

BEAUFORT COUNTY PALS
2018 VOLLEYBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. General. This league is sponsored by Beaufort County Parks and Leisure Services and shall be governed by the following rules and regulations as adopted by team representatives.

- League Committee. The following people shall serve to draft, interpret and enforce the rules and regulations of this league:
 - 1) Shannon Loper
 - 2) Matt Watts
 - 3) Mark Rennix and Officials Committee(Leonel Robles)
- Protests. All protests must be filed, in writing, within 24 hours after the completion of the protested game. Additionally, a \$25.00 filing fee must be made at the time the protest is filed and made payable to Friends of Youth Athletics in Beaufort County. Referee judgment calls are not to be protested. The committee will rule on all protests within 48 hours of the filing. All decisions made by the committee are final. In the event a protest is upheld, the filing fee shall be returned. If the protest is not upheld, the filing fee shall be used for the purchase of equipment for PALS' athletic fields.
- Insurance. Beaufort County Parks and Leisure Services does not provide any insurance for its adult participants. **Teams and team members play at their own risk and must be registered on www.bcpals.com to participate.**
- Team Registration Fees. The cost for participating in this league will be \$50 per participant. This fee goes towards paying for the officials, balls, and maintenance.
- Alcohol. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages or drugs are allowed on Beaufort County Parks and Leisure Services facilities. Consequences for violations are:
 - 1st Offense: The team will be suspended until a \$100 fine is paid to Friends of Youth Athletics in Beaufort County. The manager is responsible for the entire team.
 - 2nd Offense: Beaufort County Sheriff's Department will be notified and legal action will be taken.
 - Notes: For players / coaches to be under the influence of alcohol and or drugs while playing volleyball is prohibited. The official or the PALS staff member in charge will eject any player(s) if they suspect alcohol or drugs have been used.
- Tobacco. Tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, dip or any other tobacco or tobacco derived substance) are not permitted inside the gym.

2. Eligibility.

- Rosters. A maximum roster size of **15 players** will be allowed. Any changes on the roster can be made until the third match of the season. All players must have a picture ID. If a player is in the gym and he/she can't produce a picture ID they will be removed from the game.
- Uniforms. All players are required to wear team shirt provided by PALS in order to play in a game.
- Switching Teams. A player may switch teams only with the consent of both team's coaches and the approval of PALS. The change must be reported to PALS prior to the next scheduled game. After the third scheduled match of the season, there will be no changes.
- Tournament Eligibility. All players must play a minimum of (5) matches for their team to be eligible to play in the playoffs.
- **Ineligible Players. Any team that uses a player deemed ineligible in accordance with any of the rules and regulations contained herein shall forfeit all matches in which the ineligible player participated. Further disciplinary actions may result.**

3. Unsportsmanlike Conduct.

- General. Unsportsmanlike conduct in the gym will not be tolerated. This applies to teams, individual players, coaches and spectators. Violators are subject to appropriate action by the league committee and / or PALS, including suspension or expulsion from the team or gym.

- Suspensions and Fines. Any coach or player ejected from a game by an official will be suspended for one game and pay a \$25.00 fine to Friends of Youth Athletics in Beaufort County before being reinstated. Each ejection thereafter will increase the fine, for that individual, by \$25. (example – 1st ejection = \$25, 2nd = \$50, 3rd = \$75 and so on...) This includes tournament matches. This money will be used to finance youth sports scholarships. Number of ejections will also be the first tie breaker for playoffs/seeding – the team with the least amount of ejections (hopefully NONE!) will win any tie breaker scenarios.
- “Flagrant” Misconduct. If, in the sole discretion of the official, such an ejection is due to flagrant misconduct or unsportsmanlike conduct, then the following penalty will be imposed: a fine of \$25.00 payable to Friends of Youth Athletics in Beaufort County will be levied and a five match suspension will be imposed. Additionally, the offending individual may be subject to banishment from the league. The League Commissioner will rule on this decision, and all decisions are final. “Flagrant” misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - Intentionally trying to cause injury to another player.
 - Pushing or striking a league official.
 - Excessive verbal abuse of an official or league representative.
 - Fighting or striking an opposing player or coach.
- Ejections and Multi-League Play. If a player is ejected from any game and plays on both leagues, that player must sit out the suspension time and then pay the \$25.00 re-instatement fine payable to Friends of Youth Athletics in Beaufort County before that player can play in ANY League game.
- Notification Responsibilities. In the event of an ejection, the referee shall notify the PALS representative / office of the number, name, and team of the ejected individual(s). In the event the ejection was for “flagrant” misconduct, the referee shall notify the league committee within 24 hours by a written report of the incident.

4. Player Minimum.

- A coed team must consist of six (6) players **of which at least two(2) are female**.
- A team must have a minimum of five (5) players to start a game with 1 player being female. **If a team does not have 6 players they may borrow a player from the opposing team only.** (This is not mandatory, but is simply an option to help teams avoid forfeits and the opposing coach will choose the player that is borrowed).

5. Game Time.

- The first game time will be (6:00pm).
- The first game is the only game with a ten-minute grace period.
- Games will be no longer than one hour in length.
- Should the first scheduled game of a match be declared a forfeit due to the inability of one team to field enough players, the second scheduled game will start an hour later or at the agreement of both coaches and referee to start sooner than an hour. There is no grace period for this second game.
- Tie-Breaker Rule. If two teams are tied at the end of the regular season, the team with fewer ejections will be the winner. If the two teams have the same amount of ejections, the team with the better head-to-head record will be declared the winner. If the two teams split their head-to-head regular season match-ups, the point differential between the two teams will determine the winner. If the point differential is a tie, then the two teams will have a one (1) game playoff to determine the winner.

6. Line-ups.

- **Managers / coaches must turn in a lineup form prior to the start of the 1st game with all players that will be participating in the match.**

7. Equipment.

- Athletic shoes are required. Dress shoes, flip flops, and bare feet are not allowed.
- Volleyballs will be provided by PALS to use during the game.

8. Officials. One official per game will be used for all matches. **Each team will need to provide (1) person to help out with line calls.** The PALS official will have the final say in any call or rules interpretation.

9. Make-up Games.

- All games officially postponed due to “weather” or other reasons shall be rescheduled by the League Commissioner.
- Games may not be rescheduled or postponed except by prior approval from the PALS department. A minimum of one week’s notice is required for rescheduling consideration.
- PALS reserves the right to cancel make-up games which would have no impact on the final standings.

10. Forfeits.

- Any team that forfeits four (4) matches shall be automatically suspended from the league for the remainder of the season and tournament play. Forfeits will be declared in their spot. There will be no refund of registration fees.
- Forfeits shall be scored 2-0 in favor of the non-forfeiting team.

11. Litter. Each team is responsible for picking up trash after the game concludes.

12. Game Rules.

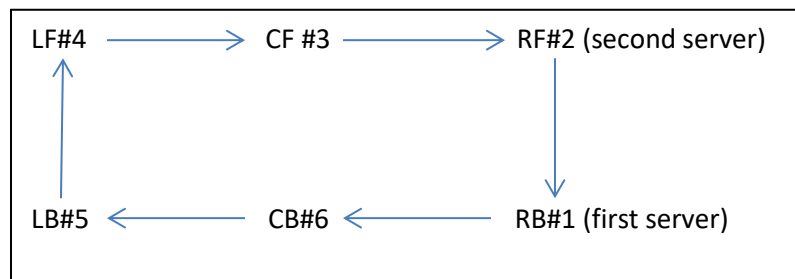
- On a return, if a ball is hit more than once, a female must hit the ball at least once.
- No blocking of a serve
- Best 2 out of 3 games to 25 points. Winner must win by 2 points up to a cap of 27. 3rd game will be to 15 points with a 17 point cap.
- EX: (25-25) (26-25)(26-26). Team that reaches 27 points is the winner.
- No player may touch the net at any time, whether or not he/she is playing the ball.
- If a player hits the ball into any overhead obstruction on his/her side of the court, the ball is considered still in play.
- If a player hits the ball into any overhead obstruction on the opponent’s side of the court, the ball is considered dead and a point will be awarded to the opposing team.
- A serve which hits any obstruction is considered dead and the point will be awarded to the receiving team.
- A player may not reach under the net to touch a ball or a player on the opposing team.
- Any ball, except a serve may be recovered from the net if the player makes no contact with the net.
- The ball may be clearly hit with one or both hands, forearms, except for receiving a serve, contact with two hands or forearms must be simultaneous or it will be called a double hit.
- A player may not carry or push the ball; the motion of the ball must not be interrupted.
- When players of opposing teams simultaneously contact the ball at the net, the contact is not considered one of the three volley hits allowed for either team.
- A player may leave the court to play a ball.
- A ball touching a boundary line is considered a point for the opposing team.
- A player may not step on the service line while contacting the ball for the serve.
- Backcourt players- can only spike from clearly behind the 10 foot line on the court and cannot block a ball in play at the net.

13. Substitutions.

- Teams can substitute male for male or female for female at the referees approval. (Unlimited)
- Players may be substituted as requested by team captain when a ball is dead.

- Server rotation:

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14. Tournament Play. The following rules shall apply to Tournament play.

- Tournament seeds are determined by the regular season standings.
- There will be no time limit in any playoff game including the championship game.
- The team with the better regular season record / higher tournament seed will have the option to choose being the home or visitor team in the “Winners’ Bracket” throughout the tournament. In the “Losers Bracket,” the home team option will be determined by a coin flip.
- There will be a ten (10) minute break before the championship game.
- PALS will determine the number of teams for playoffs dependent upon the number of teams in the league.