



Beach Volleyball Local Rules

These rules are to be read in conjunction with the FIVB "Rule Book"

LATE TEAMS

Teams not ready to commence play at the scheduled time will receive a 2 point penalty for every minute they are late. Points will begin to be deducted from the offending team at the end of the official warm up period.

LATE PLAYERS

Players who arrive late may enter the game at anytime, as long as they first notify the umpire of their intention to do so and wait until the ball is no longer in play.

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

1. All players must play 4 games for a team in order to be able to play finals for that team.
2. Players are not permitted to play finals games for more than 1 team in the same grade. If a player does become qualified for 2 teams in the same grade they will be deemed as being qualified only for the first team that they played 4 games for in that respective season.
3. If a player is qualified in a higher graded team (ie they have played 4 games for that team) and they want to play finals for a lower graded team, they must have played four (4) games for that lower graded team prior to the start of Round 7.
4. If a higher graded player has not satisfied the higher grade player qualification rule (ie played 4 games for the lower graded team prior to the start of Round 7) and wishes to play for a team during regular season games, they may do so with a penalty of 5 points.
5. Management reserves the right to disallow a known high standard player who has been qualified late in the season and may not be a current member of a higher grade team to play in finals. This is to be fair to all teams in the competition.

MIXED TEAM COMPOSITION

The following information is for Mixed teams playing in our 6 a side competition. A team must not be male dominant. ie. The team must consist of at least as many females as males.

If teams do not satisfy the above, their Captain must seek the permission of the opposition captain before they can start the match.

If a team has 3 hits in succession one of the hits must be by a female player

MISCONDUCT PENALTIES

1. There are three (3) stages for misconduct penalties for beach volleyball players.
2. A player may first be warned by the umpire for misconduct.
3. A team may lose the serve or have a penalty point awarded to their opposition for further misconduct by that player.
4. If further misconduct occurs the player may be sent from the court by the umpire. This send off may be for the remainder of the half or the game, depending on the severity of the offence.
5. **Umpires may, at their discretion, bypass one or more of these stages depending on the severity of the offence.**

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Setting directly off the serve is not allowed. (Setting is considered off your finger tips)
2. A player may not attack the serve. ie. a ball may not be driven or pushed with force with the hands directly back over the net.
3. Tipping is not allowed in any grade or competition ie. Pushing or directing the ball over the net with finger tips.
4. In all grades the first hit after the block may be executed by any player, including the one who has touched the ball at the block. A blocking contact is counted as a team hit. The blocking team will have only two more hits after a blocking contact.
5. Mixed 6's - Kicking – a player may only contact the ball from their knee down, if that foot is in contact with the ground at impact.

In all other grades all parts of the body are allowed to be used as per FIVB Rule Book.

However if in the umpire's opinion a player is deliberately trying to kick the ball when they could have played a more controlled shot, misconduct penalties will apply. This could involve warnings, or player/s been sent from the court.

CONTACT WITH THE NET:

No Contact by a player with the net between the antennae.

When the ball is driven into the net, causing it to touch an opponent, no fault is committed.

