

Competitive Fours League Rules and Information

Coordinator Provided

- A coordinator is provided for rule clarifications, match organization, and for any questions, comments, or concerns any player may have.
- We encourage players to get to know their coordinators. They are there every night to organize and make your experience as positive as possible.
- The coordinator is in charge of the league and an employee of The VolleyPark. **Their judgment and direction are to be followed and respected at all times.**
- The coordinator will do their best to make matches and tournaments fair but it is the responsibility of the Team's Captain to grab the coordinator if they believe there is a rules violation.

Team format

- The VolleyPark is against making teams forfeit due to lack of players. Eligible team formats for 4's include
 - Men's: Two or more players, all of which can be men or women
 - Women's: Two or more players, all of which must be women
 - Coed: 2M/2W - 1M/3W - 2M/1W - 1M/2W - 1M/1W
- All players must sign Participant Waiver & Team Roster before participating and **to be eligible to play in the end of session tournament.**

Match Format

- Matches will begin every hour starting at 6:30 and last matches starting as late as 10:30
- Matches are made up of three games, which are played using **RALLY SCORING (a point is scored every serve) to 21.**
- If your team is not present within 15 minutes of your scheduled start time, you will forfeit one game every 5 minutes after the first 15.
- **We reserve the right to shorten any match going past one hour to maintain the posted schedule and out of respect for other teams.**
- A team must win by-two points with a cap of 23
- All three games are played regardless of who won the first two games
- Each team gets one 60-second timeout per game

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Referees

- All calls by the referee are **FINAL**.
- **Only the team captain may approach the referee to discuss/dispute a call**

League Rules

League/Illegal Contacts

- **Players CANNOT use open hands or set a served ball**
- Players **CAN** contact the ball with any part of their body including kicking the ball as long as the contact is a clean hit and does not come to rest on the body part.
- In a defensive action of a hard driven ball, the ball can be held momentarily open handed only if it a reactionary action.
- When setting a ball from a hit that is not hard driven, no spin on the ball (a “clean” pass) is allowed. It is generally encouraged to receive free-balls by “bumping” to avoid this call.
- Players **CANNOT** attack or spike a serve as it is coming over the net.
- Players **CANNOT** tip the ball using an open hand. The ball can be legally “dinked” using straight, locked fingers; knurled fingers or knuckles; or the heel or palm of the hand

Serving

- **Beach sets are called more strictly than indoor sets.** Legal sets will be made with simultaneous contact of the hands (no double contact) and will have little to no spin, as determined by the referee.
- Accidental sets over the net will result in a point for the other team.
- Intentional sets over the net must travel in a direction directly in front of or behind you (square from the setters shoulders not to the net), as determined by the referee

Serving

- The server **CAN** serve the ball anywhere from behind the back line, provided it is within the sidelines extensions
- The server **CANNOT** step on the line while serving the ball. Doing so will result in a loss of rally and a point for the other team.
- The server **CANNOT** “re-do” a serve. If the server releases the ball for service and does not complete the service, the team will be penalized with a loss of rally and a point for the other team.
- A served ball that tips the net **IS** still a live ball

Blocking/Net Play

- **ALL** players are eligible to attack and block, regardless of court positioning.
- Players **CANNOT** contact the net with any part of their body at any time between the antennas
- Players **CANNOT** run into an opposing team’s players under the net. They **CAN** cross under the net, as long as it does not interfere with play.
- If a ball hits the net outside the antenna or any part of the net support, the play is dead.

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Blocking/Net Play continued

- A block **DOES NOT** count as a hit. If a blocker makes contact with the ball, his or her team has three hits to return the volley.
- A blocker **CANNOT** touch the ball when it is on the other side of the net until the ball breaks the “plane” of the net.

End-of-Season Tournament

- End-of-Season tournaments will take place during the eighth week of each session.
- Nobody likes it when people bring in ringers come tournament time. To keep things fair, **only players that played at least one week during the regular seven week season that signed the team’s roster the week they played, may play in the tournament.** Exceptions may only be made if approved by the coordinator or the director a week before the tournament.
- A photo ID approved by the coordinator will be required if a team is challenging a team’s roster.
- **Players may only play with one team per division in the tournament. The team you start the tournament with, is the team you finish the tournament with.**
- Every team qualifies to play in the tournament. Seeding will be determined based on regular season record with seeding being determined by the following, in order in case of ties.
 - 1) Match win percentage
 - 2) Head-to-head outcome
 - 3) Games Won
 - 4) Game Point Differential
 - 5) Coin Flip
- Tournament match formats will vary based on the number of teams, and will be communicated after week 7 of the session.
- The winning team of each league will receive Championship Purple T-Shirts for each of their team members with a max of 8 shirts. Additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$10 each if there are additional team members.

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VolleyPark Policies

- No outside food or drink allowed.
- **We have a very strict policy of “no outside alcohol or any drugs” permitted inside the VolleyPark and in the parking lot. THE POLICE WILL BE CALLED, THE VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED AND LEGALLY TRESSPASSED FROM THE PROPERTY. This is for the safety of our players, their families and for our employees.**
 - **Vulgar language, taunting or unwanted physical conduct is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Violators are subject to removal from the VolleyPark.**
 - **There is a no fighting policy here at the VolleyPark. The POLICE WILL BE CALLED AND THE VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED. NO QUESTIONS ASKED.**
 - Volleyball players of all ages are welcome at our facility, but you must be 21+ to drink. If you are caught providing alcohol to a minor, you will be asked to leave the premises **IMMEDIATELY**
 - Children of players are welcome at The VolleyPark, but must be kept under supervision
 - **AT ALL TIMES.** The following activities are specifically prohibited
 - Riding bikes & skateboards
 - Throwing or kicking balls
 - Running, chasing, etc.
 - Going unattended into the bowling alley.
 - Hanging on the nets
 - Digging on the courts. There is a sand box provided if they wish to play in the sand.
 - Shirt and shoes are required in the bowling alley.
 - Shirts and shoes are required for entry into the bowling alley.
- **For the safety of our players, pets ARE NOT allowed at The VolleyPark**

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Rescheduling

- League matches **WILL NOT** be cancelled in advance of the start time due to weather. Our Drainage system allows for play even in the rainiest of weather.
- **If something comes up and you cannot make your match on the posted date/time, please work with your opponent and/or the teams with whom you need to switch. It is your responsibility to get us the resolution so we can then revise the schedule**
- If your team is unable to work out rescheduling your match for any reason, your team will take a forfeit loss.
- **We understand that special circumstances arise and if should that happen, please contact us immediately and we can attempt to work with you.**
- **Matches will not be rescheduled unless we make the call for severe weather or for any other unforeseen reason where the match cannot be played.** If you know at least two weeks in advance that your team is unable to make it, please let your coordinator know and we will do our best to get the match rescheduled if it is possible.
- For up to date info on match cancellations due to weather, please like us on Face Book (The VolleyPark) or check the website (www.thevolleypark.com)