

# 4v4 Beach Volleyball Rules

The Mort Harris RFC Beach Volleyball League will be following the Rules and Regulations of USA Volleyball. A copy of the rules can be found at [usavolleyball.org/](http://usavolleyball.org/)

## Exceptions to these rules:

- Teams may compete with more than 4 players. If there are 5 or more players, only 4 players may be on the court with additional players rotating in to the service position.
- Sets will be played to 21 points, win by 2, with a cap of 25.
- Teams will switch sides after each set, and will switch when one team reached 13 if a third set is needed.
- A match will be complete when 2 out of 3 sets have been won by a team, or the 30 minute time limit elapses, whichever comes first.
- In case a game is not completed, the points will be handled in the following way:
  - If a team has scored more than 11 points in the game **AND** is ahead by at least 2 points, the game will be awarded to that team.
  - If neither team has scored more than 11 points **OR** is not winning by at least 2 points, then the points will go into point differential, with the game being awarded to neither team.

## Basic Rules

- Only 4 players on the court at a time
- Players must alternate servers.
- The ball may graze the net on a serve and drop onto the other side.
- Players may not step on or over the line when serving
- You may not block or attack a serve
- You may set and tip over the net.
- The ball may not visibly come to a rest when a player makes contact with it (if scrambling for a ball, make contact with a closed fist – that way there will be no question about legality of the contact).
- There is a maximum of 3 hits per side (a block does not count as a hit)
- A ball that makes contact with the boundary lines is good.
- Players may not touch the net while the ball is in play. If a ball is driven with such force that it causes the net to contact an opposing player, no foul shall be called, and the ball shall continue to be in play.
- The court size will be 30'X60'

## Playoffs

The top four teams will advance to the playoffs. Seeds will be determined by the following:

- 1.) Wins and Loss
- 2.) Head to Head games
- 3.) Points Against
- 4.) Points For
- 5.) Coin Toss

### **Medical, Accident, Injury Procedures**

Campus Recreation participants are involved at their own risk and the University accepts no responsibility in the case of an accident.

### **Voluntary Participation**

Participation in the Campus Recreation program is completely voluntary, and therefore the Department of Campus Recreation and University will accept no responsibility for injuries sustained while participating in any facet of the Campus Recreation program. A staff person must be notified of any injuries and the proper paperwork must be completed.

### **Alcohol policy**

Following the policy for campus buildings, **NO TEAM CAN COMPETE IF DRINKING. NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED ON THE PREMISIS.**

### **Cancellations/Defaults/Forfeit Cancellations**

Games may be canceled to do inclement weather. Matches will take place in the rain, but if weather conditions deteriorate call the Mort Harris RFC at (313) 577-2348. A cancellation of an event will be determined an hour before competition is to begin. If there is a cancellation due to weather, that decision may be made at any point during the night.

Once decisions have been made to cancel a game, all subsequent games will also be cancelled.

### **Team Captain/Manager**

The team captain/manager is a vital link between the Assistant Director of Intramural/Club Sports and each team. It is very important to choose a captain who is a conscientious person and a good communicator. Each team must have a captain. If the captain is going to be out of town or unable to be reached for an extended period of time, he/she must contact the Sport League office in order to forward all communications to the co-captain.

Responsibilities of the captain/manager include, but are not limited to:

- a. Organize teams members, enter registration form and provide the Assistant Director of Intramural/Club Sports with the forfeit fee on or before the deadline
- b. Keep name and all necessary contact information on file with the Sport League office
- c. Check eligibility of all players
- d. Attend scheduled rules meetings
  - If the captain/manager cannot attend the scheduled meetings, an alternate representative must be assigned for that meeting
  - Relay all rules, policies and procedures to the team
  - Accept responsibility for the conduct of team members before, during and after all Sport League events
- e. Pick up league and tournament schedules when advised to do so by the MHRFC
- f. Notify team players of date, time and place of all events
- g. Periodically check-in with the Department of Campus Recreation, 5210 Gullen Mall, office to pick-up, post and distribute any necessary information

- h. Evaluate the program and officials when requested
- i. Make sure that all teammates have signed the waiver form prior to their participation
- j. The spectators for your team can affect the eligibility of your team in playoffs. The team captain is responsible for keeping their spectators under control (no profanities, discouraging the opposing team, comments to the Sport League staff, etc)

**The team captain is the only person on the team able to add/drop an additional player to the team roster. They are responsible for filling out the paper work and having the additional play as well as themselves signing the form.**

**Number of players-** A minimum of two (2) players will make up a team. Each team may have any number of players on their team roster. Each team needs a minimum of two (2) players to start each game. If a team drops below two (2) players they will automatically forfeit the game. **Eligibility-** All players must have a valid WSU OneCard or a Mort Harris RFC membership. No players may be added after the third week of the season. Teams using ineligible players will forfeit the game with the misused players. Players may only be on one roster.

**Policy on Forfeits-** Teams will forfeit if:

- They fail to show up for the scheduled game. If a team has two forfeits during a season they are subject to removal from the league schedule.
- They do not have the minimum number of players to start they game on time. **GAME TIME IS FORFEIT TIME**
- The teams forfeiting the game will incur a loss and 0 points for and 15 points against. The team that was present receives a win and a score of 15 points for and 0 against. If both teams forfeit each team will occur the 0 points for and 15 points against along with a loss.

**Time outs-** Each team will be given three (3) time-outs per match.

**Technical fouls-** Any team receiving two (2) technical fouls during a game will automatically forfeit that game. Any player receiving a technical foul may be ejected from the game this is decided upon the discretion of the officials. Technical fouls include but are not limited to the following

- Un-sportsmanlike conduct
- Too many players on the court
- Delay of game
- Disrespectfully addressing or contacting an official or gesturing in such a manner as to indicate resentment
- Using profanity or vulgarity: taunting, baiting, or ridiculing another player; or pointing a finger at or making obscene gestures toward another player
- Intentionally or flagrantly contacting an opponent
- Fighting

**Fighting-** Fighting of any kind will not be tolerated. Involvement in a fight will result in ejection from that game and others. There will also be a penalty from the Mort Harris RFC. Involvement in a fight includes but is not limited to the following:

- Instigation

- Retaliation
- Physical and mental intimidation
- An accessory to a fight

**Mercy Rule-** If a team is winning by 15 points at any time during the set, the set will be called a mercy, and a new set will begin if needed.

### **Protests**

1. **An official's judgment call CANNOT be protested.** Only rules interpretation or eligibility protests will be heard.
  - i.e., if an official sees a foul, the judgment call **cannot** be protested
2. Protests concerning a rules violation must be made on the field/court **immediately** after the play in question. Rules violation protests **cannot** be made after the game is completed or the day after the event. **The team captain** must notify an Sport League staff person in an attempt to correct the situation and record all game conditions.
3. All other protests except eligibility must be made in person in the Department of Campus Recreation office by 12:00 noon the day following the incident.
4. Eligibility protests may be accepted throughout regular season play until the tournament draw. During tournament play, protests must be received by 12:00 pm the day following the contest in question. If a player is found to be ineligible, previous infractions will be investigated.

Questions/concerns can be directed to Aaron Knieper, Assistant Director of Intramural/Club sports.

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