

2018 Volleyball Alberta Beach League Guidelines and Rules

Volleyball Youth 2's Players must look at the Youth League Guidelines and Rules on their site. Volleyball Alberta Beach League will follow all FIVB beach volleyball rules unless otherwise stated in this document. A set of the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball rules can be found on the link below:

http://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/Documents/FIVB-BeachVolleyball_Rules_2017-2020-EN-v05.pdf

1. Court and Net

1.1 The Dimensions of the court should be 16m long by 8m wide

1.2 The net height is approximately:

2.43M	Men's 2s, Coed 4s
2.24M	Ladies 2s, U16- U18
2.20M	U13-U15

1.3 If antennas are not available, the net supports (posts) will act as the antenna. Anything played within the posts will be considered live.

2. Player Behaviour

2.1 Participants will never use violence, derogatory remarks or harassment towards opponents, teammates or spectators. Everyone is out to have fun so let's keep it that way!

2.2 Participants must refrain from actions aimed at delaying the game.

2.3 Participants must know the Official Beach Volleyball Rules and abide by them.

2.4 Players are expected to behave appropriately and abide by all rules set out by Volleyball Alberta Beach League.

3. Player Responsibilities

3.1 **Teams are responsible for setting up and taking down their own net and lines.** In the VA Shed, a bin with all the required equipment will be marked with the numbered court it belongs to. Please only use the equipment from the appropriate bin to set up the corresponding court. These materials all go back into the bin they were taken from and all bins go back to the VA Shed at the end of the evening.

3.2 The Beach League Coordinator will be on site approx. 30 minute before the first scheduled match time to open up the storage container.

3.3 Players must be on the court with the net and lines set up for the scheduled start of the match*

*If you are unable to field a full team or a team is 10 minutes late to the scheduled start time, the missing team will default the first set and a score of 21-0 will be recorded for the opposing team.

*If a team is an additional 10 minutes late they will also default the second set and \$30 will be deducted from their default deposit

3.4 Players/Teams must call their own faults and rule infractions (ie. net violations, carries, lines, double hits, etc.). Please be accountable and honest when doing so.

3.5 Teams must keep track of their own scores. Flip cards and score sheets will be provided.

3.6 Winning teams are responsible for reporting scores to the Master Results Sheet located on the VA Shed.

4. Substitutions and Rosters

4.1 If someone is missing from your team and a substitute is required, teams can bring in players from outside your team’s roster but they **MUST** be a 2018 registered VA member. Proof of membership will be required on the league night in order to play. This is a VA liability issue and will be enforced. Memberships are available online for purchase.

4.2 Substitutes must sign in with the Beach League Coordinator before they are permitted to play.

4.3 Players may not make substitutions during a set. However, teams are permitted to make substitutions between sets (Exception for Coed 4s).

4.4 Substitute players from opposite genders (2s) will not be permitted

4.5 Players must be roster players or have subbed for at least 2 league nights in order to compete in playoffs – this ensures that teams are not bringing in “ringer” players for the final league nights.

5. Games and Scoring

5.1 All matches will be played best of 3 sets using rally point scoring.

5.2 The third set *will only be played* if teams split the first 2 sets.

5.3 All games are to be played to 21/21/15 points.

5.4 Teams ARE NOT REQUIRED to win by 2 because all games are capped at 21/21/15 points with NO EXCEPTIONS.

5.5 Teams MUST write their scores on the master results sheet BEFORE leaving the beach courts!

6. Scheduling and Tiering

6.1 All first match games are slotted to start at 6:15pm with a 45-minute time slot for each match

6.2 All teams will play 2 matches per night.

6.3 Tiers will consist of 3 teams per tier with re-tiering happening each week.

6.4 Teams finishing 1st will move up a tier, 2nd will stay and 3rd will move down.

6.5 All schedules will be posted online @ <http://volleyballalberta.ca/> under the teams respective league.

6.6 In the case where we have a tier with 4 teams, will play 3 matches each night with only 2 sets per match, each played to 21 points capped (No tie breaker 3rd set) as shown below:

Match Time	Court 1	Court 2
6:15 pm	1 vs 4	2 vs 3
7:00 pm	1 vs 3	2 vs 4
7:45 pm	1 vs 2	3 vs 4

7. Playoffs

7.1 All leagues will consist of 9 weeks of regular season play and 2 weeks of playoff play with 1 extra week added on in case of rain outs. The Playoff schedule will be available online after 9 weeks of play.

7.2 The Tier your team finishes in by the end of week 9 will determine where you are placed for playoffs.

8. Tie Breaking

8.1 In the event of a 3 way tie the following procedures will be followed in order:

1. The team having the best ratio of won/lost sets, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
2. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering sets played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher.
3. If teams are still tied after this point then the higher ranked team will be determined the winner.

9. Weather and Rainouts

9.1 League matches are played in light RAIN or SHINE.

9.2 League matches will be cancelled ONLY if lightning or extraordinary weather conditions are affecting the area surrounding the John Fry Beach Courts. PLEASE NOTE that weather can change quickly and be different all over the city. Please do not assume that if it is raining/lightning where you live that beach is cancelled.

9.3 We will be following the **30/20 Rule** during game play which was set out by the Canada Safety Council.

9.3.1 If thunder is heard within 30 seconds of seeing lightning, games will be postponed. All participants must leave the playing area and seek shelter in a building or an automobile. Never stand under trees, in an open field, or under an umbrella. Games will resume 20 minutes after the thunder and lightning have moved away. If thunder and lightning are still present 20 minutes after, the game will be cancelled and the score counts as it was when the game was stopped. Halfway point of the game must be reached (11 points by one team) for the game to count towards the league standing.

9.4 In the case of a weather cancellation, notice will be posted on the VA beach league webpage (www.volleyballalberta.ca) and on the VA Twitter (@[VolleyballAB](https://twitter.com/VolleyballAB)) by **5:15pm** for Adult Leagues.

9.5 Emails will also be sent out if there is cancellation to all the Team Contact Emails so please forward any of these emails to the rest of your team.

9.6 We have added an extra week at the end of August in the case of league cancellation that will be used to replace any missed games. If there is more than one cancellation, a double header will most likely occur but more information will be sent out if the time comes.

Game Play

10. Service
 - 10.1 The ball may be served anywhere behind the end line and between sidelines and the ball is permitted to hit the net on the serve.
 - 10.2 Players must alternate servers in order once they side out.
 - 10.3 No serving tossing errors are allowed. If you toss a ball and drop it, your team loses service.
 - 10.4 Teams are not permitted to screen the serve, and players must move if asked to do so.
 - 10.5 Be fair, make sure opponents are ready prior to serving.
11. Ball contact
 - 11.1 A ball may not be contacted more than 3 times per side (Rule applies to All divisions – including Coed 4s).
 - 11.2 A service reception may not be received with an overhand pass (set).
 - 11.3 Non hard driven balls/ free balls cannot be received with an overhand pass (set).
 - 11.4 Players are permitted to set the ball over the net provided their shoulders are perpendicular to ball's line of flight – shoulders of the player must be facing the direction of the intended target.
 - 11.5 Open hand tips are not permitted.
12. Net and Centre line
 - 12.1 Players cannot touch the net during play. Touching the top tape or any part of the net will result in a loss of point and serve to the other team.
 - 12.2 There is no centre line violation and players may cross under the net without violation, but may not:
 1. Touch anyone on the other team
 2. Interfere with the other team playing the ball
 3. Make contact with the net

Coed 4's Specific Rule Differences

- Teams consist of 4 players on the court (minimum 2 females)
- Teams are permitted to play with only 3 players but must abide by the gender ratio rules. Ex:
 - o Teams are permitted to play with 2 males, 1 female; 2 females, 1 male; 3 females
 - o Teams are NOT permitted to play with 3 males
- No rotation is required on the court but teams must follow serving order
- All players are considered front row participants and can spike or block at any time
- A block touch **COUNTS** as one of your teams' contacts (if you block a ball and it comes back your side, only 2 more contacts are permitted)



If you have any questions or concerns about the 2018 Rules + Guidelines, please contact Rachel Gulley, your Beach League Coordinator, at beachleagues@volleyballalberta.ca or 780-237-0294.