

2020 BGCA Fall Volleyball

4/5th Grade League (Revised 9/21/2020)

2019 NHSF Volleyball rules will be followed with the following exceptions:

Court Dimensions: 30' wide x 60' long Net Height: 6'4" Equipment: VolleyLite or similar ball will be used.

Each team must provide three volunteers for every match: one line judge, one score keeper and one health screener. An additional "Social Media" volunteer may also be allowed. This person will live stream the games for other parents to view that are not able to come in the facility.

Pre game warm-ups/starting of a match: The home team will select its team bench upon arrival in the facility. Warm-ups are to be timed. A clock will need to be set 15 minutes prior to the scheduled match start time. **The home team will take the court first to warm-up for 7 minutes, then the visiting team will get the court for 7 minutes. Serving warm-up must now be done during each team's 7 minutes. High school rules no longer allow for shared court warm-ups.** At the 1 minute mark, both teams will return to their benches and the coaches will need to turn in their rotation card. In order to minimize contact, the visiting team will be given the first serve of the first set. When starting the first set of the second match, the home team will start with the serve. A minimum of 5 players are required to start a match. A match can be completed with any number of players on the floor due to illness or injury.

Match: A contest between two teams and will consist of the best 2 out of 3 sets. The first two sets of the match will be to 25 points. The winning team must win by 2 points or more. If the leading team does not have a 2-point advantage, play shall continue until one team scores 30 points. If the teams split the first two sets, a third set will be played to 15 points. A team must win by 2 points or more and there is no score cap for the third set. **All play for this age group will stop at 7:15pm in order to give parents/guardians a specific pick up time for their participants.**

Time-outs: There will be two 60 second time-outs per team, per set. Exception: An injury or an equipment time out will count as an official time-out.

Serving: The serving line will be 15' from the end line. If the initial serve (if the attempt is an overhand serve) is unsuccessful or does not land in play, the player will be awarded one more serve which may be underhand or overhand. A re-serve will be called when the player releases the ball for service and allows it to drop to the floor. The referee will then cancel the serve and signal for a re-serve. There will be three re-serves allowed per serving rotation, and no time limit will be kept for service. A server is permitted a maximum of 5 successful serves. A side-out will be called after the 5th serve, no points will be awarded. Foot faults are not encouraged, but will not be strictly enforced at this level.

Player Rotation: Rotation order must be documented and given to the referee prior to the match starting, and remain the same throughout the match. The second match may have a new starting rotation if desired. Rotation is always clockwise. At each rotation, a player will sub-out at LB position and move to the end of the line on the bench. The player that is first in line on the bench will sub-in at LF position. The same rotation should be followed for all consecutive sets, and each new set shall be started where the previous set rotation left off. The exception being, if a player ended the set serving and is now going to start the next set serving, the team should rotate one position in order to allow for a new server. This process will allow all players equal playing time. If a player needs to sit out for disciplinary reasons (missing practices, uncooperative attitude, etc.) the opposing coach and referee must be notified, prior to the start of the match. No player should sit out an entire set or match, unless there is an injury or disciplinary circumstances.

Rule Reminders: A ball striking the ceiling or an overhead obstruction above a playable area shall remain in play, provide that the ball that touches the ceiling/obstruction on the team's own volley is live, but when a volley by team A strikes the ceiling on team B's side, team B is awarded a side-out. If a ball hits the wall, curtain, hoop, or any other surface that is not part of the court and is beyond the court's boundaries, the ball is out. *No attacking and/or blocking a serve.* Each team is encouraged to use the maximum of three hits to return

the ball over the net. *If a player comes into contact with the net*, other than with loose hair or the force of a ball hit by an opponent pushes the net or cables into the player, the other team is awarded a point/side-out. *A block is not considered at hit.*

NO JEWELRY will be allowed, with the exception of plain bobby pins and flat hair ribbons (this is for the safety of all players). New piercings may be covered with tape, but this is extremely discouraged. Hair must be held back with soft scrunchies or rubber bands.

Sportsmanship is to be exhibited at all times. Coaches must remain on the sideline and cannot come out on the court, as the captain will represent the coach on the court. Coaches in this league may stand and walk the sideline to allow for in game coaching and skill development. Please remember to model good sportsmanship. Arguing with officials, use of profanity, and abusiveness toward the other team or spectators will not be tolerated and will result in a one game suspension of player or coach.

**THIS IS A DEVELOPMENTAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE FOCUSED ON
SKILL DEVELOPMENT ---FUN---AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP!!!!**