

OASIS **BEACH VOLLEYBALL CLUB**

OFFICIAL OASIS RULE BOOK

A MESSAGE TO THE PLAYERS

Welcome to The Sports Village and The Oasis Beach Volleyball Club!

The Oasis Beach Volleyball Club is a co-ed adult recreational beach volleyball league. It has been designed to emphasize sportsmanship, mutual respect, fair play, and parity for all players. Every effort has been made to ensure that the Oasis league is fun. We encourage Team Representatives to work with our staff to ensure these objectives are met. In this way, we can be responsive to the needs of all of the players in providing a satisfying recreational experience while improving the quality of play. This pocket edition Rule Book is another step in meeting our objectives. Our Rules are the same as the F.I.V.B., as endorsed by them. In a few instances, these rules have been modified to suit the needs of the Oasis Beach Volleyball League and it is for this reason that we are publishing our Rules for all participants. At the end of the season, we evaluate our Rules, and your feedback is welcome. Any modifications to the Rules will be published in subsequent editions of this Rule Book.

Have a great season and thank you again for your participation in The Oasis Beach Volleyball Club.

Yours sincerely,



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Section 1 - The Courts

1.1 Alcohol

Anyone under the age of 19 is prohibited from drinking alcohol anywhere on The Sports Village property. This rule applies to the common & public areas, parking lot and grounds of the facility. Any displays of drunkenness, on or off the court, will result in suspension from the league and forfeiture of any deposits or payments made. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the courts; but are permitted within the fenced in areas surrounding the courts. Any team caught with alcohol in unlicensed areas of the facility may be suspended and could forfeit payments made for the league season. There are designated licensed patio areas where those wishing to consume alcohol are permitted. All Food & Beverages must be purchased from The Sports Village – outside Food & Beverages are forbidden.

1.2 Smoking

There is a no smoking policy at The Sports Village. This includes the dressing rooms, the restaurant and common areas. Smoking is allowed outside of the building; however due to safety reasons and for the consideration of other participants, there is no smoking allowed on the courts and surrounding fenced in areas.

1.3 Weather

The Sports Village will not cancel any beach volleyball games due to weather conditions prior to any game time. In the event of severe inclement weather The Oasis Beach

Volleyball Coordinator has the authority to immediately stop play and have all players off the courts until he/she feels it to be safe to resume play. If the weather remains severe, team captains are responsible for recording the score and bringing it to The Oasis Beach Volleyball Coordinator. The Oasis will attempt to reschedule any games that are cancelled due to inclement weather, but do not make any guarantees.

1.4 Volley Ball Co-ordinator

The Oasis Beach Volleyball Coordinators are responsible for over seeing games and providing information and mediation. The coordinator has the authority to ask an individual or team to leave the game or facility if they feel there is any form of inappropriate behaviour. Any abuse, verbal or otherwise, of the beach volleyball coordinators and/or facility employees, and/or other participants, can result in the immediate removal of the individual or the team and from the league without refund.

Section 2 – Teams

2.1 Rosters

2.1.1 Roster Sheets

A complete team roster (names printed and signed, full addresses, residence and business phone numbers & e-mail addresses) must be supplied by the first game of the session and all teams are required to register every player by signing the team roster. There will be absolutely no additions to any team rosters unless initiated and authorized by the league administration for extenuating circumstances. Teams must ensure that only registered players play in any game throughout the season; if a team disregards this rule by using an unregistered player, their game can be automatically defaulted and a possible six (6) game suspension can be levied to the team representative. Failure to provide the team roster by the first game could result in a score/default penalty at the beginning of each game that the roster is missing.

2.1.2 Age of Roster

All players must be at least **19 years of age** to play in leagues; otherwise a signed parental consent is required.

2.1.3 Playoff Eligibility

Only players listed on the roster may take part in playoff competition. Any team using an ineligible player during the playoff season will forfeit that game and could be disqualified from further playoff participation. Rosters will freeze at the half way point of the session.

2.2 Captains

Each team shall appoint a team rep for purposes of communication with league officials. All inquiries are to be reported through the team representative. It is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that all team players are made familiar with the rules of the Sports Village and the Oasis League.

2.3 Divisions

Every effort will be made to ensure proper placement of all teams throughout the season to promote parity.

2.4 Payment Schedule

There is an automatic \$20.00 surcharge on all NSF cheques. All team representatives will ensure that their team is paid in full prior to the start of the first game. Individual registrants will ensure that they are paid in full prior to the start of the first game. Payments can be made either at the League Gazebo located next to the courts; or, at Guest Services located at the front of The Sports Village. Failure to comply with the payment schedule will result in expulsion from league play and forfeiture of any payments made. **The Financial Policy will be strictly enforced.**

2.5 Registration Cancellations

All cancellations will be delivered or emailed to the Outdoor Sportspark Manager at beachvolleyball@sportsvillage.ca. Cancellation requests must be submitted by team captains.

Situation 1 Rule 2.5

If a team or individual cancels prior to the registration deadline a full refund will be provided with the exception of an administrative fee of \$50 for a team or \$10 for an individual.

Situation 2 Rule 2.5

If a team or individual cancels their registration after the start of the event no refund or credit will be provided.

2.6 Schedule

The Oasis Volleyball Management Team will not re-arrange or re-schedule any games missed by a team because of other commitments. An attempt will be made to reschedule a missed game due to severe weather at the time of play. All session playoff matches will occur on the first available weekend following that session.

Section 3 - Equipment

3.1 Foot wear

Beach Volley Ball is a bare foot sport. No shoes of any kind are allowed during play. Socks may be worn.

3.2 Superfluous Equipment

It is forbidden to wear any object that may cause an injury to a player, such as: pins, bracelets, casts, etc. Players may wear glasses at their own risk.

3.3 Uniforms

Players may wear what ever they deem appropriate. Team t-shirts are available through the Oasis League.

3.4 The Ball

Only league approved outdoor beach volley balls may be used in league play. If a team uses their own ball it must be approved by the league co-ordinator. Balls will be provided at the Gazebo on a valuable exchange basis.

Section 4 – Competitive Levels

4.1 Competitive & Intermediate 4's

- Each team must have at least one female on the court at all times.
- An opposing team may waive the minimum player requirement (in regard to males only) and have a match count as an official set. The determination must be made at the beginning of the set.
- Each team will play 3 sets against three different teams a night.
- Each set consists of two matches (up till a score of 21 points or until allotted time ends).
- Matches go to a 21 point rally game (In cases of a 20 point tie, win by 2 or the first team to reach 25 points win the match).
- Teams will receive points as follows:
 - o Win = 2 Point (wins both matches)
 - o Tie = 1 Point (each wins a match)
 - o Loss = 0 Points (loses both matches)
- Team Captain must report the score at the end of each game.
- The server may serve from anywhere along the end line. You cannot serve by kicking the ball over the net.
- A served ball may touch the net.
- A served ball may not be blocked or spiked.
- Volleying the ball on the serve is acceptable
- A served ball may be returned on the first return as long as the return is not a block or spike.
- After a block, a team is entitled to three touches to return the ball.

- The ball may contact any part of the body to be considered a touch.
- It is a fault when a player - in any part of the action or play of the ball, touches the net.
- If the ball touches the net antennas the ball is considered dead and point goes to opposing team.
- Lifting/Scooping the ball is not permitted.
- If any part of the ball touches the end or sideline, the ball is in.
- Open hand tips are not permitted at the 'Comp/Int 4' level in The Oasis League.
- Volleying across the court is allowed in The Oasis League.
- Hitters are permitted to spike from the back court; however it must occur from behind the attack line.
- Disputed points will result in a re-serve.
- During a game all players on a team must rotate – in order – to ensure everyone on the team has a chance to serve.

4.2 Competitive & Intermediate 6's

- Each team must have at least one female on the court at all times.
- An opposing team may waive the minimum player requirement (in regard to males only) and have a match count as an official set. The determination must be made at the beginning of the set.
- Each team will play 3 sets against three different teams a night.
- Each set consists of two matches (up till a score of 21 points or until allotted time ends).

- Matches go to a 21 point rally game (In cases of a 20 point tie, win by 2 or the first team to reach 25 points wins the match).
- Teams will receive points as follows:
 - o Win = 2 Point (wins both matches)
 - o Tie = 1 Point (each wins a match)
 - o Loss = 0 Points (loses both matches)
- Team Captain must report the score at the end of each game.
- The server may serve from anywhere along the end line. You cannot serve by kicking the ball over the net.
- A served ball may touch the net.
- A served ball may not be blocked or spiked.
- Volleying the ball on the serve is acceptable
- A served ball may be returned on the first return as long as the return is not a block or spike.
- After a block, a team is entitled to three touches to return the ball.
- The ball may contact any part of the body to be considered a touch.
- It is a fault when a player - in any part of the action or play of the ball, touches the net.
- If the ball touches the net antennas the ball is considered dead and point goes to opposing team.
- Lifting/Scooping the ball is not permitted.
- If any part of the ball touches the end or sideline, the ball is in.
- Open hand tips are permitted in The Oasis League 6's.
- Volleying across the court is allowed in The Oasis League.
- Hitters are permitted to spike from the back court; however it must occur from behind the attack line.
- Disputed points will result in a re-serve.

- During a game all players on a team must rotate – in order – to ensure everyone on the team has a chance to serve.

4.3 Recreational 6's

- Each team must have at least one female on the court at all times.
- An opposing team may waive the minimum player requirement (in regard to males only) and have a match count as an official set. The determination must be made at the beginning of the set
- Each team will play 3 Sets against three different teams a night.
- Each set consists of two matches (up till a score of 21 points or until allotted time ends).
- Matches go to a 21 point rally game (In cases of a 21 point tie, win by 2 or the first team to reach 25 points win the match).
- Teams will receive points as follows:
 - o Win = 2 Point (wins both matches)
 - o Tie = 1 Point (each wins a match)
 - o Loss = 0 Points (loses both matches)
- Team Captain must report the FULL score at the end of each game (The plus/minus of each game will be used in case of tie to determine play off positioning).
- The server may serve from anywhere along the end line. You cannot serve by kicking the ball over the net.
- ALL serves must be UNDERHAND ONLY.
- A served ball may touch the net.
- A served ball may not be blocked or spiked.
- Volleying the ball on the serve is acceptable
- After a block, a team is entitled to touches to return the ball.

- The ball may contact any part of the body to be considered a touch.
- It is a fault when a player in any part of the action or play of the ball touched the net.
- Lifting/Scooping the ball is not permitted.
- If any part of the ball touches the end or sideline, the ball is in.
- If the ball touches the net antennas the ball is considered dead and point goes to opposing team.
- Open hand tips are allowed in The Oasis League
- Players are able to volley free ball/third hit
- Hitters are NOT permitted to spike – They are allowed to hit having the ball ‘roll’ – giving it an up/down arc.
- Disputed points will result in a re-serve.
- During a game all players on a team must rotate – in order – to ensure everyone on the team has a chance to serve.

Section 5 - Game Flow

5.1 Set Times

All sets will be approximately twenty five (25) minutes in length. At the twenty five minute mark, an announcement will be made indicating 'last serve'. Teams will then have five (5) minutes to reorganize for the next set.

5.6 Standings

Standings will be recorded so that seedings can be established for post season play.

The following will be the format used to break ties during regular league play:

- a) Most wins.
- b) Most Ties.
- c) Least Losses.
- d) Most Points For (scores tallied from matches).
- e) Least Points Against (scores tallied from matches).
- f) Record against the tied teams (head to head play).

5.7 Playoff Standings

Standings will be recorded in the post season so as to determine which teams will move on through various rounds of elimination. The various playoff formats will be announced to teams two weeks before the playoffs.

5.7 Divisional Re-alignment

Teams may be asked to move from competitive to recreational leagues (or vice versa) if their level of play is not up to that respective league's standard.

5.8 Scoring

The scoreboard at the start of each game in a set will be set to zero.

5.9 Missing Players

Teams that do not have a complete team for any game may still play their game and have it count as long as the requisite rule of at least one female on the court is observed.