



MSEC CO-ED VOLLEYBALL RULES

Our indoor volleyball league is recreational and follows USA Volleyball standard rules of play, unless noted below:

I. Players and Substitutions

- 1A. All players must complete registration, which includes filling out a league waiver to be eligible to play.
- 1B. Minimum roster (6); No roster limit.
- 1C. Team requirement - A team consists of 6 players, but may start with a minimum 4 players. A team must have at least two women on the court at all times. Teams may play with 1 female but can then only play with 5 total players. A team cannot play without any females. There is no maximum number of females that can be on the court.
- 1D. In order to receive a forfeit win, a team must have its 6 (or minimum of 4 with 1 female) players on the court. - if neither team can field a team, it is a double forfeit
- 1E. It is highly recommended that players NOT wear jewelry (i.e. chains, rings and earrings).
- 1F. Players must wear athletic shoes.

II. Rosters

- 2A. All roster additions must be approved and turned in before the first day of competition.
- 2B. No roster additions/changes will be accepted after 3rd week of the season.
- 2C. A team can invite a maximum of 1 minor (16 or older) to be on their roster. All other players must be 18 or older.
- 2D. A team will forfeit any game in which it is determined that a player has participated who is not listed on the team roster or is not of legal age.

III. Pre-game Preparation

- 3A. FORFEIT TIME IS 10 MINUTES AFTER SCHEDULED STARTING TIME
- 3B. At the beginning of the game HOME team will select to serve or receive first ball.

IV. Length of Matches and Games

- 4A. Best two-out-of-three games decides match winner.
- 4B. Rally Scoring Format is used for all games.
- 4C. First two games are to 25; third game is to 21 - must win by 2 in all games, unless cap of 30 is reached in first 2 games, or 24 in the final game.
- 4D. Each team gets one time out of 30 seconds duration per game.
- 4E. Intermissions between games will be a maximum of 1-minute.
- 4F. Teams will switch sides after each game.

V. Hit Characteristics

- 5A. The ball may touch any part of the body (kicking IS allowed).
- 5B. The ball must be hit, not caught or thrown.

VI. Faults

- 6A. Four hits - a team hits the ball the ball 4 times before returning it
- 6B. Assisted hit - taking support of teammate or any structure/object in order to reach the ball
- 6C. Held ball - player does not hit the ball (unless when in defense of a hard-driven ball or when simultaneous contact by two opponents over the net leads to a momentary held ball)
- 6D. Double Contact - a player hits the ball twice in succession or the ball touches two different parts of his/her body

VII. Other Playing Rules

- 7A. Ball may contact any part of the body during a block.
- 7B. Blocking does NOT constitute a team contact, and any player may make the second contact of the ball after the block. The blocking team will have 3 contacts after the blocking contact.
- 7C. Any front row player can block.
- 7D. Players, including their clothing, cannot touch the net during play. It is NOT a fault if a ball driven into the net causes the net to touch the player.
- 7E. Players may go completely under the net to play a ball, but may not interfere with an opposing player.
- 7F. If a serve hits the net and goes over, it is in play. ("let serve rule")
- 7G. Players may not block or attack-hit a serve when the ball is entirely above the top of the net.
- 7H. If any foreign object enters the court during play, the ball becomes dead. Replay the point.
- 7I. The ref and/or site supervisor shall call violations involving unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 7J. A ball may be played out of the net.
- 7K. A player may go outside the court to play the ball.
- 7L. Balls in the rafters are still in play when over a team's own court and falls back into team's own court, provided they still have any hits left to get it across. Balls may NOT be played off of the side walls and/or curtain.

VIII. Substitutions

8A. Teams may utilize a traditional substitution format or a continuous rotation, as long as each player does not occupy more than one position in the service order in a single game.

8B. Rotation order must stay the same throughout the game, but can be changed between games in the same match.

EXCEPTION TO 8A and 8B: Teams may utilize a male-only rotation format when there are only 2 females present. Or the males may sub for each other in the traditional format. Rotating only the females out is not allowed.

8C. Players must start in their rotational positions but may switch right after the serve.

IX. Miscellaneous

9A. Profanity and unsportsmanlike conduct can result in ejection and/or disqualification from future matches.

9B. Refunds will NOT be issued for ejections or suspensions for unsportsmanlike conduct.