



## Bentonville Parks and Recreation Sand Volleyball Rules

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1. All players must be 18 years of age or older to play in the league.
2. Games will start on time. Teams not ready to play will lose one point per minute until the game starts. It is a forfeit if a team does not show in 15 minutes
3. Each team will play 5 of the available opponents in their pool, one game each, capped at 21 points. Switch every 7 points.
4. End of the night pool ranking will be determined by total combined points between all of your games.
5. First tie breaker will be determined by Win/Loss ratio.
6. Second tie breaker will be determined by pool seed.
7. The top 2 teams from each pool will advance a pool and the bottom 2 teams will descend a pool.
8. Teams that are absent will drop either 4 spots or to the next lower pool, whichever drop is greater.
9. You are responsible for marking your own score each night. If you do not mark your score, then you will not get credit for the game.
10. If your team is short players, you may pick up a max of only ONE (1) player for it to count as a match. All players picked up must be approved by the opposing team. If a girl is not available, you can play with 3 guys. A girl does not have to touch the ball.
11. A player must have participated in at least one (1) match during regular play to qualify as a rostered player in the playoff. A player can only be rostered for one team during the tournament. (If all team members are available to play you may not pick up an additional sub.) The exception to the rule above is in case of injury/illness during the tournament. In this situation a player can be substituted if they have played with the team during the regular season and with the approval of the OVC director for that league.
12. Unsportsmanlike behavior such as name calling, jokes and comments at the expense of your opponents will NOT be tolerated! Violations of this policy will be addressed by the OVC director and Bentonville Parks & Rec personnel and penalties may include removal of a team/player from the league.
13. If a team missed a week without prior communication to the league director or on-site supervisor, a warning will be issued to the team. If a second week is missed without prior communication, the team will be contacted and removed from the league.
14. No open hand/flat palmed dinks over the net. (No tipping). The ball must have a forward rotation for it to count. The only way you can legally return the ball over the net with spin is to knuckle/poke it.
15. No open hand passes. To legally receive a ball from your opponent, your hands MUST BE TOGETHER. The only ball you can receive open handed from your opponent is a hard driven ball. We define a hard driven ball as having a straight down trajectory (no arch) from the opponents hitting it to your receiving.
16. Setting: Other than a hard driven ball, the only time you can legally have your hands apart and make contact with the ball is on your set. The ball, for this league, is allowed to rotate 2 times forward and 1 time sideways. Over sets are now allowed as long as the set was intended for the hitter to hit, but if you are intending to set it over with your hands your body must be square to the intended target and over sets must have ZERO spin at all. (If you are confused, please ask for a demo from someone.)
17. No touching the net under any circumstances. Net violations are the easiest to get an injury.

18. No throws, lifts, or carries.

19. If there is an argument about a call, stop and REPLAY the point.



#### Weather Policy

1. Our policy has always been that if there is no lightning or we do not have a major storm coming into the area, then we will play.
2. If it is raining, especially as the summer temperatures rise, then we will play through it. If you do not feel comfortable doing so then please don't, just let a team member know and we will see you next week.
3. If rained out, matches will restart the following week.