

2015-2016 VOLLEYBALL RULES

CO-ED AND WOMEN'S RECREATION VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES Under the Supervision of the Canton Joint Recreation District UNITED STATES VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION RULES ARE USED WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS

1. There shall be three (3) games played by each team every night as scheduled. First team to score twenty-five (25) points shall be declared winner of each game. The winning team must have an advantage of at least two (2) points. No game shall go more than twenty-seven (27) points. All games to be scored by rally points. Playoffs will have no scoring cap.
2. A team shall have six (6) players on the court. Twelve (12) maximum per roster, co-ed; three (3) men and three (3) women. In co-ed, if five (5) players are present, three (3) must be women. A team may start a game with four (4) players (Coed-2 men, 2 women). Failure to have at least four (4) players at the start and every fifteen (15) minutes thereafter will result in forfeiture of that game. Should both teams fail to have at least four (4) players, it will be declared a double forfeit for each game. If one (1) team has six (6) players on the court and ready to play and the other team does not, a forfeit will result. Second game will start fifteen (15) minutes later. **Coed cannot have more men than women on the court and a woman is not required to touch the ball before it is returned.**
3. There will be no postponement of games. **EXCEPTION:** School Closings. **When Canton City Schools announce school closings.....Recreation league play is postponed for that night.**
4. Teams change courts after each game. At the start of a new game, players may be arranged in any position desired.
5. Flip coin for first service. After first game, losing team shall have first serve. (Three games per match)
6. **Playing with less than 6 players will NOT result in having a side out when it is their turn to serve.**
7. Ball touching any boundary line is good and in play. Ball hitting ceiling on your side is in play, if you have a hit left.
8. Ball going out of bounds must hit the floor or an object in out-of-bounds territory before being touched by a player; otherwise, ball is in play. (All walls are out of play.)
9. At the start of the game, after team first serving has lost its serve, their opponents rotate before their first serve. Rotation shall be clockwise.
10. Serve must be from behind the back line of the court. (EXCEPTION) Clarendon school. One (1) foot must be in back of line until ball is struck. (Referees judgment)
11. There shall be a referee assigned to all games by the Recreation Department. Should the referee fail to appear, the games must be played with a person acting as referee with the agreement of both managers. Referee shall be stationed at the side of the court at the centerline.
12. Ball shall be distinctly batted. It may not be lifted, pushed, thrown or caught as determined by referee. A served ball may be received with an "open hand". If ball rolls or has prolonged contact a "lift" shall be called.
13. Double hits are permitted on any first ball coming across the net. The ball cannot roll or come to rest on any part of your body.
14. Ball must be returned over the net in a maximum of three (3) passes. (Co-ed; female player does not have to touch the ball before it is returned. If two (2) women are in the front row, a male player may come from back row to block only.
15. A player may play the ball with any part of the body.
16. A ball may be recovered from the net if the player avoids touching the net.
17. **One (1) 30 second time out per game. (no extras)**
18. First or second hits contacting any part of backboards, off a bump, will be replayed unless referee judges it not playable.
19. **Blocking or attacking a serve is not legal.**
20. A foot fault at the centerline occurs only when one (1) or both feet are completely on the opponents' side, or any other part of ones body crosses the center line inside the court.
21. **SUBSTITUTION**...is unlimited during a dead ball or time out; however, there may only be a maximum of two (2) players participating in any one position in the service order. (Except in the case of any injury, i.e., the original player and his/her substitute **can** be in the line-up at the same time.).....Substitution with less than (6) six players or after the game has started can only be done if.....team has not completed (1) one serving rotation or, substitute one payer for another.
22. Yellow and red cards will be used for unsportsmanlike conditions.
23. **Players CANNOT be on two rosters where the teams play on the same night.**
24. **Use of tobacco in any form or food or beverages is strictly prohibited.**
25. **Any unsportsmanlike conduct is prohibited.**

