



ST. CHARLES PARKS AND RECREATION VOLLEYBALL RULES 2010

1. An official St. Charles Parks & Recreation coed sand volleyball team is composed of six (6) players, three men and three women. A team may start and/or finish a game with 4 players (minimum of 2 women). The number of men on the court must be equal to the women at all times, but women can exceed men any time. Teams may have a **maximum** of twelve people on their roster 16 years of age or older. Team rosters must be received by the first scheduled match. Changes in roster may be made up to the fourth match played. It is the manager's responsibility to make sure the Parks Department and/or its representative has received an official roster.

2. Eligibility: All players must be at least 16 years or older at the time they play and must be listed on your roster to be eligible to play. If your team uses a non-rostered player, your team will forfeit that particular game, with the Parks & Recreation Department reserving the right to further disciplinary action. Players may only play on one roster per league.

NOTE & EXCEPTION: If a team cannot field enough players at game time, they may, with the permission of the opposing team, pick up enough non-rostered players to equal enough players to play the game following the guidelines from above.

The official must be informed of this agreement between the teams and the game becomes official. A team which allows non-rostered players to play may not protest eligibility after that point.

3. If you feel that the opposing team is using a non-rostered player you must identify the player to, and lodge a protest with the official prior to that player's second time to serve in that game. You may only question one player's eligibility per game.

That individual must present one valid photo I.D. to the official to verify their identity. If that player cannot produce a valid photo i.d. the player may not continue in that game or any following games for that evening. Any action from the first serve and previous play stands.

The official will make note of the protested player and the game will continue.

Parks & Recreation staff will verify whether or not the player is eligible before the next game is played. If the player is ineligible, the game in which the ineligibility was discovered will be ruled a forfeit for the offending team and will be reflected in the standings as such. If there is not a record of the roster (or any changes) and a protest situation arises, the team in question automatically loses the protest. The roster and player changes will have to be on file prior to the game in question. Challenging teams must register a protest following the above procedures. The game is played under protest, and ruling will be made based on the team's roster at the time of the protest.

4. One match, consisting of three games will be played each night. Each match is limited to sixty (60) minutes total. In case of rain a match is only official if all three games are recorded as played. Any games less than 3 will be played over in their entirety.) After 50 minutes of play all scoring will be done with Rally points, both the game in progress and any game after that. Rally scoring is no side out and every serve results in a point. Each game is played to 15 points, win by 2.

The team with the best overall percentage of games won vs games lost will be the league champion. In case of a tie the tie breaker will be 1) the team with the least forfeit loses 2) head to head competition between the teams tied 3) Total points scored vs total points allowed between the teams tied 4) Total points scored vs total points allowed over the whole season or 5) flip of the coin.

5. USA Volleyball outdoor rules will be followed for play with modifications adopted by the St. Charles Parks and Recreation league as stated in these rules.

6. A team forfeits the first game of a match if a minimum of 4 players (2 of which must be women) are not present at the scheduled start of a match. The second game is forfeited after 10 minutes after the scheduled time and the third game is forfeited 15 minutes after the scheduled time.
7. All communications with the official are to be made by the team captains only.
8. A flip of the coin will determine first service for the first game. Winner has choice of serve or court. Rotates second game and back the third game. 3rd Game: After one team reaches 8 points teams switch courts.
9. Two thirty second time outs are allowed per game.
10. Rotation: Each team must rotate its players clockwise when the serve is awarded to them. This includes the first service of each game. After the start of the game, the serving order must remain the same throughout the game. Rotation in can be made from the serving or middle back positions.
11. Highlighted Rule Violations:
 - Back row player spiking the ball between the net and 10 foot spiking line (official's judgment).
 - Blocking a serve.
 - Player out of position when ball is served.
 - Player's foot completely crossing center line (official's judgment).
 - Player spikes ball above opponent's playing area.
 - Failure of player to bump the serve. Player must bump the serve.

PLAYER CONDUCT

1. Absolutely NO coolers are allowed by the sand volleyball pits. Alcoholic beverages in any shape or form are prohibited on the sand volleyball pits. Any violation of this rule will make a player ineligible for play and possible forfeiture of the game by that players' team. Continued violations could lead to expulsion from the league with no refund.
2. Officials **will not tolerate** arguments, vulgar or foul language or any other unsportsmanlike behavior.
3. **Only team captains** may communicate with officials. Any attempt to argue with the official is not permitted. Only rule interpretations can be questioned by a captain. Judgment calls may not be questioned.

Protest of a rule interpretation can be submitted by doing the following:

- Inform the official that the game is under protest at the time of the dispute. Make sure it is recorded in writing.
- Notify the St. Charles Parks and Recreation Department in writing within 48 hours of the end of the game of the protest. Note the rule being protested and the situation surrounding the protest.
- Include with the protest a \$50 protest fee. The fee will be refunded only if your protest is upheld.
- Do not give written protest or money to the official.

4. Failure to abide by the stated rules can result in a suspension from the league and league fees forfeited. Captains are responsible for informing team members of all rules. Offenses may result in a warning, penalty, expulsion, or disqualification if the referees issue the following:

Warning-Yellow Card (verbal warning): For minor unsporting offenses, such as arguing with opponents or officials.

Warning-Red Card (verbal warning): For rude behavior or a second minor offense. If serving team is carded they will lose the serve. If receiving team is carded a point is awarded to the opponent.

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AS DEEMED NECESSARY.**