



**Volleyball
League
Rules &
Regulations**

JOHN MAX BEACH VOLLEYBALL SUMMER LEAGUE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND FORMAT

Summary of League Rules & Format

Summer League Start Date: May 3rd, 2019

Summer League End Date: August 29th, 2019

Staggered Start Time: Monday – Friday: 6:30 pm x 2, 6:45pm, or 7:00pm.

Sunday: 3:00pm x 2, 3:15pm, or 3:30pm.

Players are encouraged to arrive 30 min before game time

**Depending on weather and cancellation days, we will extend league play if necessary.*

Mixed 6s Pool Set-up and Schedule

- Max 16 teams, 4 teams per court, and 6 played games a night.
- The first 4 weeks of the season will be round robin play format, to ensure every team has a chance to play each other. After this 4 week period the coordinators will reassess and may place teams into tiers with 8 teams in each tier.
- After each week scores will be uploaded and teams will be ranked by points as follows;
 - 3 points for wins
 - 2 points for tie (or unfinished game)
 - 1 point for loss
 - 0 points for DQ/Forfeit
- Once regular season play has completed, teams will have their final rankings for playoff week. If there is a tie in points, the final decision will go to the winner of the head to head battles of the tied teams.
- You will be able to check schedules, scores, rankings, and playoff format on www.johnmax.ca

Play Format

COURT
1 VS 2 3
3 VS 4 2
1 VS 3 4
2 VS 4 1
1 VS 4 2
2 VS 3 1
1 VS 2 4
3 VS 4 1
1 VS 3 2
2 VS 4 1
1 VS 4 3
2 VS 3 4

* Each team will play 6 games a night, and is responsible to referee 3 appointed games.

Waivers

- All players must sign a waiver before they step on to the court.
- A player must play a minimum of 4 weeks to be eligible for playoffs.

RULES

Game Play:

- Games will start from **0-0** and will go to **21** with a CAP of 25. (must win by 2)
- If a team is not on the court 5 min after game start will result in a forfeit.
- All players during league nights must be **19 years of age or older**
- Teams must have a 3 guys (max) and 3 girls (1 girl min) on the court. If a team has only 4 players (minimum amount of players allowed, 3 players will be considered as a forfeit) on the court they must play with a hole or 2 holes if playing with 4 people (meaning each time the person who is missing is to serve, an automatic point is awarded to the other team).
 - **It is up to the discretion of the opposing team to either follow this rule or dismiss it. The decision must be made prior to the start of the game and will be final.**
- If a team does not have the minimum number of players to play (4) they can ask another member from another team to substitute to avoid a potential forfeit (excluding playoffs).
- Teams can also set up as they see fit, does not have to be guy-girl format but rotation need to be in order.
- Any substitutions will take place after the player has served and the next rotation takes place with the player entering in to the 6 position. *exceptions will be made for injuries/emergencies.

Refereeing and Score Keeping:

- The teams who are currently playing are responsible to SELF-REF. They are to be honest and respectful. If a decision cannot be reached on a specific play it will result in replaying the point/reserve.
- Each team is also responsible to score keep their appointed games which are posted on the weekly game schedules. If a team is to miss a game they were scheduled to score, they will be deducted 5 points from their rankings. Repeat offenders (missed 3 times) will have a 1 week suspension.

Play Action:

- Maximum 3 contacts of the ball on your side of the court with the 3rd contact being directed over the net.
- There will be no TOUCHING OF THE NET. If a player intentionally or unintentionally comes into contact with the net a point will be awarded to the other team.
- Intentionally KICKING the beach ball is not allowed. If the ball is to strike a player's leg and or foot and there is no direct kicking or kneeing motion the ball is still in play.
- Lifting, scooping, holding, catching or anything of this sort is not permitted.
- Open hand tips are allowed.
- No blocking or spiking serves. Volleying serves are allowed.
- If the ball is to make contact with the net antenna or go outside of the antenna the ball is considered out.
- If the ball lands inside or touches any part of the boundary lines it is considered **IN**. Players are responsible for making sure all boundary lines are straight, visible and secure during play.
- If the ball is to make contact with the net within the two antenna it is still in play.
- A ball that touches off a block is not considered 1st contact. Players must be honest about making contact with the ball as well.
- If another ball or player from another court enters your court during play, play will stop and a reserve will be issued.
- If a ball is going out on the opposing team's side after the first contact a player from the attacking team can play the ball as long as they stay outside of the opposing team's court. The ball can be played back over or outside of the net but the third hit must be directed to the opposing team.
- Players may reach over the top of the net only on the follow through for a spike or block. A player may never touch the ball to intercept a pass when it is entirely in the opponent's court.
- As there is no line under the net it is permitted to step into the opponent's side of the court as long as there is no contact with another player or any disruption of play. If either occurs the opposing team will receive the point.

Serving:

- Players can serve the beach ball either over hand or under hand but must be standing behind the back service line and between the two side boundary lines.
- Only one toss is allowed per serve. *exceptions will be made for extremely windy days.
- If a player either steps on or over the service line it will result in a fault serve and generate a point for the opposing team.
- Screening is not allowed. If a player is to ask you to move as they cannot see the server, you are to oblige.

Weather:

- Play stoppage due to weather and returning play will be determined by the league coordinator or league representative.
- Such things as lightning, hail, severe winds, extreme heat and anything to this severity will automatically result in stoppage of play.
- There will be no makeup games scheduled for league play up to 3 nights. If there are more than 3 cancelled weeks the coordinators will make arrangements with team captains for a makeup day.

Playoff Format:

- There will be 15 weeks of regular season play.
- The 16th week will be a seeding tournament. Teams 1-4 will play for position, 5-12 will play for position and teams 13-16 will play for position.
- The 17th week will be a tournament style playoff and final. You will play a minimum of 2 games this night.
- All games will be played as a best of 3 match score cap of 25 (except the championship games which will have no score cap). The first 2 games will be played to 21. If a third game is required it will be played to 15.
- Individuals may only play on one team during playoffs.

Footwear/Jewellery:

- No shoes of any kind are allowed to be worn during play.
- If it is cold or extremely hot then socks or specialized beach volleyball socks are acceptable.
- It is not acceptable to wear anything that could harm yourself or another player (i.e. rings, necklaces, etc).
- Sunglasses are permitted at your own risk.

Cursing, Violence, and Harassment:

- Any acts of violence whether verbal threats or physical harm will be met with ZERO TOLERANCE and the individual(s) will be ejected from the league indefinitely.
- Any form of Harassment whether verbal or physical will also be met with ZERO TOLERANCE and the individual(s) will be ejected from the league indefinitely.
- All accusations will be investigated and address by either the league coordinator or league representative.
- Cursing will be dealt with as the league sees fit. Serious cursing towards other players will not be tolerated.
- As we are all adults you are responsible to hold yourself accountable for your actions.

Drinking/Smoking:

- **Under AGCO laws the courts are not licensed and therefore any alcoholic beverages are not permitted past the picnic tables onto the courts.**
- As of January 1, 2015 the AGCO no longer allows smoking/vaping on any licenced patio therefore you must go to the designated smoking area. There will be no smoking/vaping permitted on the courts as well.
- If a player is deemed to be intoxicated by either the staff, league coordinator or league representative they will not be allowed to play. This is to ensure not only their safety but the safety of others as well.
- No member will be permitted to drive if the establishment deems them unfit. We will make other arrangements to get you home.
- Please drink responsibly.