



OWENSBORO PARKS AND RECREATION VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE RULES

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the City administered leagues shall be to promote and maintain amateur volleyball in Owensboro and Daviess County under conditions most favorable to the enjoyment of the game, and to the development of good citizenship and a spirit of cooperation between the players, officials, spectators and team captains.

DIVISIONS

1. League will consist of Coed 6v6 Recreational Division and Open 3v3 Competitive Division.
2. Twenty (20) team limit for the league pending on the number of divisions offered, and timeslots available for play.
 - a. Each division has a four (4) team minimum to participate in the league.
2. The Owensboro Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to combine and alter divisions if necessary for play.

REGISTRATION

1. Registrations must be accepted at the Owensboro Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Center before the deadline. Registration must be paid in full by the season's registration deadline.
 - a. Registration will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.
 - b. Late registrations will only be accepted with prior approval from designated City supervisory personnel and are subject to a **\$50 late fee**.
 - c. League registration fees will only be refunded if the team withdraws 2 days prior to the captains meeting.
2. Registration fee for the season will be **\$160.00** per Coed 6v6 Recreational team and **\$120** per Open 3v3 competitive team, which is to cover all expenses incurred by the league. All teams go forward to the end of league tournament at no charge.
 - a. No refunds will be issued after the preseason captains' meeting.
3. Each team participating in the League shall appoint **one (1)** manager and a team representative who shall be responsible to the Parks and Recreation Department for receipt and distribution of schedules, and for any matter of general concern to the league.

- a. Each representative's name, address, phone number and e-mail must be registered with the Parks and Recreation Department.
- b. If a change to a team representative is made, the new team representative must notify the Parks and Recreation Department immediately.
- c. **It is the responsibility of the team representative to contact their respective team members in the event of a match time change, or of any other event of concern to their team.**
- d. Only the team representative(s) will be contacted by the Parks and Recreation Department concerning such changes.

PRE-SEASON MEETING

1. A mandatory captains' meeting will be scheduled in advance prior to the season beginning. League policies and facility procedures will be presented and game schedules will be issued.
2. **Managers and/or team representatives who do not attend the mandatory captains' meeting will automatically receive a loss for their first scheduled game.**
 - a. The game shall be played and final results such as runs scored/allowed will be recorded.
 - b. If the team receiving the automatic loss fails to show for their first scheduled game their absence will be ruled a forfeit.

ROSTER

1. It is desired all players be 18 years or older to play in the league.
 - a. All players must be 18 years or older to play in the Open 3v3 Competitive Divisions.
 - b. Three (3) players can be at least 16 years or older to play in the COED Recreational league.
 - c. **Any player under the age of 18 years old must have a parental consent form filled out and turned in with the team roster before the player is eligible to play.**
2. **Coed 6v6 Recreational** team rosters must have a **minimum of eight (8) players** and maximum of twelve (12) players listed along with signatures. **Open 3v3 Competitive team** rosters must have a **minimum of five (5) players** and maximum of seven (7) players listed along with signatures.
 - a. **Coed 6v6 Recreational teams must play a minimum of two females on the court at all times.**
 - b. **Open 3v3 Competitive teams have no mandates on number of female or male players.**
 - c. **Coed 6v6 Recreational teams can roster two (2) players participating in the Open 3v3 Competitive Division.**
3. The team manager and or secondary representative must be listed on the roster as a player to be eligible to participate in league play.
4. Only one official team roster will be allowed. Anyone player not signing the official roster, prior to deadlines, will be listed as an ineligible player.

- a. **A team roster must be completely filled out, legible, signed by all players listed, and submitted at the first season match.**
 - b. Team rosters must be submitted to Parks and Recreation personnel or the referee prior to the team's first scheduled match time.
- 4. **Player changes to the team roster can be made through the third scheduled match. After the third match is played there will be no player changes made the rest of the season.**
 - a. If a player has signed a team roster but has not participated with that team in a game prior to the third scheduled match. The player is eligible to sign another team's roster, after first removing his/her name from the previous roster.
 - b. All official team rosters will be filed and emailed to team captains after the third scheduled match has been played.
- 5. Team rosters must be re-executed for each new league season.

ELIGIBILITY

- 1. **A player can only sign and be listed on one team roster in its respective division.**
- 2. Roster checks may be given at any point during the season with or without protest to verify both roster and player eligibility.
 - a. Parks and Recreation personnel or referee may require a picture I.D.
 - b. **ALL PLAYERS MUST HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PICTURE I.D. DURING LEAGUE PLAY.**
 - c. A player failing to produce a government issued pictured I.D. will be ruled an illegal player.
- 3. **Illegal Player – a player non-compliant with eligibility rules, not listed on the team roster, a player failing to sign the official roster prior to deadlines, or a player failing to produce a government issued picture ID will be ineligible.**
 - a. Any team found to have an illegal player at time of roster check or protest, will forfeit that match and subject to forfeit all previous matches played.

SCHEDULE CONFLICTS

- 1. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the sole right to reschedule any games that cannot be played when originally scheduled for reasons beyond the control of the Parks and Recreation Department. Every effort will be made to give the team affected as much advance notice of such rescheduled matches as possible.
- 2. Teams must play all games as scheduled. If a team must forfeit prior to a scheduled match, the team representative must email advance notice to the Assistant Recreation Facilities Manager, Seth Flener at flenersr@owensboro.org.
 - a. All forfeited games will be officially scored as 15-0.

- b. Teams forfeiting three (3) matches in the regular season will automatically be disqualified from the post-season tournament.**
3. Teams registering a “no show” absence, which is ruled a forfeit without advanced notice shall receive a warning.
 - a. A second “no show” absence will result in the team being suspended from the league.**
4. All games must start at scheduled times, there is **NO GRACE PERIOD.**
 - a. Failure of a team to be ready to play at the scheduled time shall constitute a forfeit provided the opponent has a complete team and is ready to play.
 - b. Failure of both teams to be ready for play must result in a forfeit for both teams.
5. Teams shall begin a match when the previously scheduled match is complete.
 - a. Each team shall have a warm up of three minutes of non-shared court time prior to the match beginning.

LINE-UP & SUBSTITUTIONS

- 1. Coed 6v6 Recreational teams shall play six (6) players at one time with two (2) substitutes, and must play a minimum of two females on the court at all times.**
 - a. A team may start and finish with at least five (5) players and will not be deducted points.**
2. If a Coed 6v6 Recreational team has only one (1) female in attendance, the opposing team must decide to let the team continue the match with a 2:1 male to female ratio of three (3) players; two (2) males and one (1) female.
 - a. Or allow the team to forfeit the game.
 - b. If the match is played the outcome will reflect team records and league standings.
- 3. Open 3v3 Competitive teams shall play three (3) players at one time with (2) substitutes.**
 - a. A team may start and finish with at least two (2) players and will not be deducted points**

COIN-FLIP

1. Team representatives, of each team, will meet with the referee prior to the match to determine serve and court.
 - a. The referee shall toss a coin in the presence of each team representative.
 - b. The team representative of the winning toss shall choose serve or courtside.
 - c. If the team representative chooses the serve, his/her team will serve the first set and the third set, if needed.
 - d. The loser of the coin toss will serve the second set and select courtside.

GENERAL RULES FOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

1. **All team representatives are responsible for assuring each team member knows and abides by the rules set forth herein, which shall apply if different from the rules and regulations of USA Volleyball.**
2. Each team shall have two (2) time-outs per match, consisting of no more than thirty seconds in length, per time-out.
 - a. Time-outs must be requested during a dead ball.
 - b. If a time-out is called when a team has used their allotted amount for the particular match. A point will be awarded to the other team regardless of outcome.
3. Coed 6v6 Recreational teams must rotate prior to each serving rotation, including a team's first serve following a side out.
 - a. **Coed 6v6 Recreational teams must play three (3) players on the front row at all times.**
4. **Open 3v3 Competitive teams do not need to rotate positions, but must maintain a service order.**
 - a. **Open 3v3 Competitive players are free to position themselves anywhere on the court. There are no positional faults.**
 - b. **For hitting purposes all players are considered to be front row players and therefore all three are eligible to attack or block the ball.**
5. **Server must remain behind the service line until the ball is contacted.**
6. **Players may not block or attack a served ball.**
7. Players may legally play a ball by kicking or passing or setting.
8. Teams will exchange courts after each set.
9. **A game is won when either team scores a two-point lead with twenty-five (25) for Coed 6v6 Recreational and twenty-one (21) for Open 3v3 Competitive; or more rally points scored if game play is suspended for uncontrolled circumstances.**
 - a. A point will be scored on each serve, regardless of which team serves.
10. All matches are played on a best of two (2) out of three (3) set basis.
 - a. If a third set is necessary, that third set shall be played rally point to fifteen.
 - b. First team to fifteen (15) in the third set wins the match.

COURT OBSTRUCTIONS

1. If the ceiling or any other obstruction (basketball goal) is hit over non-playable (out of bounds) areas, the ball is considered dead.

2. If the ceiling or any other obstruction is hit over a playable area, except any obstruction directly over the plane of the net, and the ball does not pass over the net, the team that caused the ball to hit the ceiling may continue to play the ball if they have not used up their three hits per side.

POST SEASON TOURNAMENT

1. All eligible teams will play in the post-season tournament for their respective division.
 - a. Teams will be placed into a tournament bracket depending on their final league standing. The official order of finish for regular season play shall be determined as follows:
 - i. Win- loss record
 - ii. If a tie exists then teams shall be ranked according to which team won in head-to-head competition.
 - iii. **If a tie occurs teams shall be ranked according to points allowed.**
 - iv. If a tie remains it shall be determined by the flip of a coin.

AWARDS

1. Divisional and tournament winners will receive a minimum of eight (8) Coed 6v6 Recreational t-shirts and five (5) Open 3v3 Competitive t-shirts per team. Teams carrying the maximum roster limit of players will receive additional t-shirts.
 - a. Custom shirt orders will be placed at the conclusion of the season.
 - b. Any shirt orders not claimed by a team manager or representative will be donated to an organization or entity selected by the Parks and Recreation Department.

PROTEST AND COMMUNICATION WITH REFEREE

1. All communications to referees throughout the course of the league must be conducted via the designated team representative.
 - a. **The designated team representative is the only player who shall address the referee during match play concerning any rule interpretation.**
 - b. The "Play Over" option is available to the referee at all times which results in any point to be replayed.
2. Protests shall be considered only in the violation or interpretation of a playing rule.
 - a. No protests shall be considered on a decision involving a game official's ruling.
 - b. All USA Volleyball rules will apply to play.
3. Protests can occur at any time before the conclusion of a match.
4. **A protest fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) cash will be paid to the Owensboro Parks and Recreation Administrative Center in person or by phone. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee shall be returned.**

5. The team manager must make the protest and explain what they are protesting.
 - a. The game official will notify Parks and Recreation personnel to initiate a formal written protest with the team manager.
 - b. Parks and Recreation personnel will determine a ruling within 24 hours of receipt of the written protest and payment. Teams will be notified by the Parks and Recreation Department of an official ruling.

6. The formal written protest shall contain the following information:
 - a. The date, time, and field color the game occurred
 - b. The names of the referee.
 - c. The rule and section of the USA Volleyball Rule Book or local league rules under which the protest is based.
 - d. The decision and conditions surrounding the making of the decision.
 - e. All essential facts involved in the matter protested.

7. The decision made on a protested game or roster will be resolved within 24 hours of receipt of the written protest and payment. The following ruling will be determined:
 - a. The protest is found invalid and the game stands as played.
 - b. When the protest is allowed for misinterpretation of a playing rule, the game is replayed from the point at which the incorrect decision was made with the decision corrected.
 - c. When protest for an illegal player is found, the team shall forfeit the game played to the offended team, and subject to forfeit all previous games played.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT/FOUL LANGUAGE

1. Any form of flagrant conduct, unsportsmanlike conduct, or the use of foul language on the part of the player, coach, manager, or spectator will automatically suspend the offending person for the remainder of the game, and/or for any period thereafter that the Parks and Recreation Department might deem fair and comparable with the violation.
 - a. If an individual blatantly uses profanity, they will be ejected.
 - b. **If an individual is ejected they MUST leave park property. If the person ejected refuses to leave the gymnasium after one minute, their team will receive a forfeit and the game will end.**
 - c. If the situation escalates creating an unsafe environment, the Owensboro Police Department will be notified, and a request for an Officer will be submitted.

2. "Flagrant Conduct" shall be construed to include verbal abuse toward and/or physical contact or attempted contact with a referee, player, coach, or manager.

3. Any player who has been suspended from a game may be suspended for the remainder of the season or for any period decided upon by the Owensboro Parks and Recreation Department.

4. Any player who is ejected twice during a season for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct will automatically be disqualified from the league and post-season tournament.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Please be respectful and help Owensboro Parks & Recreation conduct an excellent league. Observe all rules and help maintain a clean facility.
2. No children allowed at any time without appropriate adult supervision (i.e. an adult that is **not** playing at the time of supervision). All supervised children must remain in the gym at all times.
3. Absolutely no alcohol on City property. This includes the parking lot!
4. Smoking at all City Parks, Grounds and Facilities is prohibited. Please ask team members to not smoke in or around the facility.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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