



CITY OF GREENVILLE

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ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE RULES



I. LEAGUE/REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) A team must submit their Team Registration prior to the registration deadline. Managers will be required to create a TEAM PASSWORD. The team password is required for online player registration.
- 2) Each player must pay the appropriate player fees (\$30.00 residents / \$45 non-residents) online or at the Recreation Office prior to play. At least 6 players must be registered prior to the deadline to be officially registered in the league.
- 3) Teams must have more than six (6) players and less than eleven (11) on their roster.
- 4) Players must be at least 16 years of age to participate.
- 5) A player may not play on more than one (1) team in the 2023 Greenville Recreation Adult Volleyball League.

II. LEAGUE FORMAT

- 1) Rally Scoring (point scored on each serve): each game is played to 21 points, team must win by two (2) points (no point cap).
- 2) Match: A match will consist of best two (2) out of three (3) games. The court will be available to the scheduled teams for the duration of their 45-minute time limit.
- 3) Length of Game: There is a 45-minute time limit on all matches. If the score is tied at the time limit, the game will be continued until a winner is determined (must win by 2 points).
- 4) The Recreation Division and the Competitive Division will compete solely within their respective divisions. League and tournament awards will be determined separately. Players may only compete in one division; players may not play in both the Recreation and the Competitive Division.

III. LATE SIGN UP

- 1) Players will be allowed to add or drop from a team roster after the registration deadline. **All players *MUST* be added or deleted prior to the last game of the season and prior to the tournament.** Players added after the registration deadline but prior to the last game, must meet the following requirements:
 - a. The player must meet all eligibility requirements above.
 - b. The player must register online or in person at the Recreation Office and pay the corresponding player fee (resident or non-resident) prior to play.

IV. ILLEGAL PLAYER

- 1) Any team found using an illegal player will forfeit the game(s) in which the illegal player participated.
- 2) If a team knowingly uses an illegal player in excess of one game, the team may be dropped from the league for the remainder of the season. Player fees will not be returned, and players from that team may not be able to participate on any other team for the corresponding sport for the duration of the season.

V. PLAYER CONDUCT

- 1) All players are expected to conduct themselves in an adult, sportsmanlike manner. Unsportsmanlike tactics, such as disrespect or gesturing in such a manner as to indicate resentment toward the league supervisor, official and/or another player, profanity, etc. will **NOT** be tolerated.
 - a. *1st offense/ejection* - will not be allowed to finish the game and may not participate in the team's next two full league matches.
 - b. *2nd offense/ejection* - will not be allowed to finish the game and may not participate in the team's next four full matches.
 - c. *3rd offense/ejection* - may receive a suspension from the league for one (1) year from the time of the offense.
- 2) Players, managers, coaches and spectators may be ejected from a game or removed from the facility for any action considered to be detrimental to the welfare of the league. The volleyball supervisor may eject players, managers or spectators at any time for inappropriate behavior.

- 3) **EXCEPTION:** Penalty for physical contact with a league supervisor/official (pushing or striking) shall result in an automatic indefinite suspension of no less than one (1) year suspension from the league from the time of the offense as well as a citation for a civil infraction. If players or managers are involved in a fight before, during, or after a match, the involved parties will be suspended indefinitely for no less than one (1) year from the time of the offense. Legal action may also be taken into consideration.
- 4) All offenses will be reviewed by the Director of Recreation. If warranted, suspension/sanctions may be less or more severe. All decisions made by the Recreation Director are final.
- 5) If someone is ejected from the game, the site supervisor may request them to leave the gym. If so determined, the game will be stopped until the ejected player leaves. If the player does not leave in a timely manner, the game will be forfeited by the players'/spectators' team. This is a judgment call to be made by the supervisor.

VI. PROTEST

- 1) Notification of intent to protest must be made by the team manager. The manager must register his intent to protest immediately, before the next live ball, by notifying the supervisor that he will finish the game under protest and make record of the fact in the official scorebook.
- 2) Formal protests under these rules or established rules of volleyball must be submitted in writing to the Recreation Office not later than 5:00pm the next business day following the protested game.
- 3) A \$25.00 protest fee must accompany the formal protest to be considered. The protest fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.
- 4) Protests on judgment calls will not be considered. Protests may only be entertained when there is a misinterpretation of rules as stated in the MHSAA rules.

VII. GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

Unless otherwise specified in the Greenville Recreation Department Adult Volleyball League Rules, all rules shall fall under the guideline of the MHSAA.

- 1) We have no officials in this league, so **please call your own violations**. Do not wait for the other team to do it. If the existence of a violation cannot be resolved, replay the point. The game is most fun when played **honestly** and **by the rules**.
- 2) Games will be played at the Greenville Middle School gym.
- 3) Game time is forfeit time.
- 4) Teams may NOT play with more men than women at any time; more women than men is permitted if men are not available.
- 5) There are no rules demanding alternating contact among the male and female players. Teams are expected to play fairly and allow men and women equal opportunity to play. If the league supervisor feels this rule is being abused, this rule may be changed.
- 6) *Service Rules:* Serving order must alternate male and female if you are playing with equal male and female players. Two men cannot serve in a row, however two women may serve in a row if you are playing with more women than men. The serving area is considered anywhere beyond the back line and within the (extension of the) side lines. For a jump serve, this holds for the last place the foot touched before leaving the ground. A served ball **can** touch the net. The opposing team **may not block or spike** the serve.
- 7) Each team will have two (2) time outs per game not to exceed 30 seconds.
- 8) When a game is completed, the teams will change sides.
- 9) *Hitting the ball:* A ball is considered held (illegal) if it visibly comes to rest momentarily in the hands or arms of a player. The ball should be hit so that it rebounds cleanly after contact. Scooping, lifting, pushing, or carrying is illegal. Do not play the ball with an open hand below the waist or behind the head.
 - a. A good rule of thumb when defining a "carry" is, your contact with the ball should be virtually **instantaneous**. Extended contact with the ball (pushing, lifting, redirecting, scooping, etc) is probably a carry. Also, any move that looks like it belongs more naturally in basketball is probably illegal. Try to use your best judgement as to what would be considered a 'carry'.
 - b. Successive contact ("double-contact") is allowed only during a single attempt to make the first team contact, which includes serve receives, spikes, bumps, or any other time where it is the **first** contact after the ball has crossed the plane of the net from the other side. (It does **not** have to be a "hard driven ball"). This double-contacting rule does **not** apply (i.e. double-contacts are not permitted) if you are trying to set the ball.
 - c. A player may hit the ball with any part of his/her body (including, for example, the feet).
- 10) Blocking and spiking inside the attack zone (on or in front of the 10-foot line) may only be performed by the three players who are occupying the front line position in the rotation. Back row players who want to spike the ball have two choices: they may hit the ball without jumping (i.e. feet in contact with the ground when the ball is hit); or, if they do jump, they must depart the ground from a point **behind** the 10-foot line.
- 11) Touching the net with any part of your body (except hair) is a fault. Touching any part of the opponent's court with any part of your body except your foot is a fault. Touching their court with your foot is also a fault unless part of your foot is on or above the center line.
- 12) The ball cannot be played by your team until some fraction of the ball has passed over the vertical plane of the net, except during a block. However, in a block, you cannot touch the ball before your opponent does unless part of the ball has cross the plane of the net.
- 13) Any ball touching the baskets, walls, floor, bystanders, etc. is dead. However, **if the ball hits the ceiling, and comes down on the same side of the court, you can continue to play it**. If the ball hits the ceiling, then comes down on the opponent's side of the court, you lose the rally.
- 14) If there is a tie for first place at the conclusion of league play it will be handled in the following order: Win/Loss record against teams tied, total points scored against the teams tied, total points during the season.

- 15) The Greenville Recreation Department reserves the right to postpone a game in case of an emergency. The department reserves the right to determine the number and schedule of the games.
- 16) No one will be allowed on the gym floor at any time without the proper **dry** gym shoes.

VIII. GAME CANCELATIONS

- 1) The Recreation Director or league supervisor will have jurisdiction in deciding whether or not the game should be called on account of unsafe weather conditions.
- 2) To better serve our customers, we have implemented a new cancellation notification method. Optimally, we encourage you to download the Rainout Line App (available on Apple and Android) to receive push notifications. Once downloaded, search GARCC and select which programs/activities you would like cancellation notifications. Otherwise, you may call in our hotline, 616.794.8800 to receive cancellation notifications, or view them online at <http://rl5.us/2u08jr4>



IV. FORFEIT POLICY

- 1) A team forfeiting two (2) games will be reviewed by the Director of Recreation and may be dismissed from the league. All players may be suspended from participating in the league for the rest of the season. No fees will be returned as a result and games played previously to the suspension will result in victories for those teams played. It will also result in victories for those teams scheduled to play.

X. LIABILITY

- 1) There will be no tobacco products (cigarettes, chewing tobacco, cigars, etc.), illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages in the school buildings. This is a regulation that is governed by the Greenville Public Schools. Players caught violating this rule will be placed on probation; any further violations will result in an automatic suspension of league play.
- 2) The Greenville Public Schools has permitted the use of the facility to conduct this program and offer recreation to those who participate. All participants will be held accountable for any damage or breakage that may occur because of misconduct. Full settlement for damaged properties shall be made before the team may compete again. We are fortunate to have the cooperation of the schools; do not take it for granted!
- 3) Park in designated parking areas only. Police will ticket and tow.
- 4) Players are asked to secure valuables, as neither the Greenville Recreation Department nor Greenville Public Schools will be responsible for lost or stolen articles.
- 5) It is the responsibility of any parent/guardian to keep all children supervised and under control.
- 6) The City of Greenville, Recreation Department Staff and the Greenville Public Schools and staff are not responsible or liable for injuries sustained while playing in a Greenville Recreation Volleyball League game. Neither the City, nor team managers carry any hospitalization and/or medical insurance on the ball players. By playing in the volleyball league and signing the league rosters, the players in their own right whose name appears on the team roster waive any claim or action.
- 7) **ALL TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRST AID OF THEIR PLAYERS.** The Recreation Department, League Supervisor, Greenville Public Schools, or Officials will not be responsible for providing first aid. A player, coach or referee who is bleeding or who has blood on his uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until appropriate treatment can be administered. If medical care or treatment is administered in a reasonable length of time, the individual will not have to leave the game. The length of time that is considered reasonable is left to the referee's judgment.

XI. AWARDS

The awards will be as follows in the 2023 season:

Competitive & Recreation Divisions: 1st and 2nd place awards