



THE COURTS YOUTH VOLLEYBALL RULES

1. All league games will be governed by the official volleyball rules as adopted by the National Federation of State High School Associations with the exception of the special league rules adopted by The Courts.
2. A team must be fully registered with The Courts. Waiver/Roster forms must be filled out by each team and turned in before their first game. Due to insurance policies, forms may not carry over from one session to another; a new form must be filled out for each new session. Any team playing a player not on its roster will forfeit the game. Players may be added to the roster during the session, but they must fill out the appropriate paper work before playing.
3. Players must play in the grade division they are currently enrolled in school or play in a higher division. During Summer Sessions, the grade division currently enrolled in is considered to be the grade you will be going into the following fall. No player can play down to a lower grade division. The Courts reserves the right to amend this rule in special circumstances.
4. Players may only play on one team per conference, but they may play on multiple teams in different conferences in a session. *During Summer Sessions, players are allowed to play with their school team as well as their "summer" team.* The Courts may waive the rule of players only playing on one team in a league and allow a player to play on two teams in a league. Players must be on both rosters and are not allowed to play on other teams in that league.
 - *If a player chooses to play on multiple teams, The Courts is not required to schedule around an individual's time conflicts.*
5. Teams will be allowed to start a match with less than six players if necessary. Loss of rally will be awarded each time a missing player's term of service comes up in rotation.
6. All players must at least have numbers on the back of their jerseys. The numbers may be between 0 and 99.
7. There must be an adult present on the bench at all times. There will be only two coaches allowed on the bench during the game.
8. Prior to each league starting, the schedules will be posted on The Courts website at www.thecourtsezone.com under the "Schedules/Scoreboard" link. Notification of these schedules being posted will be e-mailed to the team contacts. It is the responsibility of the teams to locate their schedule and appear for their scheduled games.
9. If a team cancels without approval from The Courts, it will be recorded as a loss and a win for the team that they were scheduled to play. Every attempt will be made to fill the game at that time. If a team forfeits two games without notifying The Courts, they will be dropped from the league.

10. All games will start at scheduled times with timed warm-ups starting five minutes prior (2-2-1 format) to scheduled time. If both teams are ready to play and in attendance, games can start no more than 15 minutes prior to scheduled time. If games are behind schedule, five minute timed warm-up will start immediately after end of prior game.
11. Games: Games will be played best two of three.
12. Teams must supply one qualified line judge for each game they play.
13. Scoring:
 - Scoring will start at 4 with sets being played to 25, win by 2.
 - In the event of a third set, games will start at 0 and be played to 15, win by 2
 - In the third set, do not switch sides.
14. Serving:
 - 5th grade league and under will serve from the short service line (basketball free throw line).
 - All players will abide by the 8 second service rule.
15. Time outs:
 - Teams are allowed 2-30 second time outs in each of the first two sets and 1-30 second time out in the third set. Time outs may not carry over from one set to another.
16. It is mandatory as a matter of sportsmanship, that all teams will shake hands before and at the end of each game.
17. If, in the opinion of The Courts officials, unsportsmanlike behavior from the coaches, players, parents, or fans has put the game out of control, the offending team will forfeit the game. This could result in suspension from the league.
18. All protests must be typed and filed at The Courts within twenty-four hours of the game. There will be a \$100.00 fee for all protests filed. Money will not be refunded if the protest is upheld. The official score sheet will be final.
19. The Courts reserves the right to amend or alter these rules.

