

City of El Paso Sports Division Youth Volleyball Rules 2024

I. Introduction

The City of El Paso Parks & Recreation Department Youth Volleyball League will be conducted under the 2023-2024 NHSF, except in those cases which conflict with the rules stated below.

II. Organization

The sports programming section of the City of El Paso Parks & Recreation will be the governing body for this program. The application, construction and interpretation of these rules and regulations or the eligibility requirements, shall be solely at the discretion of the program director and sports staff to include any changes for the benefit of the program.

III. Entry Fee

- A. \$300 per team (includes all fees.) 9 game season guarantee plus single elimination playoffs
- B. Entry fees may be paid with cash/checks/credit/debit cards. No late entry fees will be accepted; fee's must be paid in full at time of registration; no payment plans available.
- C. Refund Policy: Once a team is posted on the schedule no refunds will be issued. Refunds will only be issued when the cause of the program cancellation was initiated by the city.

IV. Division

- A. The league will be divided into the following age groups:
- B. 12U, 14U, High School. All divisions are open to male players and may be coed. However, teams may NOT consist of all male players.
 - a. 12U & 14U games will be played on Fridays.
 - b. High School 18U games will be played on Thursdays.
- C. At least 5 teams must be registered in an age group for that single age group to form a division. We may combine divisions to form one age depending on the number of teams and at the discretion of the program supervisor.
- D. Teams must make their scheduled game or it will be a forfeit. FORFEITS COUNT AS A LOSS. If a team forfeits 3 games for any reason, the team will be dropped from the league without a refund.
- E. If a team forfeits 3 games for any reason they will be dropped from the league without a refund
- F. Seeding for playoffs will be determined by overall win-loss record. Tiebreaker will be determined by Quickscores' Algorithms that are not visible to the public.
 - 1) Head to Head 2) Average Point Differential 3) Total Point Differential 4) Forfeit 5) Coin Flip
- G. All teams go to playoffs

V. The Game

- A. 3 players are needed to start the game.
- B. If a team is incomplete at game time they will have 5 minutes before they forfeit the first set.
 - a. After 5 more minutes (second set) the game is forfeited.
 - b. The game will begin as soon as the team has the minimum number of players needed.
- C. With 3-4 players at least 1 must be female; with 5-6 players at least 2 must be females.

- D. A team can consist of all females, but not all males
 - a. A team cannot have more than 2 males playing at the same time.
- E. The use of one libero will be allowed only for 12U, 14U, and High School divisions.
 - a. Teams may only use one libero per set.
 - b. Teams may only use the designated libero for the entire set and will not be allowed to change the libero until the conclusion of that set.
 - c. **The libero is required to sit out for 1 play before being allowed back in, per set.**
 - d. The libero must wear a different colored jersey from the rest of the team, violation will result in one point added to opposing teams.
 - e. Teams found in violation of incorrect use of libero or substitutions will result in one point added to opposing team.
- F. **Subbing can only be done between the same 2 players per set**
- G. **Players have to stay in service order until contact with ball is made:**
 - a. **Once contact is made, specific rotations are not required.**
- H. Home team will decide the coin-flip on who will serve first.
- I. Each team will be allowed one 1-minute timeout per set; time outs do NOT carry over
 - a. If game goes to 3rd set each team will only receive one 30 second timeout.
- J. Regular season games are played with rally scoring up to a 25-point cap.
 - a. If a third set is needed, game will be played with rally scoring up to a 15-point cap.
- K. Playoff games are played with rally scoring up to 30-point cap; win must be by 2 or more points.
 - a. If a third set is needed, game will be played with rally scoring up to 20- point cap; win must be by 2 or more points.
- L. **On a multiple hit, a female must make one of the hits before the ball is played over the net.**
- M. The divider is considered a wall and cannot be played off
 - a. Playing off the basketball courts/ceiling is still eligible as long as the ball stays in your playing area. Play is over once the ball hits off one of the objects and enters the opposing area of play.
- N. Holes (Empty positions/players)
 - a. If a team does not have the full 6 players on the court, the other team must play the hole(s).
 - b. The team missing the player will suffer a loss of serve and point. The full team must call the holes BEFORE game begins; decision cannot be rescinded.
 - c. When playing holes there must be a rotation & players can play front or back, **not both**. If you are playing back, you cannot come forward and spike/block.
 - d. When not playing the holes, players still need to rotate and cannot play front row all game.
- O. Forfeits are counted as a game and will not be rescheduled.
 - a. **Teams must make their scheduled game on time or it will result in a forfeit.**
 - b. If there are not at least 3 players present for one OR both teams by game time, game will be forfeit. Game will be considered a double forfeit if both teams do not have enough players present by game time.
 - c. If a team 'no-shows' or forfeits in advance, the opposing team will have all of their players considered to be present for that game.
 - i. **If a team forfeits in advance, forfeiture CANNOT be rescinded**
 - ii. **Only coach/captain can forfeit games in advance**
- P. As per City Of El Paso code of conduct: Cussing at another player, official and/or member of staff is not allowed. Any physical and/or verbal abuse toward scorekeeper, staff, or official is not allowed
 - a. Either violation(s) will result in automatic ejection for the day without warning and is subject to disciplinary action. NO EXCEPTIONS

VI. Game Officials



- A. 1 official will be assigned to each game during regular season; playoffs will have 2 officials assigned
- B. Officials will explain calls made to captains only during timeouts.
- C. Any game official or staff can and will stop the game if deemed necessary for any reason especially for safety purposes.
- D. For Penalties, Officials will issue:
 - a. One Yellow card; as a warning to players/coaches/teams/spectator that are participating in inappropriate behavior per the City of El Paso Behavioral Guidelines.
 - i. Inappropriate behavior is stated as;
 - 1. Cussing at another player, official, spectator and/or member of staff.
 - 2. Any physical and/or verbal abuse toward scorekeeper, staff, spectator or official.
 - b. A Red Card will be issued after a Yellow Card has already been issued; dismissal from game will follow once a Red Card has been issued. A participant/spectator issued a Red Card will be asked to remain quiet and remain seated.
 - c. A Yellow Card AND Red Card issued at the same time will follow in removal of participant/spectator by present Sports Staff.
 - i. **Any player EJECTED from a game has 2 minutes to exit the facility.** If a player refuses/fails to leave the facility in the allotted time, the game will be forfeited by the team of which the player/participant was participating/supporting. An ejection is effective for the remainder of the day, regardless of multiple games.
 - d. **Issued Yellow Card AND Red Card at the same time equals an ejection and automatic 2-game minimum suspension.**
 - e. **All calls and issued cards are based on the official's discretion.**
- E. If the Program Supervisor receives 3 written complaints regarding an official, coach, player, fan or team during 3 different incidents he, she or they will be subject to suspension.

VII. Coaches/Captains

- A. Coaches/captains responsibility to sign off Scoresheet after completion of game.
- B. Coaches/captains are responsible for the upkeep of the facility being used. Food/drinks (with the exception of water) is not allowed in the gyms, per posted rules.
 - a. No spitting on the court
 - b. Water bottles, snack bags/wrappers and all trash MUST be picked up at the end of each game.
- C. Coaches/captains will be held responsible for the actions of their players AND their team's spectators. EVERYONE is subject to the same penalties as players.
- D. Coaches/captains are responsible for ensuring that ONLY players on the roster are sitting with the team on the court. All others are considered spectators and must sit with the other spectators in the spectator area.
- E. Coaches/captains are responsible for ensuring all team members/spectators are respecting other teams
 - a. please wait to cross courts AFTER ball has been served or the ball is in play on the opposite side.
 - b. **Teams cannot congregate on the court floor while a game is in session, players must wait in the stands or outside of the gym area for their game to begin.**
 - c. **Teams/players/spectators must hold the ball while another game is in session.**

VIII. Player Eligibility

- A. The age cutoffs will be determined by AAU Girls 2023-2024 Age Division criteria

 												
AAU VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION												
For use during the 2023-2024 Season												
To determine the correct age division, please find the Month of Birth in the left column and then the year of birth in the same row. The heading of the column matching the Year of Birth is the correct age bracket.												
	18 & Under ¹	18 & Under ²	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under ¹	14 & Under ¹	13 & Under ¹	12 & Under	11 & Under	10 & Under	9 & Under	8 & Under
July	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Aug	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sept	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Oct	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Nov	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Dec	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Jan	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Feb	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Mar	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Apr	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
May	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
¹ Players who were born on or after July 1, 2005 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2004 and a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year												
² Female - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2005, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year are waived to compete in 17 & Under. (This age waiver is based on recruiting concerns. Please email volleyball@aausports.org for Executive Committee approval)												

- B. Players may play on more than one division (age group). Player's playing on multiple divisions will only be allowed to be on ONE roster per division.
- C. An ineligible player is defined as a player that does not meet the following requirements:
- Not on the roster
 - Did not sign waiver form
 - Played on more than one team in same division
 - Does not meet age requirement
- D. If an ineligible player is discovered, the game will be forfeited by the team the player is on and the player will be suspended for 2 games, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- E. Every participant must obtain a sports ID issued by El Paso Parks and Recreation Department, and parents must have signed the waiver form prior to playing first game. ID can be purchased with proof of the Parent Education Class and child's original birth certificate, military ID, passport, or school demographic (no copies will be accepted.) Sport ID fee: \$5. are obtained at City of El Paso recreation centers. For locations and hours of operation visit www.quickscores.com/elpaso
- F. **All players must have their player IDs by the 2nd week of league play.**
- Sports ID Fee is \$5 and can be purchased at any recreation center during business hours.
- G. **Any player EJECTED from a game has 2 minutes to exit the facility. If a player refuses/fails to leave the facility in the allotted time the game will be forfeited. An ejection is effective for the remainder of the day, regardless of multiple games.** Please see Behavior Management below.
- H. **Players must attend 3 games at the minimum to be eligible for playoffs.**
- Players who do not meet the minimum attendance requirement will NOT be allowed to participate in playoffs and will be removed from playoff roster.**

- b. Coaches are responsible for ensuring all players are checking in for attendance and verifying attendance on Quickscores
 - i. Any mistakes must be reported to staff within one week of the game.
 - ii. Players who fail to check in for attendance will be considered as unattended.

IX. Rosters/Attendance/Scheduling

- A. Rosters are limited to 14 players
- B. Coach/captain is the main point of contact and is responsible for relaying all information to team.
- C. Players must have a valid city sports ID by the 1st scheduled game.
- D. Players may play up in division, up to the High School division, however may not play down.
- E. An ineligible player is defined as a player that does not meet the following qualifications:
 - a. Age requirement
 - b. Not on roster or on more than one roster.
 - c. Did not attend the minimum number of games required for playoff participation.
- F. For a player to be eligible to participate in any City of El Paso sanctioned sports leagues, **one** parent must attend a mandatory Parent Education Program packet class. The class is good for **one** year from the date taken.
- G. Rosters are the sole responsibility of coach/captain and must be submitted online prior to 1st game. Rosters MUST include:
 - a. FULL LEGAL NAME to match player IDs
 - b. Player ID # (located on bottom middle of ID card)
- H. Rosters can be edited up until the 2nd week of play – after the 2nd week of play the roster will lock.
 - a. An official roster lock date will be emailed to the coaches once league play starts.
 - b. After the roster is locked, no changes can be made to the roster.
- I. **Coach/captain is the main point of contact and is responsible for relaying all information to team.**
- J. Waiver/Code of Conduct must be printed, filled out, signed, dated and submitted to staff by the second week of league play.
 - a. Incomplete paperwork will not be accepted
 - b. Team will forfeit after 2nd week until all paperwork is turned in
- K. Schedules will be available at least 24 hours before the league starts, and can be found on www.quickscores.com/elpaso under the Adult Volleyball tab.
 - a. Coach/Captain is responsible for checking online for any changes that might occur and relaying said changes to team
- L. **There will be NO schedule change requests approved once the schedule is released**
- M. Coaches/Captains are required to attend MANDATORY Coaches Meeting prior to the start of season.
 - a. Only teams with a representative present at the meeting will be allowed to submit season schedule preferences, NO EXCEPTIONS.
 - b. There will be no preferences allowed for playoffs schedules. No Exceptions.

X. Equipment/Uniforms

- A. Game ball provided by Sports staff. In the event that the ball is not provided, then home team will provide the ball (with staff approval).
- B. The 12U division may use either an official size ball that is 40% lighter (Volley Lite ball) or the adult regulation ball if both coaches agree. If there is disagreement, a Volley lite ball will be used. The 14U and High School divisions will use the adult regulation ball.
- C. The net shall be approximately 7'4" for all divisions.

- D. The court will be regulation size.
- E. Game ball will be provided by staff. If a ball not provided by the city is used, the set/match will be official as long as the ball used was the appropriate size. Game ball may be switched to the ball provided by the city between sets.
- F. Team jerseys are encouraged but not required. Teams must wear shirts similar in color/design for every game.
 - a. Only the libero is required to wear a different colored shirt.
 - b. A point will be awarded to other team for every player not in similar color for the first set only (4 points max)
- G. No jewelry/watches during the game for safety purposes.
 - a. Piercings that cannot come off must be covered with athletic tape
 - b. Permanent jewelry must be wrapped and taped.
 - c. Jerseys may NOT be tied at the waist with a knot.

XI. Protest

- A. Protest can ONLY be filed by the coach/captain
- B. ONLY player eligibility can be protested.
- C. Protest must be filed before the start of 2nd set. Decision will be final; no appeals will be accepted.

XII. Behavior Management

- A. The Parks and Recreation Department desires to ensure that a positive environment is maintained within all programs, parks, and facilities so that all persons can play, recreate, and spend leisure time in a safe environment. Anyone including coaches/players/spectators may be suspended due to poor sportsmanship, misconduct, or blatant disregard for the established rules and policies. Behavior that will not be tolerated includes but is not limited to: aggressive behavior resulting in physical violence, physically or verbally threatening others, physically or verbally abusing others, and any other behavior that threatens the safety and integrity of the league.
- B. If at any time benches clear during an altercation, the entire team will be subject to disciplinary action.
 - a. If members of the team and/or spectators enter the court (even to stop altercation) they will also be subject to disciplinary action.

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