

Your squad will be scheduled to compete in one of our tournament brackets. You'll be able to download the tournament schedule from SportsFest.com the week of the event. Know your bracket start time and check into the On-Deck Area 15 minutes early to avoid disqualification for not entering your designated court when your Team is called. The Official will do introductions, and then conduct a quick review of the tournament structure and rules.

Teams must report to assigned courts on time for each match or forfeit will occur.

Teams will be in a pool of 12 teams assigned to a specific court for all your games.

Officials have been instructed to only communicate with squad leaders.

RALLY SCORING: Each time the ball is served; a point is scored regardless of who served it. For instance, if the opposing team allows the ball to drop in their court area or commits any net or serving violation, then your team will receive a point. The team who scores the last point will retain serve. Rally Scoring is designed to move games along much quicker and to reward a team each time it does well.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Each team is permitted 30-second "Time Out" for substitutions. Any number of players may be substituted. A substitute must be of the same sex and take the replaced player's same position in the rotation when play resumes. You may substitute during the other team's Time Outs as well. If you are not replaced during a substitution, you must remain in the same position.

Rules for SPORTSFEST Volleyball:

1. Starting side is predetermined; after the first team reaches 8 points, teams switch sides. Please remind your court official of this procedure – failure of teams switching sides is NOT grounds for protest.
2. A coin flip will determine who will serve first.
3. Team members must move in a clockwise rotation with each new server.
4. Officials will call games with the consideration of the skill level and knowledge level of the players. Players will not be allowed to break the plane above the net and may be called if contact or interference is made below the net.
5. Players may hit the ball with an open hand, but not carry the ball. This will be a judgment call made by the officials.
6. Only three consecutive hits are allowed per side after receiving a serve or return.
7. A Combination of male and female hits will not be required, although consistent intentional male (or female) domination Of ball control goes against the spirit of the games and, if necessary, the official will have to enforce the combination.
8. Back line players may not spike the ball.
9. Official's judgment is FINAL.
10. Failure to be on time for the start of your match will result in the disqualification of your team for this event.

NEW RULE IN BEACH VB: A serve that touches and goes over the net IS NOW considered in play.

COURT PLAY-OFF EXPLANATION: 12 teams are assigned to each court. The team advancing out of the pool will play in the championship round starting at 2:30 – regardless of the team competing in other events. Since teams will not play everyone in their pool, ties will happen. Teams MUST be aware that their teams may be tied and in contention and must know if they advance out of their pool.

Teams will advance to the championship round based on the following criteria:

- 1) Overall win-loss record (5 points for a WIN, 2 points for a LOSS, 0 for a forfeit),
- 2) Average points allowed in each of the three games (if a team has a forfeit win, we will use the average points allowed in the games they actually played),
- 3) Most points scored in three games,
- 4) Head to head play,
- 5) coin flip.

NO playoff games on a court will be played due to time constraints."



Rally Scoring / Three game guarantee – Tournament, times TBD
Team Member Requirements - 3 Men and 3 Women on the court at all times. Unlimited subs.

15 point game, win by 2 points, 17 point cap / Court Playoffs the same

