

Novi Parks Sand Volleyball League Rules



Recreational Supervisor

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General Information:

League Months: June-August

Divisions: Thursday Open

Location: All games at Lakeshore Park (601 S. Lake Drive, Novi, Michigan 48375)

Game Times: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Tournament Play: Everyone plays in bracket play

Note: Updated schedules, standings and league rules will be located on Website: **cityofnovi.org**

Registration and Player Eligibility:

1. Signed player rosters are due before the start of the first game of the season. Can be turned in at Novi Parks or emailed to gmorris@cityofnovi.org or given to the site supervisor on site.
2. Maximum number of 10 players on roster.
3. Players may be added throughout the regular season by completing and signing the official team roster with the Site Supervisor prior to the game.
4. Only those players who are legally affixed to the proper roster and *played* in at least one regular season game are eligible for play-offs.

Basic Rules:

1. Match consists of three (3) sets. Standings will be computed by sets and not matches.
2. **All games are Rally Scoring:** A game is won when a team reaches 25 points with at least a two (2) point advantage. The cap is 27. If a game is at 26-26, the next point wins.
3. *Game time is forfeit time* for all games with the exception of 6:30 pm games. A ten-minute grace period will be allowed for the 6:30 pm games. This rule is only in effective if you **DO NOT** have two players. The game must be started if a team has two players by 6:30 pm.
 - a. The site supervisor will notify when it is 7:25 – signifying 5 minutes left in the first match.
 - b. At 7:30, time will be called, signifying the end of the early match. Games will continue until one team is ahead by two points or the 27 point cap is reached.
 - c. The second match will begin promptly at 7:35 and be timed with the same one-hour restriction.
4. During playoffs, the third game will be played to 15 points only with NO cap and the time limit will not apply.
5. Minimum of TWO PLAYERS to start a game. Players coming to the game late can join their team immediately.
 - a. **Coed restrictions:** Maximum of 2 men on the court.
6. Score card must be signed by both teams with the site supervisor at the completion of each game.

Service:

1. The team listed second on the schedule will serve first. Managers are responsible for informing his/her players of all ground rules and special situations. All matches are self officiated
2. The ball may be served from any point behind the end line and between the sidelines.
3. Server may not step on or touch the end line until contact has been made with the ball.
4. If a service hits the net and goes into the opponent's court, it is a legal serve.
5. Server may **NOT** catch or let their serve toss drop for a re-serve.

Ball Contact:

1. The ball may contact any part of the body.
2. A block does not count as a contact in 4's.
3. When dinking the ball:
 - a. The ball must be clearly hit with the heel or palm of the hand.
 - b. Closed, knuckled or straight locked fingertips.
4. One hand placement or redirection of the ball with the fingers is a fault.
5. All 'hand' sets over the net will result in a fault, even if square to the net.
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.

Other Rules and Information to Note:

1. Ball is ruled 'in' if side or end line visibly moves.
2. All games will be played with the provided volleyballs, unless both teams agree on another ball.
3. Ball must cross over the net between the poles. **Note:** No antennas. The wood dowels are in play.
4. Players are free to position themselves anywhere within the court. There are no position faults, although players must serve in rotation.
5. Each team is allowed **two (2) 30 second time-outs** total per match.
6. Unlimited substitutions are allowed as long as one player does not occupy more than one position in the service order during a single game.
7. 'Rotating In' is allowed after a side out. Once you start rotating in, you must continue, unless an injury occurs. Men can rotate in for men and women for women.
8. During play, going into another court OR the grass 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.
9. All net contacts are illegal except for the incidental hair or hat hitting the net.
10. Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department reserve the right to suspend play and resume at a later time/date due to inclement weather. Site Supervisors will meet with the coach/manager of both teams to record on the official game score sheet the point at which the game will be resumed. Weather decisions will be made by 4:30 pm. Please call 248-347-0473 for the weather hotline.
11. Players may be ejected from the game for: Foul language directed towards a site supervisor or an opposing team member, or face-to-face confrontation. Intentional misuse of the equipment or grounds will result in immediate ejection from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct.
12. All teams will participate in playoffs and be seeded based on regular season.

Tie Breakers:

The following tie breaking rules shall be in-effect for final playoff seeding:

- a. Win-Loss record in head-to-head games between tied teams, if the tie still remains.
- b. Total points scored in games between teams that are tied if tie still exists.
- c. Total points allowed in games between teams that are tied.

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