

1. SCHEDULE/SCORESHEET

Schedules and game times will be posted online at least 48 hours before game day. If you don't see the schedule online or receive it by email, it means it's still being finalized.

2. FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT

VIVA Volleyball rents facilities from school boards and public or private venues. As guests, players must follow all facility rules and expectations. Please clean up after yourself and ensure no garbage or recyclables are left behind.

3. PLAYERS

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

- **Minimum Players:** 4 players required to play; **at least 1 female** must be on the court. No female = game forfeited.
- **Maximum Players:** No more than **4 males** on the court at a time.

Teams with Only 1 Female:

- **Regular Season:** Teams may play with 5 players following regular rotation. Missing female position is a dead position
- **Playoffs:** Must field 6 layers. If a female is missing, **Ghost Player Rule** applies:
 - Ghost rotates with female.
 - When ghost reaches serve, team loses serve and opposing team gains a point.
 - Team forfeits serve every 5th rotation to allow full-team serve.

Note: Ghost player rule does **not** apply to teams playing 4 players (3 males + 1 female).

4. GAME FORMAT & SCORING

Game durations and starting scores vary by league and location based on permit times. Teams must complete both sets within the allotted time. Scores can be tracked using the provided scoreboards or called out audibly. The winning team of each set must record the score on the scoresheet.

A countdown timer will sound through the portable speaker to signal the end of the game. When it goes off, teams should finish the current rally, but no new serves or plays should begin unless the game is tied. To maximize playtime, keep breaks between and after sets to a minimum.

5. LEAGUE SPECIFIC RULES

Official Beach Volleyball Rules

- **Serve Reception:** Overhand passing (finger-tip use) is **allowed** when receiving a serve or on the first hit
- **Attack-Hits:** A player may use an overhand pass to complete an attack-hit, no matter the ball's trajectory
- **Side Switches:** In sunny or windy conditions, teams may switch sides after every **7 or 10 points** to maintain fairness.
- **Ball Out of Bounds:** A ball that travels onto another court is **out of play**—players **may not** chase or play the ball on another court.
- **Blocking & Touches:** If a blocker touches the ball, it does not count as the first touch. The blocker may then play the ball again and that counts as the first touch

Self-Officiating & Fair Play

- Games are self-officiated, and players are responsible for calling their own faults.
- Common faults include lifts, net touches, stepping on the line while serving, and crossing under the net.
- If a fault is missed, an opposing player may *politely* bring it to attention, assuming it was unintentional. However, teams should generally *not* call faults against their opponents.

6. ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY / SPORTSMANSHIP & HARASSMENT

To promote a safe, inclusive, and sportsmanlike environment, **VIVA Volleyball maintains a zero-tolerance policy** for unsportsmanlike conduct and harassment. All players are expected to uphold the highest standards of respect while participating in VIVA Volleyball leagues.

The **League Convener and/or Team Captain** may require any player to leave the court immediately if they engage in any of the following behaviours:

- Swearing or directing abusive language toward another player, official, convener, or spectator
- Intentionally pushing, shoving, or making unwanted physical contact with another player
- Making comments or gestures intended to provoke an altercation
- **Harassment of any kind**, including but not limited to:
 - Verbal, physical, or visual conduct that is intimidating, demeaning, discriminatory, or offensive
 - Unwanted comments related to gender, skill level, appearance, race, or personal characteristics
 - Repeated or unwelcome behaviour that disrupts another player's ability to participate comfortably

VIVA Volleyball is committed to providing an environment where all participants feel safe and respected.

Harassment will not be tolerated under any circumstances, regardless of intent.

We ask that all players demonstrate fairness, respect, and generosity toward their opponents, teammates, and the sport itself in this **self-officiated league**. Failure to comply with this policy may result in a **verbal or written warning, immediate removal from the facility, suspension, or expulsion from the league without refund**, at the discretion of league management.