



## JOE DUMARS' FIELDHOUSE

### OUTDOOR SAND VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE RULES

**In all cases during play, the Fieldhouse League rules override the High School & U.S.V.B.A. rules.**

#### 1. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

Any team using an ineligible player in any authorized league game, upon protest of the individual's eligibility by an opposing team or Fieldhouse staff member shall forfeit the game in which the individual has participated. Specific eligibility rules are listed below:

- A. All players must be eighteen (18) to be eligible to participate in Adult Leagues.
- B. Women may participate in men's leagues in Adult Leagues only.
- C. No player is allowed to participate on more than one team in his/her respective division.
- D. No player may participate until his/her Player Contract/Liability Waiver Form and appropriate individual player fee are submitted to the Fieldhouse.
- E. Each player must have their league fee paid in full before the third game of the season (not to be confused with the third week of the season) or the team will begin to forfeit their games until the balance is paid off.

#### 2. **PROTEST OF ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURE:**

A protest will be accepted on the basis of eligibility. Any team captain/coach may lodge a protest of eligibility under the provisions listed below:

- A. Any protest of eligibility must be made during a game of the match.
- B. In the case of an eligibility protest, rosters will be on site.
- C. Player(s) in question must present a pictured ID to verify their eligibility.
- D. Fieldhouse staff will make the final decisions regarding protests.
- E. If a protest of eligibility is upheld, the violating team will forfeit all games of a match in which the ineligible player(s) participated. (Please see policies & procedures for rule violations)
- F. All Fieldhouse rulings are final. Protests of eligibility not covered in this rule shall be handled by the Fieldhouse Program Director in the spirit of these rules.

#### 3. **FINAL DEADLINES FOR ADDING A PLAYER:**

- A. No players may be added after the Player Add date, which is before the start of the third game, not to be confused with the third week of the season. All team rosters are considered final upon conclusion of your third game of the season, not to be confused with the third week of the season.
- B. Each team roster may have a maximum of 2 substitute players.

4. **COURT ENTRANCE TIME:**

Please do not enter the court area prior to five (5) minutes to your scheduled game time.

5. **WARM-UP TIME:**

Teams may warm up on or around their “scheduled court” only if the prior match is completed. Please note all teams may have extra warm-up time only if the prior teams are done playing and additional time is left before the official start time of the match. Warm-up may also take place on non-game courts or in their surrounding area. If games fall behind, teams are not guaranteed warm-up time due to time limits of 1 hour for 3 games.

6. **MATCH FORFEIT TIME:**

Once the official declares game time a team can have a 5-minute grace period in order to wait for remaining teammates. If, after the 5-minute grace period you do not have enough players to start your first game is forfeited. You will be given additional time of 15 minutes after game time for your players to arrive for the second and third games. If, after the 15-minute grace period, you still do not have enough players to play, your team forfeits all 3 games. You may then use the court to play until 10 minutes prior to the start of the next game scheduled on your court.

7. **TEAM LINE-UP:**

For sand 6x6 a team must consist of a minimum of 4 players (2 male and 2 female or 1 male and 3 female) to start a game. In the situation where only 5 players are present there may be 3 males and 2 females to start a game. Under no other circumstance may there be more males than females on the court. The starting lineup must alternate male/female except in the case mentioned above or if more females than males are present. In this situation, only two females or two males may lineup next to one another. For sand 4x4 a team must consist of a minimum of 3 players.

8. **TEAM SPOKESPERSON:**

Only the playing floor captain may address the official and players may only address the official through the captain. Coaches (non-playing) shall remain behind the sidelines and may only address the official concerning time-outs and substitutions. Unsportsmanlike conduct brings penalties of warning, loss of service or points awarded and/or disqualifications.

9. **TIME-OUTS:**

Requests for time-outs must be made by the playing floor captain only. One, thirty (30) second time-out per match, per team, will be allowed.

10. **SUBSTITUTIONS:**

There are unlimited substitutions for same sex players. They can only occur on a dead ball at the request of the captain. Late entry substitutions may occur at any dead ball, but must be requested by the captain and acknowledged by the referee. Placement shall occur as not to change the starting lineup. You may sub by position or by player: Captain shall instruct the official where a position change will occur at each dead ball. The receiving team at the start of the game rotates into the serve.

11. **PRE-GAME:**

Captains will represent their team in the coin toss and the winner of the coin toss chooses either: (1) to select to serve or receive service of the first ball or (2) the side of the court on which to start the game. The loser takes the remaining choice.

12. **DURATION OF MATCHES:**

In all leagues, three games will constitute a match. All three games will count in the standings. There is a one-hour time limit for each match. 3 games to 25 points, rally scoring used in all three games, (cap at 27). For championship games **only** there will be no cap, but the winning team must win by 2 points.

13. **POST-GAME**

Captains shall verify and sign the score sheet. Teams may play open ball until 10 minutes prior to the start of the next game.

14. **TIES/PLAYOFFS:**

If a tie exists, within a division, prior to a “position round”, or ties to determine playoff positions, the following criteria will be used:

- A. Head-to-Head competition between the tied team(s).
- B. Total points scored by each of the tied teams in matches among tied teams.

In order to be eligible to play in any playoff games the following conditions must be met:

- A. Each player must be listed on the official team roster.
- B. Substitutes may play only if they have played at least four regular season games or 4 out of 10 teams.
- C. No team may have outstanding player contracts and/or team fees.

15. **AWARDS:**

T-shirts or trophies and an in-house team plaque will be awarded to the winner of the playoffs.

16. **FORFEITURE POLICY:**

Any team that forfeits two matches (with the exception of forfeits resulting from an illegal substitution, or failure to have a sufficient number of players present due to an ejection) in a given season will forfeit their remaining matches on the schedule unless the following condition is met:

- A. If a team wished to continue playing after their second forfeit, they must pay a league re-entry fee of **\$50.00** to the Fieldhouse within seven days of their second forfeit. As a courtesy measure a phone call will be given to acknowledge a team’s second forfeit. The Program Director may also waive the re-entry fee at her discretion if deemed appropriate.

17. **BALL CONTACT:**

The attempt of an over hand pass on a serve is legal, only if the contact is clean. Finger action is not an automatic illegal hit. Blocking and/or attacking the serve is illegal. Contacting the ball so that a player’s momentum carries into another court shall immediately be whistled dead, and a point and side out awarded accordingly. The ball cannot roll or come to rest on any part of a player’s body. It can rebound in any direction. The ball must be contacted cleanly and not held, lifted, pushed, caught, carried or thrown. An exception shall be allowed during the defensive play of hard-driven ball (an attack-hit or blocked ball traveling at a high rate of speed), as judged by the referee. In that case, the ball may be momentarily lifted or pushed.

18. **VOLLEYBALLS:**

Teams may provide their own volleyball(s) for warm-ups and practice. The Fieldhouse will also provide volleyballs for practice and games.

19. **NET PLAY:**

Let serve will be in effect. A player may reach or penetrate into the opponent's court over the net, provided there is no contact and it does not interfere with the opponent's play (set interference). It is a fault to touch any part of the net, except for incidental contact by a player's hair and insignificant contact by a player not involved in the action of playing the ball.

20. **PLAYERS' POSITIONS:**

(1) The moment the ball is contacted by the server, each team must be within its own court (except the server). (2) For 4's: players are free to position themselves anywhere within their court. There are no positional faults. (3) For 6's: at the time the ball is contacted for service, the placement of players must conform to the service order. In the front or back-row, the center player may not be as near the right sideline as the right player nor as near the left sideline as the left player. (4) The server is exempt from these restrictions. (5) After the ball is contacted for service, players may move from their respective positions.

21. **INTERFERENCE-PLANE VIOLATION:**

Penetration into the opponent's court, beyond the centerline is permitted only in the event it does not obstruct the opponent's play and there is no contact with the net.

22. **UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR:**

Any unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated. As a reminder:

- A. Arguing with an official in an unsportsmanlike manner is prohibited. A player will be warned of the first offense and a point will be awarded to the opposing team. On the second offense the player will be ejected from the contest and must leave the building and an additional point will be awarded to the opposing team.
- B. No taunting will be allowed. Taunting includes any actions or comments by players or spectators, which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule or demean others. A player will be warned of the first offense and a point will be awarded to the opposing team. On the second offense, the player will be ejected from the contest and must leave the building and an additional point will be awarded to the opposing team.

23. **EJECTIONS & SUSPENSIONS:**

A players' second ejection of the season will result in an automatic two game suspension, the third ejection will result in a three game suspension, etc. This suspension will also carry over into the next season if there are not enough games in the current season to complete the full suspension. **Zero Tolerance** – No Fighting – a player will receive an automatic league suspension without refund. All protests or appeals of suspensions must be given to the League Directors in writing. Final decisions regarding suspensions and ejections are up to the League Directors. If a player receives a season or indefinite suspension, Joe Dumars Fieldhouse reserves the right, to suspend that player for any/all leagues that player is participating in for that season. No refunds will be issued to teams/players suspended.

24. **PROTEST ON OFFICIAL INTERPRETATIONS:**

There will be no protests on an officials' judgments/decisions.

25. **TEAM REQUESTS:**

Any team requests must be turned in with your team registration form before the season schedule is made. Any requests turned in after the schedules are completed are not guaranteed. Team requests do not apply to playoffs due to team placement in the playoff bracket upon completion of the season.

26. **TEAM PAYMENTS:**

Each 6x6 team must carry a 7 person roster @ \$69.00 per player. Your team may consist of 5 or 6 players, but your team is responsible for the remaining payments. Each 4x4 team must carry a 4 person roster @ \$74.00 per player. Late fees and team forfeitures will result, in the event league fees are not paid in full before the third game of the season, not to be confused with the third week of the season.