



2019 – 2020 Sunday Co-Ed Volleyball League Rules

Rule 1 Use of Pickerington School Facilities

Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, illegal substances, reckless driving, parking cars out of designated areas, littering and unbecoming conduct are prohibited upon the grounds. Unattended children are not permitted on school facilities before, during or after games. Violations of this rule may result in ejection, indefinite suspension, forfeit or loss of team franchise.

Rule 2 Forfeits

Any team that forfeits three matches will be dropped from the league and will lose its franchise. NO REFUNDS!! All games remaining on that team's schedule will be forfeited to their opponents.

Rule 3 Rosters and Eligibility

- A. Roster forms must be filed with the Parks and Recreation Department prior to a team's first game (postmark accepted). Rosters must include all players' first and last names, phone number, home address, email and date of birth. If a team manager is a player, they must be listed as a player.
- B. All players must be 18 years of age or older by December 3, 2017 to be eligible to participate.
- C. Roster may have 15 players maximum. All players in excess will be ruled ineligible.
- D. A player can be a member of only one team in the same league. A player is considered a member of the team with whom they first participate.
- E. Additions or deletions to rosters must be made in writing and signed by the team manager. No player will be eligible to participate in a game unless their name has been legally added to the team's roster the day before they are to participate (postmark accepted). Roster changes will be accepted prior to the fourth week of the season. The only exception will be due to season-ending injury or pregnancy and must be accompanied by a written doctor's statement and approved by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- F. A player may request a transfer to another team prior to their present team's third game. Transfer request must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Department and will be considered for legitimate reasons only. A player may be required to secure a signed release from the team manager.
- G. A player must have played in at least three regular season games to be eligible for a post-season league tournament or city championship tournament. (Note: Team managers should list the first initial and last name of players on the scorecard.)
- H. Playing an ineligible player is considered a serious infraction of league rules. Team managers and players are subject to suspension if they resort to such unsportsmanlike conduct. Penalty: First Offense – two game suspension; Second

Offense – one-year suspension from all Parks and Recreation Department adult sports leagues and revocation of team franchise.

Rule 4 General Playing Rules

*USAV rules will be used except where noted herein.

- A. Five minute grace permitted for the first game of the first match only. If the first game is forfeited, the second game may be played if both teams are ready to begin no later than twenty minutes after the scheduled match time.
- B. The team manager for the first team listed on the schedule shall call the coin toss. The winner of the toss has the option to serve, receive or choose a side of the court for the first and third game of the match. The loser of the toss has the same options for the second game.
- C. Teams may start or continue with six, five or four players; however, teams may not play with more than three males. Male and female players must alternate when possible. (There is no point penalty when playing with less than six players.)

All of the following are legal combinations:

Six players: 6 women; 5 women / 1 man; 4 women / 2 men; 3 women / 3 men
Five Players: 5 women; 4 women / 1 man; 3 women / 2 men; 2 women / 3 men
Four Players: 4 women; 3 women / 1 man; 2 women / 2 men; 1 woman / 3 men

- D. A set (except a deciding third set) is won by the team that scores 25 points first, with a minimum lead of two points.
- E. The match is won by the team that wins two out of three sets. A deciding third set is won by the team that scores 15 points first, with a minimum lead of two points.
Tournament Exception: a deciding third set is won by the team that scores 25 points first, with a minimum lead of two points.
- F. A female player must touch the ball at least once in each series of volleys, except when a male player returns the first hit of the volley back to the other side.
- G. Each team will be permitted (1) one 60-second timeout per game.

Rule 5 Protests

Only protests involving the eligibility of the player(s) will be accepted. Eligibility protests will be resolved on the basis of the records on file. Any team manager has the right to protest the use of an ineligible player. The player(s) in question must present positive identification to the referee or sign the scorebook and list their first and last name, home address, phone number, email address and date of birth. All games in which the ineligible player(s) has participated will be forfeited to the opponents.

Rule 6 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

- 1. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated before, during or after a game and may result in ejection from the game and indefinite suspension from the activities conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department. Penalties imposed at the end of the season will carry over to the following season.
- 2. A game ejection followed up by a game official's report may result in further disciplinary action being taken by the Parks and Recreation Department.

3. Players and team managers will be suspended for one year from all Parks and Recreation Department adult sports programs for participating in a game while under suspension.

Rule 7 Franchise

The franchise of a team belongs first to – the team manager; second – the sponsor(s) of the team; and third – a majority of the team members. The team manager has the authority in any question that might arise between a team and the Parks and Recreation Department. Any attempt to manipulate a franchise or registration form to gain a spot in our leagues will result in dismissal of the team from the program.

Rule 8 Waiver of Rules

Experience has proven that it is impossible to anticipate all problems, which may arise when rules are formulated and adopted. Therefore, the Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to waive any rule governing play in any league or tournament under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department when in its judgment the application of said rule will result in gross unfairness or unreasonable hardship.

Rule 9 Tournament eligibility, seeding and tie-breakers

Tournament seeding will be based on best match record for the entire season. Tie-breakers are based on:

1. Head to head match ups during regular season.
2. Best set record between teams that remain tied.
3. Point differential in all games.

*Forfeited games count +15 / -15.

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