

## **1. SCHEDULE/SCORESHEET**

Schedules/times are posted online at least 48 hours prior to game day. If the schedule is not posted or sent out via email, you may assume the schedule has not been completed.

## 2. FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

VIVA Volleyball rents facilities from various school boards and public or private establishments. As tenants, players must respect the standards and rules of each facility. Players are expected to clean up after themselves, please do not leave any garbage or recyclables behind.

## 3. PLAYERS

#### CO-ED 6'S (4 Male/2 Female)

- 1. The minimum amount of players required in order to avoid a loss by default is 4, 1 of which must be a female. No female = loss by default. A maximum of 4 male players can be on the court at all times.
  - 1. Any co-ed team that has only 1 female on the court (4 male & 1 female) will have a vacant position. This position will be considered a ghost player. This rule is in place to make the game slightly more challenging for the team missing a female player.
  - 2. The "ghost" player will start beside your 1 female player. When the "ghost" player rotates to the service position, there will be an automatic side out and a point awarded to the opposing team.
  - 3. In short, the team with a ghost must forfeit their serve after every 5th rotation This will allow the team with a full team to serve back-to-back.
  - 4. Ghost rule doesn't apply to a team with 4 players on the court (3 male, 1 female)

## 4. GAME FORMAT & SCORING

Game durations and starting score vary per league/location due to permit rental time. Teams are required to play their game (two sets) within the time allotted. Teams have the option to call the score audibly or to use the scoreboards provided. Winning team per set must record score on scoresheet.

A countdown timer will sound through the portable speaker. When countdown timer sounds, that is the end of the game/play out the current rally. **No serve/play action should start after the timer unless its a tie game.** To ensure you get ample play time for your game, use minimal time in between and after sets for a break.

# 5. CO-ED 6'S LEAGUE SPECIFIC RULES

- Overhand passing or finger tip use is allowed when receiving a serve or as your first hit. A player can complete an attack-hit open-handed. A player can complete an attack-hit with fingertips
- In sunny or windy conditions, where one side of the court offers an advantage, teams can opt to change sides after every 7 or 10 points scored.
- You may not chase a ball onto another court. If the ball travels onto another court, the ball is considered out.
- If a player blocking touches the ball on the block, it is not counted as the first touch. The blocker may play the ball off their own block. These two contacts are counted as one touch.

Games are self officiated. Players are to call their own faults. If a common fault (lift, touching the net, contacting a player under the net, stepping on the line when serving) is missed, a player on the opposing team may politely point this out, assuming that their opponent either does not know the rule or missed their own fault. Generally, teams should not call faults against their opponents.

# 6. ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY/SPORTSMANSHIP

In order to promote a safe and sportsmanlike environment for its players, VIVA Volleyball has clarified its stance on unsportsmanlike behaviour. All players must understand the expectations for playing in VIVA Volleyball leagues. The League Convener and/or the Team Captain is required by VIVA Volleyball to ask players to leave the court if they are involved with any of the following acts:

- (1) Swearing directly at another player or the Convener.
- (2) Intentionally pushing, shoving or making physical contact with another player.
- (3) Making comments to instigate an altercation with another player.

We can only ask that fairness, respect, and generosity are shown toward the opposing team or player and for the sport itself when competing in a self-officiated league. Non compliance may range between a verbal/written warning to expulsion from the league.