

Rules for Volleyball Tournament

In order to compete: each team must be registered, have the correct amount of players, have paid the registration fee, and be eligible to play.

Registration: An entry fee of \$25 (Cash Only) per Team is required. This does not include the gate fee to enter the fairgrounds (\$6). All players must sign the liability waiver, holding no one accountable in the event of injury, etc. All teams must be Pre-registered by 6:00 pm **Wednesday July 13**. Tournament play starts 6:00 pm Thursday July 14. Entry fee given at that time. Contact Derick at dkslack@wildblue.net to register. The event is under cover so there will be no rain cancellations. The maximum number of teams will be 16, first come, first serve.

Players: Each team must have a minimum of one male and one female in rotation during every game. The players that register on a specific team must be the same throughout the tournament. You may not add players, except in the event of an injury wherein line judge approval is required before the new player begins. The replacement player is required to be the same gender only if the loss of the injured player would make the team ineligible. For example: A team of 4 men and two women. If a woman became injured and unable to compete then a replacement player is not required, but can be accepted. Either a male or female player is eligible. However, if a team has 5 men and 1 woman and the woman is injured then the team cannot continue to compete without a new woman player.

Each team can have a minimum of 4 players or up to a maximum of 7 players.

Eligibility: Any single player under the influence Alcohol or Illegal Substances in any way is Ineligible. Any team found with either anytime during the Tournament is immediately disqualified and forfeits their entry fee and any winnings.

Awards: The top four teams receive their entry fee of \$25 back. The remaining entry fee money (after the \$100 is removed) will be split as follows:
1st place: 50%, 2nd place 35%, 3rd place: 15%

For example: Suppose only 8 teams enter. A total of \$200 is therefore collected. 1st place gets \$50 plus \$25 entry fee, 2nd place gets \$35 plus \$25 entry fee, 3rd place gets \$15 plus \$25 entry fee, and 4th place gets only the \$25 entry fee back. If however 16 teams enter then the split becomes \$150, \$105, \$45 plus the \$25 entry fee. If only four (or less) teams enter then everyone gets their entry fee back and bragging rights go to the winners.

Method of play: All games will be played using rally scoring. This means that for every ball served one team or the other will score a point regardless of who served the point. Each game is to 15 points but you must win by two points or be the first team to reach 25 points.

Number of games, matches and rounds will be determined by number of teams entered. Every effort will be made to maximize the number of games played in time allowed, fairness of matching, and game enjoyment. Either round-robin or bracket elimination may be used. The actual format used will be discussed before the tournament begins.

Line judges: Each game will have a line judge. They will enforce the rules for this tournament. They will have the final call and be responsible for keeping score. Requesting a clarification of a call is permitted but arguing a call is not. The judges may, *at their discretion*, use a call made by someone with a better vantage point. Honesty and integrity in game play are encouraged. In the event of a play that cannot be clearly or fairly ruled the point is redone.

Unsportsmanlike conduct, verbal or physical abuse of another player or line judges can render a player ineligible for further competition, and could even disqualify an entire team, if severe enough.