



2017 Youth Recreational Volleyball Rules

Objectives:

The objective of this league is to provide recreational volleyball for youth 1st grade to 6th grade. This league is designed to teach players the fundamentals of the game while providing a non-competitive, non-threatening environment focused on fun and learning.

Rules:

1. A game will consist of 2 matches each to 25 points, you must win by 2. A third match will be played to 15 points or to the 45-minute mark, if the 2 matches tied.
2. All games will be 6v6. If a team does not have 6 players, then coaches from both teams will decide whether to forfeit or play with a lesser amount.
3. The serving team will be decided by a game of rock paper scissors or a coin toss done by the official and team captains.
4. Time between matches is 1 minute.
5. There is a 5-point service rule. After 5 consecutive serves the ball will then change to the opposing team. This is designed to make sure all players get a chance to serve and play.
6. You must allow any player who has been rotated in the game to serve before they are rotated out.
7. All players must be awarded sufficient playing time. There can be no benching of players for missing practices or lack of skills.

Out of Bounds:

- The ceiling, walls, and basketball goals will be considered out of bounds for the purposes of this league.
- The ball must be entirely off the yellow/red line to be out of bounds. If the ball lands on any part of the yellow/red line, it is in bounds.

Serving:

After receiving feedback from many parents, the following rules will be put into effect on a trial basis for this league.

Coaches are encouraged to have players serve from as far back as possible. The purpose of the modified service line is to promote an opportunity for success for younger and less skilled players.

Each age division has a different service line, lines are as follows:

- 1st and 2nd grades may serve as far up as the attack line.
- 3rd and 4th grade may serve as far up as the red hash line.
- 5th and 6th grades must serve behind the legal service line, which is the back yellow line.
- Only one opportunity to complete a serve will be allowed.
- Net height for divisions through 3rd grade will be 6'6".
- Net height for divisions through 6th grade will be 7'.

Officials:

- The decision of the official regarding the game are final, the official may change any decision prior to the restart of the next play.
- Any official's issues need to be brought to the sports coordinator.

Coaches Conduct:

The Willard Parks and Recreation Department expects all coaches to exhibit a certain standard of conduct. Please remember this league is structured as a non-competitive league, and although the kids should want to win we do not encourage that to be the only purpose of the game. Please refrain from any foul language, arguing with the ref or engaging with other coaches or players in a non-respectful manner. Any parents, coaches or players who use foul language or become disruptive to the game will be asked to leave the facility.

