

# 2024 VOLLEYBALL RULES

## GENERAL SKYLINE RULES

- No dogs allowed at the facility.
- For safety reasons, kids are not allowed on the courts or in the sand at any time. Games will be paused until kids are back on the decks.
- Since the weather can change so quickly, all cancellations or delays are determined on game day at **5:00pm**. If you don't hear from us at 5pm, games will be played as originally scheduled. For outdoor leagues, we will play in the rain but will delay, then cancel for lightning.

## SUMMER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE BREAKDOWN

Volleyball Courts: A-I

Game times: 6:00pm, 6:50pm, 7:40pm, 8:30pm, and 9:20pm

Based on registration totals, the different skill levels are broken into divisions ranging from 8–16 teams. New registration requirements will help place teams into respective divisions.

- Monday | Advanced, Intermediate Lower, Rec, College Rec, College Intermediate
- Tuesday | Intermediate Upper, Intermediate Lower, Rec, College Rec, Women's Intermediate, Women's Rec
- Wednesday | Intermediate Upper, Intermediate Lower, Rec
- Thursday | Intermediate Upper, Intermediate Lower, Rec
- Sunday | High School

## TEAM COMPOSITION

Rec Volleyball

- 6 players maximum or 4 players minimum are allowed to be on the court per team.
- Allowed 1 extra male per side (3 males and 2 females would be allowed).
- Never more than 3 males on the court at once
- If your team has more than 6 players you may rotate/substitute extras in, but only for the same gender and players must enter at the serving position.

Intermediate Lower Volleyball

- 6 players maximum or 3 players minimum are allowed to be on the court per team.
- Allowed 2 extra males per side (3 males and 1 female would be allowed).
- Never more than 3 males on the court at once
- If your team has more than 6 players you may rotate/substitute extras in, but only for the same gender and players must enter at the serving position.

Intermediate Upper Volleyball

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## Advanced Volleyball

- 3 or 4 players are allowed to be on the court per team.
- Teams can be coed or same-sex.

## ROSTERS

Rosters need to be set before playoffs. If you need help adding players to your roster, please view our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

- Players can be rostered on one team per night, per level.
- During playoffs, if any player on the court is playing during playoffs that is not on the roster, it needs to be okayed by the other team BEFORE starting. Once okayed by other team, there is no “roster checking” due to a loss.

## SUBSTITUTES

Substitute players are allowed. Teams are responsible for finding substitute players. If you have a long-term substitute player, please add them to your roster. If you are having trouble finding a substitute, our [Skyline Outdoor Leagues Facebook Group](#) is a great resource.

## REF FEES

There is a \$7 ref fee (cash only) each night per team. Ref fees are paid to the ref on your court before the match starts for the night. A ref will not start the match until both team's ref fees are collected. *This does not apply to the Advanced Volleyball League.*

## FORFEITS

Forfeits happen and we understand that you might not be able to make it every night. If you do need to forfeit, please contact us in advance, so we can contact your opponent.

- The forfeiting team will be responsible for both their own and their opponents' ref fees for the week that they are absent. The forfeiting team will owe a forfeit fee of **\$14** the following week as a result. Teams will not be able to play in their next games until forfeit fees are collected.
- If a team misses the first two weeks of the season, they will be removed from the league and replaced with a waitlist team.
- If a team forfeits a total of 3 games in a season, they will be removed from the league.

If your team is late, or you do not have enough players, after 10 minutes past the game start time, the 1st game is forfeited, after 15 minutes, all 3 games are forfeited.



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## STARTING PLAY

Captains will participate in a number flip for side, serve or receive.

## TIMEOUTS

One 30-second timeout is allowed per night.

## SCORING | REGULAR SEASON

Rec, Intermediate Lower, Intermediate Upper Volleyball

- Rally Scoring: 3 games to 21. Win by 2 points no cap.
  - 1 point will be awarded for each game won.
  - Bye/Forfeit: 3 points will be awarded to the non-forfeiting team.

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## PLAYING THE BALL

Rec Volleyball

- Maximum of 3 contacts per side.
  - If your team uses all 3 contacts, one of them must be by a female.
- All serves must be **underhand**.

Intermediate Lower Volleyball

- Maximum of 3 contacts per side.
  - If there are only 2 contacts, two males CANNOT send the ball over the net.
- Serves may be underhand or overhand.

Intermediate Upper Volleyball

- Maximum of 3 contacts per side.
  - If there are only 2 contacts, two males CANNOT send the ball over the net.
- Serves may be underhand or overhand.
- If teams have 4 players, the server is a back-row player, however this player can come to the net to block. They cannot attack.

Advanced

- No setting the serve.
- No open hand tipping.
- No setting the ball over.
- There are no rotational rules for this league, but you must keep the same serving order.
- When setting the ball (overhand) the ball can have no more the ½ rotation of spin.



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- Anything more than ½ rotation will be considered a double contact.
- No double contacting the ball allowed unless the ball is considered a “hard-driven” ball.
- You cannot set a “free ball.”
- A block touch does not count as a “contact.”

## ROTATION RULES

Standard rotation rules apply. You must rotate when you get to the point to serve. If you start in serve receive you must rotate when you get the ball to serve. Rotations need to be equal ratio. If there is a surplus of one gender over the other, the lesser gender needs to be opposite. There can be a max of two guys at the net on one rotation. *This does not apply to the Advanced Volleyball League.*

## BALL PURSUIT

Ball pursuit is not legal into an adjacent court (even if it is empty). A ball is considered "Out" when it hits the net pole or any portion of the net outside of the antenna.

## BALLS IN COURT

Play is to be whistled as dead if a ball enters from an adjacent court. The point will be replayed.

## PLAYOFFS

After all the regular-season games are played, scores are tallied, playoffs are determined based on standings, and schedules are updated with the playoff games. Tiebreakers for teams with similar records will be the winner of a head-to-head match. A standard double elimination playoff bracket is followed for each level and division. Multiple matches can be played in one night. Playoff scoring is slightly different.

- Best 2 out of 3 with the first two games played to 21, cap at 21.
- If a third game is needed, it will be played to 15. Win by 2, no cap.
  - For Intermediate Upper and Advanced, teams are to switch sides at half (8).

## OPEN COURTS

If there are open courts on weeknights, court make be used, but play must be **controlled** and kept within the court. If an error into a league play game happens, the open court play needs to end. Open courts may be in use until 10 minutes before the next scheduled game.

## QUESTIONS

For league questions and more details, please contact our league team:

- Email: [leagues@skylinesocialandgames.com](mailto:leagues@skylinesocialandgames.com)
- Phone: 218-520-0539

