

Northville Sand Volleyball League Rules

Basic Rules:

1. Match consists of **three (3) games**. Standings will be computed by games, not Matches.
2. Ball must cross over the net between the poles. (Note: No antennas)
3. All games will be **rally scoring**. A game is won when a team reaches **25 points** with at least a two (2) point advantage. There is **cap is 27**. If game is at 26 – 26, next point wins.
4. All games will be self-officiated. If teams **can't agree on a point, it will be re-played**.
5. Forfeit time:
Game 1: Start time of match. Game 2 & 3: 15 minutes after start time of match
6. Position night schedule will be determined by:
 - A. Team Record
 - B. Head to Head record between teams that are tied if a tie exists
 - C. Total Points Scored in games between teams that are tied if tie still exists
7. Ball is ruled in, if side or end line visibly moves.
8. All games played with Wilson Yellow Stripe volleyballs.
9. "Coed" teams – There must **NOT be more men than women** on the court, and there must be at least **one player of each gender**. There is NO woman touch rule.
10. Since there are NO antennas, the POLES are the antennas. Ball inside the Pole is in play.
11. If a ball strikes the wooden nub above/below the net or the wire, it is in play. Any part of the net, including the wooden supports, is in play.

Service:

1. Teams will flip a coin, or whatever, for choice of either **side or serve**.
2. Teams **may exchange courts at any multiple of 10 points**. If one team wants to change, both must change.
3. The ball may be served from any point behind end line and between the sidelines.
4. Server may not step on or touch the end line in any way until contact has been made with ball.
5. **Let serve**. If a serve hits the net and goes into the opponent's court, it is a legal serve.
6. Server may **NOT** let serve toss drop for a re-serve. You have 8 seconds to serve the first toss.

Ball Contact:

1. The ball may be contacted with any part of the body. **A block does not count as a hit in 4's**.
2. When **dinking** the ball:
 - A. The ball must be clearly hit with the **heel or palm of the hand** ("Roll Shot")
 - B. Closed or **knurled fingers** ("Camel Toe")
 - C. Straight **locked fingertips** ("The Cobra").
3. One hand placement or redirection of the ball with the fingers is a fault.
4. **ALL hand sets over the net** will result in a fault even if square to the net.
5. All U.S.A.V. rules apply, except where otherwise stated.
6. **It is illegal to receive a served ball using the fingers in a setting action.**
7. It is **legal to receive any other ball** using the fingers in a setting action.

Awards:

Championship T-Shirts will be awarded to winners of the Sand Volleyball League Playoffs.

Player Registration and Eligibility

1. "Signed" Player rosters are due by fourth game. Give to site attendant.
2. Applicable non-resident fees (\$18/player) are due ASAP after first match of the season. Non-residents are those players not living or working full time in Northville.
3. You may use a non-roster player if the other team agrees. If you are challenged via a protest and the player is not on your roster (and other team did not agree to let you use player), you will forfeit the match. Any player challenged must provide identification at the time of challenge. No ID..... player is not allowed to play or the match is a forfeit.

Players may be added to the roster prior to Week #5, unless any injury causes team to not be able to field a team. Players having other things to do, does not fall into this category. The maximum number of players per team shall be: Fours - 10 players, Twos - 6 players

Match Procedures

1. Players are free to position themselves anywhere within their court. There are no positional faults, although players must serve in rotation.
2. If adding a player a time-out must be taken. If the team has no more time-outs, the player may not enter. Each team is allowed two (2) 30 second time-outs per game.
3. Unlimited substitutions are allowed as long as one player does not occupy more than one position in the service order during a single game.
4. If a player enters another court at any time, play will stop and the other team will receive a point.
5. Each team will receive one (1) point for each game won; no point for each game lost.
6. "Rotating In" is allowed after a side out. Once you start rotating in, you must continue, unless an injury occurs. Men can rotate for men and women for women.
7. If children are brought to the games, they must be continuously supervised by an adult who is not playing in a game. Children should not be on the sand. Northville Parks and Recreation is not responsible for children who are injured during the course of this program. If children are crying, they should be moved to an area that does not disturb the players. Any barking dog should be removed from the area as to not disturb players. Be considerate!
8. No alcohol or smoking is allowed in this league during games.
9. After the completion of a match, leave the SCORECARD AND VOLLEYBALL with the site attendant. Write in scores of each game.
10. We have an air horn system so games will start and end on time.
 - At 6:30 the air horn will sound for a full one second. This is the signal for the games to start.
 - At 7:30, 2 short blasts will sound. This will signify that there are 5 minutes left.
 - At 7:35 the air horn will sound again. That will signal the end of the early match. Games can continue until one team is ahead by two points or the 27 point cap is reached.
 - At 9:00 the horn will sound to end the second match. Games can continue until one team is ahead by two points or the 27 point cap is reached.
11. During play, going into another court to play a ball, results in your opponent getting the serve and a point. If play on the other court is affected, this will result in a replay on that court.
12. Most incidental net contacts are OK. Hair or hat hitting the net is OK. Most net faults are now from the act of hitting, blocking or setting the ball.

Decision to cancel or continue play will be determined by both team managers AT THE COURTS. With Michigan weather, it can be pouring where you are and dry or stopped raining at the courts. Our courts have great drainage and there has never been standing water. If your opponent is at the courts and you are not, you forfeit.