



## RULES & REGULATIONS WATER & DIRT BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



### GAME FORMAT

- For first serve, the two players will play **one** game of 'rock, paper, scissors'. The winning team will serve in the 1st, and 3rd set. While the loser will serve in the 2nd set.
- The ball used will be a Mikasa VLS300 Beach Champ, that will be provided by the Petawawa Civic Centre. Scoreboards will also be provided; we encourage your small children, substitutes, and/or your significant others/friends to keep score.
- The net height is set at approximately 2.25m for recreational and 2.35m for competitive.

### MATCH DURATION

- All games will be best of 3 sets (21-21-15)
- Round robin and semi-final crossovers will be **30 min timed, win by 2, with a cap at 23 and 17 points.**
- Finals will be **un-timed, win by 2, no cap**
- A horn will indicate the official end and start of matches. If a team has served before the horn is sounded, they may finish the point.
- 1min change over will occur between each set
- No time outs, unless for medical
- No warm-up time will allocated on court, the timer for the next game starts immediately after the prior game ends.

### TEAM COMPOSITION

- A full team consists of 4 players with a minimum of 1 female player on the court.
- Substitute players are allowed; however, they must be registered prior to the start of the event. Teams must be consistent in how they are using their subs. Teams can either sub into the rotation after the serve or choose to use subs for an entire set.



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### DEFAULTS

- If after 5 minutes teams do not meet the player requirements, they will forfeit the first set. After 10 mins, they will forfeit the entire match.
- Defaults are recorded as a forfeit and are allocated 0 competition points.

### Competition POINTS format

- Match points will be recorded in the round robin as:
  - ✓ WIN = 3 points
  - ✓ TIE = 2 points
  - ✓ LOSS = 1 point
  - ✓ FORFEIT = 0 points

\*Due to the games being timed, if a team reaches **11/21** points or **7/15** points before the end of time, it counts as a **set won**\*

- If two or more teams in a pool are equal on points at the end of the round robin, then the higher placed team will be decided when the first of the following criteria, applied in order, favours one team:
  1. Sets ratio (sets won / sets lost)
  2. Points ratio (points for / points against)
  3. Total match points accrued

### REPORTING SCORES

- Final scores must be written down on the scoresheets found on the clipboard on each court. Please ensure that scorecard is filled out correctly by checking with both teams.
- **Winners** must take the scorecard to the tournament director at the competition desk at the end of the match.



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*Except where explicitly stated below or verbally during the Technical Meeting prior to the tournament, the Rules of the Game of Volleyball (FIVB) will apply during the event. These Rules can be found at [www.fivb.org](http://www.fivb.org)*

### **GENERAL Tournament RULES**

- The server must hit the ball within 10 seconds of the opposing team being set and ready to receive.
- Only one toss or release of the ball is allowed.
- The server must not touch the court or end line before the ball is released.
- The ball is in play if it touches the net and continues to the opponent's side.
- To block (or attack at the net) an opponent's service is forbidden.
- A player may play the ball off any part of his/her body, including feet.
- The team is entitled to a maximum of three hits for returning the ball.
- Players may contact the ball with any part of the body, including areas below the waist.

### **Faults:**

1. Lift or carry: the ball is caught and/or thrown.
2. Double contact: a player hits the ball twice in succession or the ball contacts various parts of his/her body in succession.
3. **Open handed tip:** Players may not use an open hand to tip the ball. Players must use a [closed fist or knuckles](#) when tipping the ball. Open hand touches, tips and dinks are illegal.
4. A double hit off the serve or hard driven hit is allowed.
5. A blocker may touch the ball beyond the net, provided that he/she does not interfere with the opponents' play before or during the latter's attack hit.



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6. To touch the opponent's court with a foot is permitted, provided that some part of the penetrating foot remains either in contact with or directly above the centre line.
7. A block contact is not counted as a team hit- after a block contact; a team is entitled to three hits to return the ball.
8. Because there is no 3-metre line in beach volleyball, players may attack from anywhere on the court.

### **Officiating**

This tournament will be **self-refereed**.

Please exercise good sportsmanship. The person closest to the ball can call the ball, if they are not sure or did not see, please re-serve.

If there is an issue with disputed calls or confusion of the rules, please ask the tournament director to come to the court.

If possible, we will provide referees for the finals.

***\*The Tournament Director reserves the right to amend the rules as he/she sees fair and fit on the day of the tournament. Any rule changes will be discussed at the Technical Meeting.***