



**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**COMPETITIVE VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE RULES**

**I. LEAGUE INFORMATION**

**A. TEAM FEES**

The team fees are for an 8-10 week league.

1. COMPETITIVE \$240
2. COED NON-COMPETITIVE \$240
  - A completed application and one form of full payment (check, cash, and credit card) are due at the time of registration.
  - Full refunds are granted prior to the current season schedule being posted on the City of Santa Clarita's Adult Sports website and/or the schedule being sent out to the team manager. After the season schedule is posted, a \$50 administrative fee will be assessed to a refund request. Refunds will not be granted after the second game of the season.

**B. LEAGUE DAYS AND LOCATION**

All games for the **Competitive Volleyball league and Non-Competitive Coed Volleyball league** will be played on **Monday nights**. All games will be played at the George A. Carvalho Santa Clarita Sports Complex.

**II. BASIC RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- A.** The following rules govern teams and players participating in the City of Santa Clarita Adult Volleyball League. Both leagues will use the rules of play as adopted by the U.S.A. Volleyball Rules with exceptions as noted herein.
1. Players substituting into a game must first ask the official and be signaled to enter the game. There is no limit as to how many times a player enters and exits the game.
  2. Line-up will consist of a maximum of six players or a minimum of 4 players on the court. Less than 4 players will be considered a forfeit.
  3. No player may block a served ball. If a player tries to block a served ball then the ball will become dead upon contact.
  4. No jewelry is to be worn during the game.

5. If the ball makes contact with the ceiling on the same side as it is being played, then the ball will still be live and in play.
  6. Teams will play 3 games per match. Games will be played with rally scoring up to 25 points per match. The last game of a match will be played to however many points that time permits up to 25 points. There will only be a maximum of 27 points total per game. The game will end when there is 25-27 points total or at the referee's discretion due to time.
- B. Rotation/Substitutions:** There are two options for rotating and using subs
1. Players rotate clockwise and rotate out of the front right position and rotate in to serve.
  2. Captains may declare to the official and the opposing team captain that certain players will be subbing for certain players. Example: Player A will sub for Player B only. Player A will play front row and Player B will play back row. Once declared those players may only sub for each other.
- C. The Libero:** A defensive specialist. Being a libero consists of only playing in the back row and subbing in for people who play front row. A libero cannot serve, but only can play defense. The libero usually replaces the middle blocker position when they rotate to the back row and never rotates in the front row.
1. The Libero must wear a different color uniform, shirt, or jacket in contrast to the other members of the team (or with a different design).
  2. Each team has the option to register one specialized defensive player "Libero".
  3. The specific rules for the libero players are as follows:
    - i. The libero is allowed to replace any player in a back row position
    - ii. He/she may not serve, block, attempt to block, attack the ball above the height of the net, or set an attacker from the front court.

### **III. SPORTSMANSHIP**

Good conduct and sportsmanship is expected at all times. Any player ejected from the gym by a City of Santa Clarita staff for unsportsmanlike conduct must sit out one league match before being allowed to play again. Any player ejected twice from this league in the same season may be suspended for the remainder of the season and possibly asked to leave the program indefinitely at the discretion of the League Supervisor and/or League Coordinator.

**The referee shall have the power to warn and/or eject a player, substitute, manager, or spectator who commits, in the referee's opinion, any of the gross violations of sportsmanship:**

- 1) Persistently addresses the officials in regard to decisions that are made.
- 2) Makes derogatory comments about/or to the officials, any staff, or players.
- 3) Trying to deliberately distract the other team members.
- 4) Delaying the game in any way.

### **IV. ELIGIBILITY**

- A.** Team managers are responsible for the enforcement of and adherence to all eligibility requirements.
- B.** Any adult, 18 years of age and older, and not participating in a high school/intercollegiate volleyball team, will be eligible to participate.

**V. ROSTERS**

A team roster may carry a maximum of 10 players and a minimum of 4 players. All players **MUST** be on the team roster in order to be eligible to play. Completed rosters are to be turned in by the 1<sup>st</sup> game. Teams may add/drop players to their roster up to the completion of their 6<sup>th</sup> game. **A player can only play for 1 team per league.**

**VI. AWARDS**

The winning team (COMPETITIVE LEAGUE) will receive a plaque and 10 individual awards.

**VII. TEAM STANDINGS**

All games will be worth 1 point for the standings for a total of 3 points possible for each match. Team standings will be updated regularly on the website, which can be found at [www.santa-clarita.com](http://www.santa-clarita.com). In the case of ties in the standings for award places, a head-to-head competition from the league will determine the league champion.

**VIII. REFEREE RESPONSIBILITY/REFEREE FEES**

**A.** It shall be the duty of the referee to administer decisions of the game in accordance with the U.S.A. Volleyball Rules and those adopted herein by the City of Santa Clarita Adult Volleyball League.

**B.** All games are under the control and direction of the referee and only team managers or assistant team managers may discuss decisions with the referee during the game if it is done in a courteous manner. The referee enforces all rules before, during, and after the game.

**C.** One referee is assigned to a court during each game. **Each team is required to pay a \$10 referee fee before the start of each game.**

**IX. FORFEIT GAMES**

All games must be played as scheduled. Teams may not postpone a game! If your team is unable to show for any scheduled game, you will lose by forfeit and must pay the appropriate fees. **Any team that forfeits a game is responsible for paying the total referee fee of \$20. The \$20 forfeit fee covers both teams. This fee will need to be paid before your next scheduled game.**

**X. THE GAME**

**A.** Each team is entitled to a maximum of three hits to return the ball to the opponents.

**B.** The referee shall conduct a coin toss with the captains of the teams to determine the choice of serve or playing areas. Teams shall change playing areas at the end of each game of the same match. The team which lost the previous game will start serve for the next game.

**C.** Time out shall not exceed more than thirty seconds. A team is allowed one time out each game without penalty. Each time out in excess of one taken by or charged to a team shall be penalized by a side-out or one point depending on which team has possession of the ball.

- D.** A back row player may not direct a ball from within the attack area (on or in front of the 10' line) into opponent's court if the ball is completely above the height of the net. The back row player must keep both feet on the ground when in the attack area. If a back row player participates in an attempt to block near the top of the net, with or without contact, it is a foul.
- E.** Double hit is allowed on first contact
- F.** \*\*It is legal to hit the ball with any part of the body, the foot and leg included\*\*

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**COED NON-COMPETITIVE RULES**

- **PLAYERS**
  - Maximum of six players (3 men & 3 women) and a minimum of four players (2 men & 2 women) may be on the court. A team may play with 5 players consisting of 3 men and 2 women or 3 women and 2 men on the court.
- **ROTATION**
  - Said action shall be done in a circular pattern with substitutions being made at the net. Substitutions must be made regularly with no displacement.\
- **SCORING**
  - Each game shall be 25 points. Teams will call out the score before each serve. Standings will be determined by total games won.
- **SERVES**
  - All serves shall be underhand or sidearm (shoulder shall determine.)
- **SET-UPS**
  - A woman must set-up for a man to spike the ball. Only players in the front row at the time of the serve may spike at the ball. All back row players may **not** spike at the ball.
- **HITS**
- **\*\*It is legal to hit the ball with any part of the body, the foot and leg included\*\***
- **NET PLAY**
  - No part of the body may go into the net. Centerline will not be called unless flagrant (defined as hindering the other team from playing the ball). The player spiking the ball may follow through across the net as long as he does not touch the net. A blocker does not touch the net. A player in the back row cannot play above the net. Example: Back row player cannot spike the ball even from behind the 10 ft line.
- **DOUBLE FOUL**
  - Players on opposite sides foul on same play, point is replayed.
- **OFFICIALS**
  - Each team will act as its own official. If something unusual occurs, feel free to ask the person running the gymnasium.

