

RIVERTOWN DAYS SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

General

The Rivertown Days Sand Volleyball Tournament is about having fun. Please be respectful and let sportsmanship prevail. The matches are not umpired, and teams are expected to self-govern game play. Any disagreement about rule violations (IE: being in the hit, ball is hit close to out of bounds) should result in a replay. The tournament, unless noted below, will follow the Minnesota Sports Federation (MSF) Adult Volleyball Rules.

Courts

Games will be played at the two sand volleyball courts, specially made for Rivertown Days, on 2nd Street in Historic Downtown Hastings inside the Rivertown Day's gated area. Courts are 60' x 30' and have a sand base, Nets are set to an 8-foot height (men's height).

Balls

Game balls will be provided but teams should bring their own warm up ball. *PLEASE* make every effort to collect stray balls quickly during play and leave the game ball on the court after the match is concluded.

Team Make-up

All teams will play 6 on 6. Teams may play with less players but are required to have at least 4 players on the court at all times. Failure to have 4 players will result in a forfeit.

A standard team shall be made up of 3 men and 3 women. *USING 5 PLAYERS*: A team may use 3 men and 2 women without penalty. *USING 4 PLAYERS*: A team may play with 2 men and 2 women on the court without penalty. If players arrive during the match they can be added into the rotation on a side out without penalty. At no time can any team play with 2 more men than women (IE: 3 men, 1 woman or 4 men and 1 woman).

Skill Level

Depending on the number of teams that participate in the tournament, teams may be separated into skill level divisions to make play more competitive and fair. The divisions will be determined by good faith conversations with Rivertown Day staff and team managers. However, an example is provided as follows:

LEVEL A:

Skilled players who understand, but may not have completely mastered the dynamics and strategies of both 5-1 or 6-2 offense.

LEVEL B:

Players who have learned the basic skills of serving, passing and making three contacts with a team strategy.

LEVEL C:

Players who are relatively new to volleyball or learning the basic skills.

Positioning

If a team has 4 players, the server is considered the back row player. This person may not “attack.” In CoRec, players must alternate males and females. When only one male is in the front line position, one back court player (man or women) may also block (CoRec Only). Teams with extra players may substitute or rotate in, but not both.

Match Time

Matches are scheduled for 50 minutes of play and 5 minutes of warm-ups. Matches consist of a best of three with two games to 25 points with a 27 point cap, and a third game to 15 with a 17 point cap. Any time remaining may be used by teams to practice or scrimmage. The next match will then begin at the posted time or if both teams have agreed to start early.

FORFEITS: If a team is unable to field a legal team by game time, a 10-minute grace period shall be given and is in addition to the warm-up period. If a team fails to field a legal team within 10 minutes of the scheduled start time, that team will forfeit the first game (example, for a 6:00 start, 6:15 is forfeit time). If a team is unable to field a legal team within 20 minutes of the scheduled start time, they will forfeit the match (example for a 6:00 match, 6:20 is forfeit time).

The rest time between games is 2 minutes unless time is running short or both teams agree to start before. Each team is allotted two (2), 30 second time outs per game.

Scoring

Standard Rally scoring shall be used for all games. A match shall consist of a “best-of-three” format. All games shall be win by 2 points and shall consist of the first two games to 25 pints (27 point cap) and a third game (if necessary) to 15 points (17 point cap).

Serving

The serve is considered good if the ball passes over the net within the court boundaries, even if it touches the net. Only one toss or release of the ball, which can be considered part of the service action, is allowed.

Playing the Ball

When the ball is contacted more than once by a team on their side, one of the contacts must be by a female before going over the net. Blocks are not considered contact. If 2 or more players of the same team contact the ball simultaneously, it is considered one hit and either player may make the next contact. If 2 or more players from the opposing team contact the ball above the net (block), this simultaneous contact will not be considered as one of the three contacts allowed by a team and the players involved are eligible to participate in the next play which shall be considered the first of three contacts allowed the team. Players may bump or set a serve at all levels. Players are NOT allowed to touch any part of the net.

Player Conduct

All players are expected to treat their opponents, spectators, and anyone else affiliated with the game or Rivertown Days, in a respectful manner. Failure to do so may result in ejection, suspension, or expulsion from the league (without a refund).

Any player who yells at, uses profanity toward, or in other way abuses any player or patron may be ejected and suspended. This includes loudly or persistently arguing judgment calls. Any acts of physical

aggression toward a Rivertown Days volunteer, opponent, or anyone else associated with the tournament will result in immediate expulsion.

Code of Conduct

By enrolling in our Rivertown Days Sand Volleyball Tournament, managers, players, fans, spectators, and staff are agreeing to abide by the Rivertown Days and City of Hastings Code of Conduct policy.

All participants must be 18 years of age and older.

Unlimited substitutions are allowed.