

Tournament Rules

- 1) **All fees must be paid upon registration.**
- 2) Completed rosters must be turned in before your first match at check in.
- 3) All participants must be 16 years of age or older.
- 4) The number of Pool Play games won (not matches) will determine your tournament standings. Tournaments will be seeded according to your standings after all Pool Play matches are completed. If there is a tie, then seeding will be based on head-to-head and then points.
- 5) **NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED AT RUSTAD RECREATION CENTER.**
- 6) **Pool Play 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 best two out of three games. A 2-point advantage must be held at the end of each game. No time limit will be used in tournament play.
- 7) Teams will have a 5 minute warm-up 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.
- 8) **The first game of the match will be forfeited if a team does not have enough players to start at the scheduled start time.** Any team forfeiting two matches will be dropped from the tournament.
- 9) **No automatic forfeits.** A team can play with less than 6 players and more than one. 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 (no limit). **A team can play with one more male than female on the court.** (Example: if you only have 2 females and 3 males, your team can play with those 5 but if you have 2 females and 4 males then your team can still only play with 5). 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.** Men are not allowed to play in the women's tournament since there are separate tournaments for women and coed.
- 10) **Players are not allowed to play in more than one division; Women can only play on one women's team (but can play coed and a women's) and men can only play on one coed team (you are not allowed to play more than one division of coed).**

- 11) **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 3 game match. Any additional unsportsmanlike conduct may result in the suspension from the tournament. Any act of aggression towards an official or opposing team will result in immediate suspension of player(s) from the tournament. If an expelled player or fan does not leave the playing area within two minutes, that game will be forfeited.
- 12) All ceilings and track overhangs will be in play as long as the ball stays on the same side of the court. If a ball touches a ceiling or track overhang and crosses the net without a player sending the ball over, then it will be considered out of bounds.
- 13) **ANY JEWELRY THAT IS WORN MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH PLAY, IF JEWELRY INTERFERES WITH PLAY AT ANY TIME OFFICIALS HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK PARTICIPANT TO REMOVE JEWELRY.** 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.
- 14) A choice of Serve/Receive or Side will be determined by flip of a coin or paper, rock, scissors. For the Pool Play matches, the team that wins the coin toss or paper, rock, scissors has first choice. During tournament play a second coin toss or paper, rock, scissors will take place if a third game is necessary.
- 15) 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.
- 16) If the ball is tossed during a serve and the server does not hit the ball, the ball must fall to the floor before being touched. If server fulfills all these requirements, then the referee shall issue a reserve. If the ball is caught before it hits the floor, then the referee will call a side out and return the ball to the opposite side. Only one reserve per service turn will be allowed. The server will have an additional 5 seconds to serve the ball.
- 17) During the serve, the ball may touch the net while crossing it. (Let Serve)
- 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. **The West Fargo Park District volleyball tournaments 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 attacked.
- 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. **Libero's will not be allowed to be used for this tournament in any division.**
- 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.
- 27) No bringing back row players up to block other than power 4's.
- 28) No alternate hit rule.
- 29) Please no coolers in the gym. The West Fargo Park District does not allow outside food at Rustad Recreation Center. No pop allowed in the gyms.

Important Notice: Please be ready to play 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!