

SMYRNA LEAGUE RULES:

The goals of this league are to promote good sportsmanship, fair play, healthier individuals, and improved volleyball skills.

The Current Years U.S. Volleyball Rules Modified in general shall govern play with the following exceptions:

1. CO-ED PLAY

1.1 The serving order and positions on the court at service shall be male and female alternated or vice-versa.

1.1.1 A team may list one specialized defensive player, "Libero," By notifying the Referee prior to the game.
(The Libero does not serve, block, attack or set from in front of the 10 foot line.)

1.1.1.1 Alternating male and female service order must be maintained.

1.2 When the ball is played more than once by a team, a female player shall make at least one of the contacts. Contact of the ball during blocking shall not constitute playing the ball. There is no requirement for a male player to contact the ball, regardless of the number of hits by a team.

1.2.1 If a team contacts the ball more than one time during offensive action, one of the contacts must be by a female player, but there is no restriction preventing all three team hits from being made by female players. Contact of the ball during blocking action does not count as one of the three team hits. Therefore, after a block, a male player may play the ball back over the net as such contact would be considered the first team hit.

1.2.2 A ball contacted more than once by a team, without a female player having contacted it, remains live and does not become an illegal hit until it fully crosses the plane of the net or is legally contacted by an opponent.

1.2.3 An illegally hit ball blocked by an illegal blocker results in a double fault, and a play over is directed.

1.3 Uniforms of players are not required, Similar colored shirts are suggested.

1.3.1 It is forbidden to wear hats or excessive jewelry. An exception will be made for small post earrings, a flat band or ring worn on the finger. If a ring, other than a flat band, cannot be removed, it shall be taped in such a manner as not to create a safety hazard. **A player who wears jewelry does so at their own risk.**

1.4 When only one male player is in the front row at service, one male back-row player may be forward of the attack line for the purpose of blocking only: this male player may not attack the ball while in front of the 10 foot line.

1.4.1 No female back-row player may participate in a block.

1.5 The height of the net for mixed-six play shall be 2.43 m (7'11 5/8").

2. TEAM ROSTERS & COMPOSITION

2.1 A team roster will be filled out prior to the season and submitted to the Smyrna Parks & Rec. Dept.

2.1.1 A player will not be allowed to appear on more than one team's roster for any given season.

2.1.2 A player who does not appear on team's roster may sub providing that they do not play in more than one session on any night.

2.1.3 A player who plays with the same team three or more weeks will be added to that team's roster.

2.1.4 A player must appear on the roster and have played a minimum of two weeks to be eligible to participate in the "End of The Season Tournament" with a team.

2.1.5 If a player wishes to be transferred from one roster to another such transfer will be granted only upon agreement from both team captains. Rule 2.1.4 is still in effect regarding eligibility for tournament play.

2.2 A team will be considered legal when they have three team members present to play.

2.2.1 For Co-Ed play the number of male players on the court may only exceed the number of female players by one.

- If there is an issue regarding rules or eligibility the decision of the Smyrna Parks & Rec. Dept. and or the League Director will be final.
- Honor calls on touches and net violations are expected and encouraged.
- Due to the close proximity of the bleachers, a foot fault will be called only if a player steps completely over the end line during a service attempt.
- The judgment calls made by the Referees are not protestable, each Referee will strive to set a level of play which will provide a competitive and enjoyable atmosphere for all participants.
- Balls rolling onto the court which could pose a safety hazard or disrupt play may cause the current play to be replayed; this is at the judgment of the Referee.
- A ball which the Referee cannot judge as in or out may be replayed if the playing teams cannot come to an agreement.
- The divisions and seeding for the "End of The Season Tournament" will be determined by each team's record during the regular season. The format of this tournament will be determined based on the number of teams and time available.
- First serve will be determined alphabetically by team names A-Z **the first** ½ and Z-A the **second** ½, a coin flip will be used to determine serve in the tournament.