

WESTSIDE VOLLEYBALL

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION & RULES

- **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED ON CAMPUS.** A team may be disqualified or lose their playing privileges.
- **NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED IN THE GYM** -- Keep items outside the gym.
- **SCORE KEEPING PENALTIES** -- For reffing teams not getting playing team signatures
- **KEEP REF ON COURT** -- Stand in head ref position. Penalty otherwise. Allows gym director to see the court is in control.

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION:** Rosters must be finalized by the Wednesday before the event. For roster emergencies contact Westside immediately. Players not on rosters cannot play. Eight (8) T-shirts or prize per team, top 2 teams per pool. Unless otherwise specified. Parking allowed only in designated areas. Do not park in or block aisles and fire lanes. Teams must play at times and places assigned by the Director. Schedules may be changed to facilitate running the event. Additional reffing assignments may be given as necessary. Directors may amend, interpret, or change rules and procedures as necessary to ensure effective event operation. Participants must behave in a cooperative, courteous and sportsmanlike manner and must abide by all applicable rules. Non-compliance is grounds for lost of current and future league & tournament privileges.
2. **RANK AND SKILL LEVELS:** Teams will seeded by division and then sub-division. Division is the broad category and sub-division is a subcategory of division. The divisions are Majors, Major/Minor and Minor. The highest category is Majors and lowest is Minors. Subdivisions are A, B, C, D and E and the subcategories within the divisions. Majors include open, collegiate and advanced players. Minors include recreational and novice players. Major/minors divisions included teams with intermediate players or a mix of majors, major/minor or minors players. With Majors (or Major/Minor or Minors) division estimate your relative level within the division. Subdivision A is the highest/strongest and E is the lowest/weakest within a division. Estimate your team's skill level as best you can but you can also include a description of your playing skills and experiences. For example Major A is the highest level and Minor E is the lowest level.
3. **BASIC FORMAT & RULES:** 6-person teams indoor events. Coed or reverse coed is 3 men and 3 women. Two 15 point games per match. Non elimination format. Usually 4 matches per day Saturday and/or Sunday. Round robin on Saturday, finals on Sunday. Manager's meeting at 8:30am, games start at 9am and estimated end times from 5pm to 7pm depending on competition. No time limit in tournaments. For leagues, matches are 45 minutes with no time-outs. Use side-out scoring. Net height is 7' 11-5/8" at the center. If there is more than one play on a side a female player must contact the ball before the ball returns to the opponents side. Maximum of three plays on a side. A block does not count as a play. Overlapping is illegal. Adjacent players may not overlap from side-to-side or front-to-back. Include player adjacent in the row and the corresponding front and back row players. When there is only one male player in the front row, a back row male player may come to the front to block. A back row player may engage in any legal block while in front of the spiking line, but he may not engage in an *OFFENSIVE PLAY*. From within the 10-foot line, a back row player may not return the ball when all of the ball is above the top of the net. Uniforms are NOT required.
4. **NEW RULES:** *USA Volleyball COED (Mixed-6) RULES* with the following: 1) Service anywhere behind the back court line; 2) Whole body is playable; 3) No incidental net; 4) Multiple contact allowed on the first ball over the net and one play; lifts are illegal. 5) Serve may not be blocked;
5. **ROSTERS, BORROWING, MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS, GHOST, LINE UP & SUBBING:** Use players from rosters before borrowing players. One player only !!! Sub from the *SAME POOL ONLY*. No male for female subbing, and visa versa. Teams must have 5 players on the court; 2 players must be female (Coed); and 4 players must be from the roster. If there is a ghost position, the ghost position must comply with the position relevant rules. Also, rotate to next position when the ghost position is in the service position. There is no lost of service. The line up must be alternating male and female positions. One-for-one substitutions only. Three entries allowed for each player. Twelve substitutions maximum per team. Male-for-male and female-for-female only. Indicate number of entries to ref upon entry.
6. **FACILITY RULES:** A player may not contact/step onto the adjacent court i.e. court line. Ceiling & obstacles are playable except when the ball goes to the opponent's side. Side attachments are dead. Play court boundaries as antennas, except at Hamilton Large Gym, use pole to pole as the antennas. When a non-game ball is on the court before a dead ball, it shall be a replay, regardless of interference or not.
7. **REF'S AUTHORITY, UNAUTHORIZED TIME OUTS & REQUEST TO CHANGE REFS:** The ref is responsible for determining the facts of the situation and the ref's judgement is final. The ref may warn or call a side-out or point for unsportsmanlike conduct. After a warning, a player may be ejected or the game may be forfeited for poor conduct. If there is an ejection or forfeit, notify the gym director. For unauthorized time outs, a time-out is given to the team calling time-out and a point or side-out is awarded to the other team. Managers of playing teams may request that a ref be changed either before or after, but not during, a game. The manager of the reffing team will select a replacement ref. and must be from the same team scheduled for reffing. Umpires or line-persons may not be replaced by request.
8. **REVERSE-COED RULES:** Use all Westside Volleyball Club rules, except the following: 1) If there is more than one play on a side, a male player must contact the ball. 2) From within the 10-foot line, a male player may not return the ball to the other side when the entire ball is above the plane of the net. 3) From behind the 10-foot line, a male player may hit the ball but only if at least one foot is on the ground. 4) No blocking by a male player. 5) Minimum number of players is 5 players on the court, two players must be male, and 4 players from the roster. 6) Line up must have male and female players in alternating positions. 7) No substitutions between male and female players.

