



City of Kent Parks, Recreation & Community Services 2019 Fall Adult Volleyball League Rules

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Team rosters are not to exceed 14 players and are due by the first scheduled match. Any additional players must be added to team rosters on or before **Friday, October 11th**
2. **Players may only be on one team roster in the league and cannot play on multiple teams within a league. For example, a player cannot play on an upper division team and also on a middle or lower division team.**
3. The team Manager/Captain is responsible to supply proof of team roster and player additions (e.g. roster, player add form or receipt) in the event of team/player eligibility questions. Upon request, the game official can check player's identification and check it against the roster. Playing with an unregistered/illegal player(s) will result in automatic forfeiture of entire match and possible expulsion from the league.
4. Players must play in a least one regular season match in order to be eligible for playing in the post-season tournament.
5. Players must be 18 years old **and** their graduating class has graduated from high school.

TEAM / PLAYER CONDUCT

1. If an individual receives two (2) **warnings** (yellow card) or an **ejection** (red card) during the course of the season, they must sit-out the rest of the current match as well as the next two (2) scheduled matches. Two (2) ejections during the course of the league will result in a total ban from the league and potential future seasons/leagues. **Any** warning or ejections may result in a total ban for the team and/or individual(s) from league play as determined by the League Director.
2. **Casual Profanity Rule: Casual profanity pertains to expletives and verbal unsportsmanlike language not necessarily directed at officials or opposing players, but are most likely a player uttering them out of frustration. This type of behavior is penalized by rewarding a point to the opposing team after the initial team warning.**
 - a. **The first offense following a warning will result in a point awarded to the opposing team.**
 - b. **The second offense by a team will result in a point rewarded to the opposing team and a team yellow card.**
 - c. **If a team receives two yellow cards for profanity they will forfeit the remainder of the game and be subject to further discipline by League Director.****A. All other verbal unsportsmanlike language directed at game officials or opposing players will warrant an ejection.**
3. Protest of match must be made by team captain and filed with your official. Protest must be made the same day of your scheduled match. It must be in writing and attached to the official scorecard. Review will be made by the League Director.
4. Any attempt to distract a player by yelling, stomping the feet, or distracting action will result in unsportsmanlike conduct and a point and service given to the opposing team.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. In the event of a poor weather day, (excessive rain/flooding, snow, ice, etc,) the decision to play will be made by Kent Parks with information on our website: www.KentWa.gov/sportsleagues/volleyball along with a Facebook post at www.facebook.com/KentSportsLeagues and the team captain will be contacted. In the event of a game cancellation due to weather, games may be rescheduled on a weekend or weeknight other than the regular game night.
2. A league match shall consist of four (4) games with a one (1) hour and twenty (20) minute time limit. Standings will be based on amount of games won and lost. Post-Season matches will consist of the best three (3) out of five (5) games with a one (1) hour and thirty (30) minute time limit.
3. In the event that a match utilizes the full amount of time, there will be a five (5) minute period before the following match begins. That match will still have the full allotted time limit and start and end time will be adjusted accordingly.
4. Service determined by coin toss. Winners have choice of side or service. For Post-Season matches, in the event of a fifth game, a coin toss will determine side and service. Teams do not change sides in the middle of the fifth game.
5. Team shall be composed of six (6) players but may play with a minimum of four (4). For the Open League there are no gender requirements for being on the court.
6. Any team not fielding a minimum of four (4) players at the official scheduled start time will automatically forfeit game one (1). Game two (2) will be declared a forfeit if a team is unable to field a minimum of four (4) players ten (10) minutes after the designated start time, game three (3) twenty (20) minutes after the designated start time and game four (4) thirty (30) minutes after the designated start time.

7. A team is allowed one (1) forfeiture without prior notification to Kent Parks. Any further forfeiture without proper notice may result in that team's exclusion from further participation in league play. A forfeit also trumps any regular season head to head matchup in tiebreaker scenario when seeding for playoffs. Team's league fee will not be refunded.

LEAGUE RULES

1. Rally Point scoring for all matches.
 - a) **All League Games:** Rally points to 25, win by 2, with a cap of 30 points.
 - b) **Tournament Games:** Games 1 – 4, rally points to 25, win by 2, with a cap of 30 points. Game 5, rally points to 15, no cap, win by 2.
 - c) The team leading by one or more points when time expires shall be declared the game winner. Exception: If the serving team is behind when time expires, they will be allowed to continue their serve until they have scored enough points to win or have lost their serve.
2. There is a maximum two (2) minute break between games.
3. In/Out of Play:
 - a) Volleyballs off the serve or during a rally that touch any portion of the basketball backboards or back supports will result in a replay. Exception: In the judgment of the official, a player deliberately hits the volleyball into one of these areas or it occurs on the third (3rd) hit, the result is a side out.
 - b) Any ball that comes into contact with the ceiling, light(s) or rafters is out of play and a side out.
4. One step into the court from behind the end line is allowed to complete the serve.
5. The server is allowed two tosses as long as the first toss hits the ground before being touched by the server.
6. No jump serves allowed. **One foot must be on floor at time of the serve when making contact with ball.**
7. No blocking or attacking serves. The serve has to go over unimpeded.
8. Any ball hitting the antenna is considered out-of-bounds.
9. Any touching of the net is considered a side-out. (New USVBA rules allow for some touching of the net, we will not adopt that rule at this time.)
10. Going under the net and over the line will be called a side-out. (New USVBA rules allow for some going under the net, we will not adopt that rule at this time.)
11. Game Play: Teams have the option of rotating or substituting players in to the game but must do the same the entire match.
 - a) **Rotation Option:** Teams may choose to rotate out of the left back and in to the left front or rotate out of the right front and in to the right back (server). Whichever rotation scheme a team chooses, they must continue with that choice for the entire match.
 - b) **Substitution Option:** Teams choosing to substitute players have the choice of playing with a Libero. Teams playing with a Libero must inform the official prior to each game of the person designated to that position.
12. Only the captain/assistant captain can talk to the game official as long as they are on the court and not on the sidelines. Teams must inform the game official of their captain/assistant captains prior to the match.
13. Official United States Volleyball Rules will govern match play unless otherwise stated in these rules.

KENT COMMONS INFORMATION

1. Teams with games ending after 9:45 p.m. must vacate the facility as soon as possible.
2. No Showers will be permitted after 9:45 p.m.
3. **NO CHILD CARE AVAILABLE:** Children under the age of 12 must be supervised by an adult while in the Kent Commons Facility.
4. For game schedules, standings, league rules, tournament bracket updates and league information go to: <https://www.kentwa.gov/residents/parks-recreation-and-community-services/sports-leagues/adult-sports/adult-volleyball-league>