

OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT
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VOLLEYBALL HOUSE RULES

FEES AND ROSTERS

- 1. League entrance fees: Resident Team \$260.00 Non-Resident Team \$302.00**

A resident team is defined as 50% of the players on your roster living within the Oak Forest Park District boundaries after the roster is final. No refunds will be given to teams that drop out one week prior to the league's start or thereafter. Captain is responsible for any payments throughout the season.

- 2.** If there is an insufficient number of returning teams needed to finalize the league, teams will be allowed to register on a first come, first serve basis; **and will be placed in the "B" Division.** The team in 8th place in "A" Div. for the league *will be* placed in the "B" Div. the following season. The team in 1st place in the "B" Div. for the league *will move* to "A" Div. the following season. If there are not enough teams to fill the "A" Division, due to teams not returning, the last place team from the "A" division will remain in that division.
- 3. The roster must contain** the name, address, phone number, & signature of each player and the address of the captain who can be reached by the Park District. **Rosters are to be handed in the first night. Only those on the roster** are eligible to play. **Rosters are finalized** after the **third night of games.** **If roster is late** all games will be forfeited until it is handed in. In the case that you need to use your injury replacement, a doctor's note must be provided, 24 hours prior to the game they are playing in, to remove the injured person from the roster and to add the new player.
- 4. Player and captain are responsible for VALID signatures and addresses on the roster. If a signature is forged,** the captain will be held directly responsible; the player and/or team can be given a loss with possible suspension from the League.
- 5. Each team may have a maximum of 13 players on the roster.** Use of a player not on the final roster will result in forfeiture of the game, providing the opposing team files a protest.
To protest a player, you must obtain a name of the individual in question, before the end of the game in which the player started before time expires. Approach the referee and let them know you believe an illegal player is playing. The referee will ask the team's captain to obtain a picture I.D. for the player in question. If the person does not have a picture ID with them, they will not be able to play and forfeit the current game. If an ID is given, the player in question may continue to play, knowing they have signed the roster or if they are not on the roster, the game will be forfeited.
- 6. Minimum age: 18 years of age.**
- 7. Only amateur players are eligible to play.**
- 8. A player may not play on more than one (1) team in the League.** Leagues are defined as Co-Ed Friday, and Women's.
- 9. No player may change teams during the season once rosters are final.**
- 10. If 50% of your team returns, it is considered a returning team.** In the case of a team splitting into two teams, the previously registered captain will have priority in team registration provided they have 50% or more of the returning players from the previous season's roster. The returning players must stay on the roster for the remainder of the season.

THE GAME

- 11. All game rules are according to NFHS.** However, NFHS rules are overridden by house rules.
- 12. Each match consists of 3 games,** each contributing to the standings.
- 13. Timed games: 15 minutes or 21 points, whichever comes first.** Team must win by 2, but cap of 23.
- 14. Each team is allowed two (2) thirty-second time-outs** per game, and may be used in overtime. **Timeouts will only be recognized when called by the captain.**
- 15. A team must have at least four players to begin a match.** If a team has fewer than four players a forfeit shall be declared. However, if a team has fewer than four eligible players due to **illness/injury after** the start of a **match,** it shall continue play. (see co-ed additional rules for over ruling)
- 16. FORFEIT TIME: Starting time for the first game.** The team then has 15 minutes to show up to avoid forfeiting game two. The team then has an additional 10 minutes to show up to avoid forfeiting game three

(total wait of 25 minutes). If they fail to show within 25 minutes of scheduled game time a **\$15.00 fee** will be assessed to be paid before next scheduled game.

17. If a team has greater than six players, they must specify whether the additional players will be:
 - a) **sitting out of the game:** does not participate on the court during the running clock.
 - b) **rotating into the game:** a change of players each rotation, done to the middle back position
 - c) **substituting into the game:** the exchange of a player(s) in the game by a teammate; once this takes place the person substituting may not substitute for any other player.
 - **Once this determination has been made it must be continued for the remainder of that game.**
18. **The Oak Forest Park District Volleyball Leagues do not recognize the position of libero**, therefore any changes made during a game are considered substitutions and those rules will govern.
19. **BLOCKING a ball which is entirely on the opponent's side of the net is permitted when the opposing team has had an opportunity to complete its attack.** **NOTE:** A set or a serve **cannot** be blocked and/or spiked, and **the Official will be the judge** of whether it is a set or spike.
20. **Each team must have a Captain or team representative. Should the captain be absent**, the person calling the coin toss shall be considered acting captain.
21. **SERVING:** Teams will do a coin toss to determine game one's server. The opposing team will serve first in game two. A coin toss will be done again for game three.
22. **The server is allowed one step over the serving line** if serving from the South end of the court.
23. **The ball may touch any part of the body** as long as the ball does not come to rest or involve prolonged contact with a player's body.
24. **A player may not contact the curtain before** making contact with the ball. If there is a question as to which happened first, the play is considered dead and the other team awarded a point.
25. **Replacement of a player:** 1) **injured players** may be replaced upon presentation of a doctor's certificate stating that a player may not play; 2) **players called to active duty** may be replaced upon proof of such call; returning players may be added to the roster upon presentation of dismissal papers *provided there is room on the roster.*
26. **If a team forfeits four (4) matches**, they will be dropped from the League with no refund. They will also not be considered a returning team for the next season.

CONDUCT & ATTIRE

27. **Gym shoes must be worn on the gym floor. Gym shoes must be carried into the gym.** If you fail to carry your gym shoes into the building, you may **not be allowed to play** that evening.
28. **The Oak Forest Park District discourages wearing jewelry** while playing sports due to injuries and lost pieces. Any jewelry worn while playing a sport is done at the participant's own risk.
29. **There will be NO DISPUTING of any kind during or after the game.** The Referee, and only the Referee will settle matters.
30. **Unsportsman-like conduct will result in ejection from the game and possible forfeiture of the game.** The Referee/Supervisor has the authority to declare a forfeit in any case. Possible further action may be taken.
31. **The use of any obscene language or gesture** can result in suspension or expulsion.
32. **The Referee or League Supervisor has the authority to require the player/spectator to leave the premises** if they are causing disruption to the game. **If the player/spectator does not leave**, the team's **games for the evening and/or the next week can be forfeited.** **If a player is ejected**, he/she will be suspended for the evening. If he/she is ejected from the last game of the night, he/she will also be suspended from playing in the next week of competition. **A second ejection means immediate expulsion from the League.** If ejection brings a team down to three players, the games are forfeited.
33. **Suspension/Expulsion from the League** will result from *any* threatening action toward the Referee or League Supervisor. If a player is abusive, the League Supervisor can expel the player for the entire season.
34. **NO SMOKING** is allowed in the Central Park Building or 15 feet from any entrance.
35. The Oak Forest Park District **will NOT schedule any change** in order to accommodate other leagues or commitments.

CO-ED LEAGUE RULES

1. Each team consists of six players on the court at a time, with a maximum of three males on the court at a time. A team may play with a minimum of four players and a minimum of two females. If a team has fewer than these minimums, the game will be forfeited.
2. If a team has 4 or 5 players, no ghost rule will be used. If the team has 4 players, two players must be back row players at all times, with normal rotation being used. If a team has 5 players, they rotate through the five rotations normally with three players in the front row and two in the backrow.

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

The following is a list of procedures for determining a team's position when there are two or more teams tied for the same position in the League's standings starting with the highest ranked team:

- A. If a tie exists, **head-to-head competition** will be used to determine a team's position in the League standings;
- B. If a tie still exists, **points against the tied teams** during head-to-head competition will be used to determine the standings.
- C. If a tie still exists, **head-to-head competition against the teams directly above** the tied teams in the standings will be used to determine a team's position in the League's standings.
- D. If a tie still exists between place teams, **a playoff match** will be used to determine a team's position in the standings. (The best two out of three games).

NOTE: Once a team has established a position in the League standings, the remaining teams will go through the tie-breaking procedures from the beginning (step 1) in order to determine a team's position in the League standings.

TOURNAMENT PLAY

1. Games will follow the same rules as during regular season (INCLUDING CHAMPIONSHIP)
2. Games are the best two out of three.
3. Dates are listed on each schedule.

TOURNAMENT AWARDS

Team awards will be given to First and Second Place in each division

Award amounts are listed on the bottom of each schedule.

Checks will be mailed out to the captains of the winning teams after the tournament and league games have finished.

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