

# VOLLEYBALL

## **Format**

1. Teams should be composed of three males and three females. If a team is short a player they can still officially compete, but the team will be penalized a loss of serve for the missing player in rotation. The maximum number of players each school can have is 6males and 6females.
2. The tournament will be round robin format with two pools.
3. The matches will consist of rally scoring and will not be timed. Any pool with 4 or 5 teams will play a match consisting of 2 games to 25 points winning by 2 points. If there are 6 teams in the pool, a match will consist of 1 game of 25 points winning by 2 points. (This format may be altered if the host school has more than two volleyball courts).
4. A schedule of the games will be posted, and teams will be responsible for being ready to play at their appropriate times. They should also report scores after their match.
5. Each school should provide linesmen for the matches while they are not playing.

## **RULES**

1. **Net serves that still land in the opposing team's court will considered a good serve.**
2. Each school will explain their own facility hinders.
3. When more than 1 ball contact is made by a team, one of the contacts must be by a female.
4. When only 1 male, player is on the front row, 1 back row male player may come to the front to block, but not to spike. That back row male player cannot attack the ball above the plane of the net.
5. Different from USVBA rules at the centerline a player's foot may step on the line but can never contact the opponent's court surface.
6. The server cannot step one the service line while serving. The server has 5 seconds to serve.
7. A player cannot reach over the net to attack a ball but can reach over to block a ball
8. Any ball in play in play that hits the antenna is out.
9. A team cannot yell while the other team is playing the ball
10. Only captains have the authority to talk to the officials.
11. Substitutions: Players may enter at the middle back position while the ball is dead. The captain needs to yell" substitution" to the official.
12. Teams will be allowed one-30 second time out per game.
13. Serve anywhere behind the back line
14. Any first ball over the net can be hand passed.
15. You can play the ball with any part of your body.
16. Any overhead obstruction (ceiling, lights, and basket fixtures) on your side of the court is in play.
17. USVA rules will govern other situations not mentioned.

## **PLAYOFFS**

1. If there are 2 pools, the top 2 teams will enter a single elimination playoff.
2. If there is tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place, looking at the games between the tied teams will break the tie, more games won or, if that's tied, a head to head point spread shall determine it. If that's tied, a total point will determine it. Example of Spread: 1 vs. 4 Score:25 points – 13 points – Team #1 has a +12 and Team #4 has a -12.
3. If there is a 2 way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup>, one 15 – point game winning by 2 points will break the tie. If there is a 3-way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup>, the team with the best record between the 3 teams' games will receive a bye. The other 2 teams will play one of 15- point rally game winning by 2 points. The winner of the game will play the team that received the bye in one 15-point rally game winning by 2 points. The winning team will go into the playoffs
4. In the playoffs, 1<sup>st</sup> place from one pool will play 2<sup>nd</sup> place from the other pool and vice-versa. Matches will consist of 2 out of 3 rally games to 25 points winning by 2 points with the 3<sup>rd</sup> game going to 15 point rally scoring.