

WINTERFEST VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT RULE SHEET - 2025

Weather Information: www.fargoparks.com.

ROSTER WILL NEED TO BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN TO SUPERVISOR BEFORE YOUR FIRST MATCH!

USAV Rules apply, except where special Fargo Park District rules apply.

Pool Play: All Pool Play matches will consist of 2 games to 25-point games with a cap of 25 (Unless otherwise noted)

Top two teams from each pool advance to the tournament.

Tie breaker for Pool Play is as follows-

- 1st = Head-to-Head Games
- 2nd = Head-to-Head Points
- 3rd = Overall Points
- 4th = Flip of the Coin

Tournament Play: All Tournament matches will be 2 out of 3 games up to 25 with a 27-pt. cap. 3rd game, if necessary, will be up to 15 with a 17-pt. cap. (No exceptions)

WARM-UP: There is a maximum of 5 minutes of warm-up time allowed before each match. However, please be ready to play at least 15 minutes before scheduled starting time. A match will begin early if that court becomes available. **Warm-up balls are not provided. Teams must bring their own warm-up balls.**

Teams will be given a 1-minute break in between games that are part of the same match, unless both teams are ready to play.

FORFEITS: Match time is forfeit time unless tournament is running ahead of schedule. Check with referee to find out if matches are ahead of schedule. Your team can forfeit if matches are ahead of schedule!

PLAYERS ON THE COURT: A team can play with less than six players and must have more than one player. Coed teams must have at least one male and one female on the playing court. However, there may be more women than men (no limit). **A team can play with one more male than female on the court.** (Example: if you only have 2 females and 3 males, your team can play with those 5 but if you have 2 females and 4 males then your team can still only play with 5).

SPECIAL RULES: Unsportsmanlike conduct including yelling at the opposite team, swearing, arguing, fighting, and talking back to the supervisor will not be allowed. The supervisor has the authority to eject a player from a match. Any unsportsmanlike conduct by a player or a team may result in suspension from the entire tournament. Any act of aggression towards a staff or opposing team will result in immediate suspension. If an expelled player or fan does not leave the playing area within two minutes, that game will be forfeited. Two calls of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in the team being ejected from the tournament.

Any hard plastic or metal cast on the upper body is not allowed while playing volleyball. We will not allow any jewelry while playing, such as watches, protruding rings, earrings, or loose necklaces, etc.

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***Contact below the waist is legal under USAV Rules.** However, kicking the ball at an opponent is unsportsmanlike behavior and could be grounds for a removal of that player.

Pressing the block is allowed.

To be eligible for the tournament, a player must play in at least one pool play match in addition to being on the roster. Individuals are allowed only on one roster per day. Ejection from the tournament shall be the penalty for violation of this rule.

Serving: All levels (men's, women's, and coed) - THE SERVE CANNOT BE BLOCKED OR ATTACKED (Definition: A player completes an attack on the opponents serve when the ball is entirely above the top of the net.)

Substitutions: Teams may choose from two forms of substitution.

1) Rotation of players-After the serving position! 2) Substitute player for player-no limit. **In coed a male must sub for male and female must sub for female!**

Adjacent Courts: All adjacent courts are out of play **before, during and after the play.**

*****Net Play! All net and center line violations will be called. If you are in the net, it should be called as an honor call!!!*****

ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING, OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS ON PARKS PROPERTY.

It is our privilege to use the new gyms and other facilities. Let's not blow it! ANY PERSON SEEN SMOKING, IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO FEDERAL LAWS PROHIBITING THESE ACTIVITIES. Treat the gyms and all the schools better than you would your own home. Please help keep the facilities clean.

If you bring children into the gyms, you are responsible for their safety and supervision. This does not mean that a child is being properly supervised while you are playing. Please have a non-playing adult supervise any children.

MEN'S AND COED "A"

HONOR CALLS – Since these tournaments are ref yourself tournaments, the success of this tournaments will depend on how each team police's themselves as far as honor calls. Please call yourself in the net, on all ball touches, on ball handling. If both teams cannot agree on a call, that play should be replayed.

COED LEAGUE:

***There is no rule regarding the number of times a female or male must hit the ball, or where they must line up (male-female-male-female). 2 males may play next to each other as long they follow the rules pertaining to "Players on the court".**

***Back row blockers are not allowed.**

Thank you for your cooperation.