

Tournament Rules

- 1.) **All fees must be paid upon registration.** \$120 per team.
- 2.) Rosters must be turned in before your first match. Completed rosters should be turned into your referee prior to the start of your first match.
- 3.) The number of Round Robin games won (not matches) will determine your tournament standings. Tournaments will be seeded according to your standings after all Round Robin matches are completed. If there is a tie, then the team with the most points will be awarded the higher seed.
- 4.) **NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA.**
- 5.) **Round Robin matches will consist of two games up to 20 points each using rally point scoring system. A 20 POINT CAP PER GAME WILL BE ENFORCED.** Both of the games will be counted toward tournament standings.
Tournament play will consist of two out of three games played to 20. A two point advantage must be held at the end of each game with a cap of 22 points. Scoring for the tournament will remain the same as in the Round Robin matches.
- 6.) Teams will have a 5 minute warm-up if the after the previous match is completed. **There will be two 30 second timeouts per match**, this includes tournament play. Teams are asked to vacate the court as soon as their last game is over.
- 7.) **The first game of the match will be forfeited if a team does not have enough players to start at the scheduled start time. The match will be forfeited if a team does not show up after 5 minutes from the scheduled start time.** Any team forfeiting two matches will be dropped from the Volley in the Valley tournament.
- 8.) **No automatic forfeits.** A team can play with less than 6 players and more than one. Coed teams must have as many women on the playing court as men. There must be at least one male and one female on the court at all times in coed matches. However, there may be more women than men. There is not a five minute grace period to begin a game; all games must start at their scheduled time provided both teams have the minimum number of players. If a team does not have the minimum number of players, the game will be handled as a forfeited game. **If a team plays with 4 or less players, there must be at least one back row player.** Women will not be allowed to play in the men's tournament and men are not allowed to play in the women's tournament since there are separate tournaments for men, women and coed.
- 9.) **Players cannot play on two teams in the same category. Men can only play on *one men's* team, women can only play on *one women's* team. However, players can play on a men's or women's team *and* a coed team.**

- 10.) **Only the captain of a team will be allowed to question the ruling of a referee.** Only non-judgment calls can be discussed. No unsportsmanlike conduct will be allowed, including yelling at the opposite team, swearing, arguing, fighting and talking back to the referee. The referee has the authority to eject a player from a match. Any additional unsportsmanlike conduct may result in the suspension from the tournament. If an expelled player or fan does not leave the playing area within two minutes, that game will be forfeited.
- 11.) All ceilings will be in play as long as the ball stays on the same side of the court. If a ball touches a ceiling and crosses the net without a player sending the ball over, then it will be considered out of bounds.
- 12.) **ANY JEWELRY WHILE PLAYING, SUCH AS WATCHES, RINGS, EARRINGS, OTHER PERICINGS AND NECKLACES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.** No hats can be worn during play. Captains please help us with this rule by informing your team before they show up for their first match.
- 13.) A choice of Serve/Receive or Side will be determined by flip of a coin. For the Round Robin matches, the team that wins the coin toss has the choice both games. During tournament play a second coin toss will take place if a third game is necessary.
- 14.) The server has 8 seconds to serve the ball after the signal of the referee's whistle. When a player serves the ball before the referee's signal, the referee will issue one warning per team and the team will be able to reserve. If the incident occurs again, it will be an illegal serve and penalized with a side-out.
- 15.) If the ball is tossed during a serve and the server does not hit the ball, the referee shall issue a reserve. Only one reserve per service turn will be allowed. The server will have an additional 5 seconds to serve the ball.
- 16.) During the serve, the ball may touch the net while crossing it.
- 17.) When a player takes the play away from another teammate who is attempting to play the ball, it will be a judgment call of unsportsmanlike conduct and can be penalized with a side-out or point.
- 18.) Multiple contacts on the first ball across the net will be allowed.
- 19.) Pressing the block is allowed.
- 20.) Any player on the court may attack the ball. The front row players may attack from anywhere on the court and the back row players may not attack the ball above the height of the net in front of the 10 foot spiking line.
- 21.) USA Volleyball has added a rule dealing with the line under the net. They allow you to cross the line if it doesn't interfere with the play. Volley in the Valley will not follow this rule. You may not touch the other side of the center line with any body part except your foot. If your foot crosses completely across the line that will be a violation also.
- 22.) At no time are players allowed to touch the net during play.
- 23.) The **serve cannot be blocked** or attached.

24.) Teams may choose from two forms of substitutions (one or the other, not both): Rotation of players (player must rotate out after serving) **OR** substitute player for player. When substituting, players must sub male for male and female for female. **Liberos will not be allowed to be used for this tournament.**

25.) Adjacent courts are out of play before, during and after the play. (Sidelines extended)

26.) Spitting will not be tolerated. If a referee or any other West Fargo Park District employee witnesses this action, they will ask the person who spit to clean it up and if they do not cooperate it will be handled like an unsportsmanlike conduct action.

Important Notice: Please be ready to play 10-15 minutes prior to scheduled game time. Matches will begin early if courts are available.

Thank you for your cooperation and have a great tournament!