

2022 Shaler Area Smackdown 2nd Annual Grass Volleyball Summer Series Rules and Regulations

These rules are meant as a supplement to the standard rules of volleyball to add emphasis, clarify any areas where SASGV rules differ from USAV/FIVB outdoor rules, or are unique in regards to our location, field use and safety protocol. Rulebooks are available for free download from USA Volleyball at www.usavolleyball.org

RULES:

1. We will play rain or shine!
 - Though if we encounter thunderstorms play will halt and please immediately secure any shade tents/umbrellas and retreat to the safety of your vehicle.
2. Maximum of 3-minute warm-up between matches for new team(s) entering the court.
3. Scoring:
 - **Advanced Juniors and Adult Divisions** will be conducting this tournament utilizing "Old School Grass Rules" with Side Out scoring of sets played to 15 (cap at 17).
 - **Junior Divisions** will be using Rally Scoring of sets played to 25 (cap at 27)
 - Note - Number of sets or number of points may be adjusted/reduced based on time constraints and/or inclement weather.
4. Switching Sides:
 - **All Advanced Juniors and Adult Divisions** will switch sides on each 5th point (when playing to 15).
 - If because of time or weather constraints, teams may be directed to play to 11 and then will switch sides on each 4th point.
 - **All Junior Divisions** will switch sides after each set.
5. All Tournament Nets will be preset to the following heights:
 - **Adult Coed and Men's 2's, Advanced Junior Coed and Boys 3's, Junior Boys 4's** ➤ 8'-0"
 - **Adult Women 2's, Advanced Junior Girls 3's, Junior Girls 4's** ➤ 7'-4"
 - **Junior Coed 4's** ➤ 7'-8"
6. No open-hand tips
 - You can swing, roll it, knuckle poke, or bump but cannot push or have your fingertips guide the ball.
7. First contact cannot be open-handed unless it is to receive a hard driven ball (but not including a serve).
8. No finger pads/action may be used while receiving the serve. Service may be received with an open hand action ONLY if the ball is contacted by the palm or other hard hand surface with fingers closed.
9. This tournament does not observe reverse coed rules.
 - Play is standard as it would be played in either a men's or women's match
10. There is no gender blocking rule.
 - A male player can block a hit attempt in the front row by a female player, and vice versa.
11. Please No Gender Encroachment –
 - A male team member should not go out of his way to take plays away from fellow female teammates, and vice versa.
 - An example of this is a male intentionally or continually stepping in front of a female teammate during serve receive or while digging a hard driven ball. This is a

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subjective, self-enforced rule, goal of which is to promote fun and fair play for everyone!

12. During **Coed** Events all teams will field a "Coed Team" on the court at all times. (At least one male and one female at all times please)
13. No blocking or attacking serves. Overhand setting of the serve is not allowed.
14. A blocking contact is not counted as a team touch. Therefore, you will have three more touches after a blocking contact.
15. A regular rotation of the servers is required. Rotation of court positions is not required.
16. Accidental double contact is allowed on any hard driven attacked ball.
17. Player contact with the net is a violation. Breaking plane above and below the net is not a violation unless there is interference caused by contact to the opposing team.
18. When setting the ball over the net you do not have to be square to the net.
19. Serves striking the net and continuing over:
 - ➔ **Advanced Juniors 3's and all Adult Division 2's** count as a service fault and serve then passes to the opposing team.
 - ➔ **Junior Divisions** ARE in play.
20. If the server releases the ball for service but does not attempt to complete the service motion, a replay is awarded to the server.
 - ➔ A player may only receive one such replay during any one term of service.
21. Players are allowed to use their foot to receive the ball. A foot save counts as a team contact.
22. For Safety, players may NOT follow the ball past the plane of the net or go into adjacent courts of play.
23. Wilson Optix Recreational Outdoor Volleyballs will be provided for all play.
24. Players are encouraged to play in appropriate athletic shoes or barefoot. Shoes that could injure other players such as hard plastic or metal cleats are not permitted.
25. Shaler Smackdown will be self-officiated by the teams playing with an honor system and in good sportsmanship. Teams are encouraged to call their own violations in the run of play.
26. Teams will also call the ball in or out on their side of the court (while on defense). For judgement calls that are disputed, teams are encouraged to replay the point.

The Tournament Supervisor will be available to respond to questions that arise regarding rule interpretations and provide clarification. They also have final authority to resolve any disputes, make any rulings, and interpret any rules as they see fit.

No unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated at any time. This is recreational volleyball, and we are all here to compete and have fun! Play Safe!

Please be advised, Alcohol consumption, Vaping and Smoking are prohibited as we are playing on School grounds.

Thank you and enjoy the tournament!
Shaler Area Volleyball Boosters