equal number of females and males at time of play, that team must decide if they will forfeit or come to an agreement with the opposing team. Agreements may include playing 5-on-5, 4-on-4, or playing out of ratio.
4. In order to qualify for the end of season tournament a player must have played in at least 50% of their team's regular season scheduled games.
5. All players must sign a liability waiver roster (including new players) and lineup cards prior to the start of the match. Additional players must sign the liability waiver before taking the court. If a player plays on another team in a different division, they must sign the new team's roster as well.
6. Players may only play on one team from each division unless permission is received by Branson Parks and Recreation to play on multiple teams in the same division.
7. All players must wear athletic shoes with smooth, rubber soles.
8. Roster fraud may result in forfeit and/or suspension.

Game Rules

1. National Federation State High School Association rules will be used.
 - a. Blocking a serve shall not be permitted (section 6 article 5)
2. Matches are best of 3 to 25 points, must win by two. If a 3rd game is needed, it will be played to 15, must win by two.
3. Rally scoring will be used for the entire match. There is a 29 point cap for the first two games and a 19 point cap for the last game, when applicable.
4. There will be a 45 minute time limit for each match. Each team will be allowed two 30 second timeouts per game.
 - a. The clock will start after the serve has been decided.

- b. A running clock will be used. **Exception – The clock will stop during time outs.**
 - c. If the clock runs out and the set is tied, the team that is currently serving will be allowed one last serve. If they do not want the serve, the match will end. The winner of the match will then be decided using this order:
 - i. Overall W/L
 - ii. Head-to-Head Results
 - iii. Head-to-Head Points Differential
 - iv. Overall Points Differential
 - v. Overall Points Allowed
 - vi. Sportsmanship Rating
 - vii. Random Draw
5. A 10-minute grace/warm up period is allowed before the first scheduled match only.

Code of Conduct

1. During game play, rule objections or questions may be addressed with the referee or site supervisor by the team captain on the playing teams only. Anyone not currently playing may not stop a game or approach the referee. Any questions or clarifications may be addressed with the Site Supervisor after the game or by email, as to not disrupt scheduled games.
2. Any player or coach who verbally or physically threatens a referee, uses obscene language, repeatedly argues and complains to the referee, etc. will be ejected from the match and is subject to a suspension up to and including the remainder of the season. If suspended for the remainder of the season, the player must apply for reinstatement to the volleyball program. All captains will be held responsible for their players.
3. Fighting is expressly forbidden. Spectators involved in fighting will be asked to leave the gym and could result in being banned from the gym for the remainder of the season.
4. Players who engage in fighting will be penalized as follows:
 - a. First Offense – Immediate ejection from the match and suspension.
 - b. Second Offense – Immediate ejection from the match and suspension from the league.

5. Any player who refuses to leave after an ejection will lead to their match being forfeited. Suspension may also occur depending on the severity of the offense. The team will be notified prior to their next game of any suspensions.
6. No tobacco, alcohol or controlled substances are allowed in the facility. Violation of this rule will result in the team being ejected from the league. Managers will be held responsible for their players.
7. Children must remain in the gym with their parents or guardians. The gym and the restrooms are the only approved areas that can be used during the volleyball matches. Please escort any child needing to use the restroom. Playing on the gym floor or under the basketball goals is not allowed as to avoid toys or balls from entering the playing court.
8. **All rule violations and judgment decisions made by the site supervisors or game officials will be final.**

Cancellations

1. In the case of inclement weather, all decisions to cancel games will be made by the Branson Parks & Recreation Department. A decision will be made by 4:30pm on game day. Call the Cancellation Hotline at 335-6550 or follow us on Facebook.

Schedules/Scores/Standings

1. All schedules will be posted on the Branson Parks and Recreation website at www.bransonparksandrecreation.com. Click the programs tab, click on adult volleyball and your respective division.