

WPRD Six On The Court Volleyball

Tournament Rules & Roster

1. **Roster:** The limit will be 8 players. The team roster must be signed by each player before a player can participate. All players must be 18 years or older to participate. Individual players may not play on more than one team in the tournament.

- Players from one team may not sub for another team (automatic forfeit).

2. **Male/Female Ratio:** A game may start with less than six players however teams must have an equal number of men and women on the court, if not, there must be more women than men (i.e. playing with five at least three have to be women). If a player arrives late and a team has started with less than six players, they must wait until the next game to increase the number of players on their team. Unlimited substitutions however substitutions must take place from the same position of the court each time.

3. **Officiating:** WPRD will handle scheduling officials and line judges.

4. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** If unsportsmanlike conduct is exhibited (the team captain will report behavior to the gym supervisor), as determined by the gym supervisor, the offending person or persons must leave the gym and buildings. If the problem persists, the match will be forfeited. Any further action will be at the discretion of the Tournament Supervisor.

5. **Games:** A game is completed when:

- Single game to 25, win by two points. Rally scoring will be used. Best 2 out of 3. Cap of 30 points.

6. **Serves:** A coin toss will determine who serves first (winner's choice), then the serve will rotate from game to game. There will be no restrictions on overhand serves. The server may serve from any point along the back line. No penalty for letting a service toss drop. A player cannot block or spike a serve (must let part of ball drop below top of net before hitting back over). Let serves will be allowed.

7. **Service Order:** Players must serve in the same order throughout a game.

8. **Hitting Rules:** The 3 hit rule will be in effect: If there are 3 hits on a side, a female has to have touched the ball. Men's net height is used (7' 11 5/8"). The ball may be played with any part of the body, bump only, absolutely no kicking.

9. **Fours:** Everyone is eligible to hit and block. Open hand finger tip dinks are allowed. Going under the net is not a fault if the player does not interfere with the other team.

10. **Tournament Play:** Will be pool play with each team getting guaranteed 3 games.

11. All other USAV rules will apply (<http://www.usavolleyball.org/RulesOfficials/indoor.asp>).

12. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT AND PROFANITY

- Any team member found guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct or being abusive toward a player, official, the gym supervisor, or any other person acting in an official capacity, will be subject to immediate suspension by the Recreation Department.
- If removed from two (2) games total at any time during the tournament, the offending player will be ineligible for further tournament play.
- A player being removed from the game because of physical fighting or flagrant violation of unsportsmanlike conduct shall be removed from the tournament and will be unable to participate for a period of at least one year in any WPRD Athletic programs.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct rules apply to all players before, after and during all volleyball games/matches, and judgments may be handed down by gym supervisors or league directors. The league director reserves the right to impose an additional suspension in all cases that involve a player(s) violating tournament rules.

ADDITIONAL RULES & THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- NO carries, pushing, catching or hesitating of the ball.
- Double hits (“continuation”) on first contact (or ricochet from blocks) is legal assuming player isn’t making two moves to play ball.
- Net Violations: Unintentional touching “brushing” of the net will not be called as long as it doesn’t interfere with the play. If the net is touched during a play on the ball it will be called.
- You can’t attack the ball at the net unless it is breaking the plane of the net, onto your side.
- You may penetrate over the net to block the third hit (must let opponent hit ball first) or an earlier hit which the referee judges will cross the net with no chance for another hit.
- All players **must** be within court lines when a team is serving.
- Contacting the opponent’s playing area with any part of the body except the hands or feet is a fault. Touching the opponents’ area with a hand or foot is not a fault providing that some part of the encroaching hand or foot remains on or above the centerline.
- *Dead ball* A player steps into another court at any time during a play, the ball hits a wall, the ball hits the ceiling or a backboard and crosses the net, or the ball hits a backboard and the referee judges that the ball was not playable.
- *Continue play* The ball hits the ceiling or a backboard and does not cross the net.
- Teams will be give one 30 second timeout per game.

Waiver for Participation

I do hereby agree to participate in the aforementioned activities, and I further agree that the Winchester Parks & Recreation Department, program staff, sponsors and volunteers assume no responsibility for injuries while traveling to and from the place of play or while participating in an activity. I also give permission to Winchester Parks & Recreation Department to take my photo for use only in event-related promotional material.

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