



## Adult Coed Volleyball 2018 League Rules and Guidelines



# **2018**

## **New**

- **Each Team will pay \$10 cash at the net before each match they play, teams will be required to pay twice if they have a double header**

### **Contact Numbers:**

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- Athletics Phone Line 817-757-3631
- E-mail: [recreationcenter@wstx.us](mailto:recreationcenter@wstx.us)

### **Payment and Registration:**

- \$150 league fee payment is due by the coaches' meeting/registration deadline.
- Each team will also pay \$10 cash at the net fee for the officials each match.
- \$25 Early Registration Discount.
- No partial payment(s) will be accepted.
- All special scheduling request(s) will require an additional \$50.00. Staff will make every effort to accommodate your request. If we cannot work the request into the schedule the \$50.00 scheduling fee will be refunded.

### **Awards:**

- First place teams will receive individual t-shirts and free league entry for the next season only

### **General Information:**

- Leagues will be played under official USA Volleyball Indoor rules except for White Settlement specific rules mentioned in this packet.
- League matches will consist of 3 games (2 games to 25 points and 1 game to 15 points). Playoff seeding will be determined by win/loss standings.
- If more than one team has the same record the following will determine a tie:
  - A. Head-to-Head Competition (wins and losses between teams tied)
  - B. Margin of victory (Head to Head)
  - C. Margin of victory (in all league games).
  - D. A Tie-Breaker game to 25 points.
- A single elimination tournament will be held at the end of the season to determine the League Champion. Every team will play in the single elimination tournament at the end of the regular season.

### **Team Classification Policy:**

- The City of White Settlement reserves the right to re-classify teams based on previous performance. This can also be decided once league play has begun but no later than the second night of play. This is to help substantiate parity throughout and within the leagues and divisions.

### **Scheduling/Schedules:**

- If you do not indicate a special request on the registration form, staff will schedule your team as it deems necessary.
- All scheduling is done through Active net to ensure uniformity and consistency.
- All games will be played as scheduled.
- The City of White Settlement will schedule one certified referee for all games.
- Schedules/Standings will be posted online at [www.wstx.us/wp/parksandrec/](http://www.wstx.us/wp/parksandrec/)
- Schedules will be handed out at coach's request.
- In the event a team drops, league play schedule will not change once schedules are distributed.

### **Combined League Policy:**

- The City of White Settlement reserves the right to combine leagues as necessary to ensure a league night will not be cancelled.

### **Refunds:**

- No refunds will be given for league fees after the schedules have been completed. There will be no exceptions or excuses accepted for giving a refund or partial refund after schedules have been posted.

### **Game Times:**

- 6:30 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 8:45 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
- A coin flip will determine which team shall serve first and the side of the court each team. The winner of the coin toss will have the option of serving first or their choice of court side. The remaining choice will be given to the loser of the coin toss. The loser of the coin toss will be given the option in the second game. Another coin toss will take place prior to the start of the third game. Teams will not change sides mid-way through the third game. If one team has won both the first two games the service will be awarded to the other team for the third game.

### **Eligibility:**

- The minimum age allowed to participate is 14 years at the time of the 1<sup>st</sup> game.
- Players must be in possession of a valid picture I.D. during game.
- All players must be listed on the team roster to be eligible.
- "Pick up" players are not allowed. Any team using a player not on their team roster **will be subject to protest**. A valid picture identification (such as a driver's license) of the player in question and the league roster will determine the result of the protest.
- See Protest section for rulings.

### **Rosters:**

- Rosters must be submitted to the City by the 2nd night of play.
- Rosters must include first and last name, signature, and driver's license number or date of birth, of team members.
- Rosters will be limited to a maximum of twelve players.
- Staff will hold on file all team rosters. Teams may add and drop players to their team roster until the 4th week.

- Failure to submit a current team roster with the City will result in a forfeit of each game that the roster is not submitted to City Staff.
- All players may be listed on only one roster per league. The penalty for being on more than one roster will be suspension of the player until they are dropped off all but one roster.
- If a team allows a player who is not on the team roster to participate in a game, and that player is protested then that team will forfeit the game in which the illegal player participated. The opposing team manager/coach is the only person able to protest.

### **Scorecards/League Standings:**

- At the end of each match, it is the responsibility of the team manager or coach to initial their score.
- The scorecard **will be** the final determination of the game score.
- The scorecards are not subject to protest.
- League standings are always posted online at: [www.wstx.us/wp/parksandrec/](http://www.wstx.us/wp/parksandrec/)

### **Equipment and Uniforms:**

- No exposed jewelry will be allowed.
- Medical bracelets are allowed.
- No sandals, open toed shoes, work boots (steel toe), shoes that will mark on gym floor will be allowed.
- Rings or earrings may be allowed if they are covered by tape.
- Teams will not be required to have uniforms, provided that teams stay on their side of the net.
- The City will provide the game balls for match play.

### **Playing Rules:**

- The net will be set at the height specified for the league by the current USA Volleyball rules (currently 7 ft. 11 5/8 in.).
- **COED RULE:** Teams must have a minimum of four players and have an equal number of male and female players on the court for coed leagues (there will be no side out penalty charged to teams with less than six players). If a team does not have four players with a minimum of two females at the scheduled game time, the opposing team will receive a forfeit victory for the first game of the match (see forfeit section). Coed teams may play with as many female players as they wish, but never more male players as female players. Teams can play with a maximum of six players on the court. Teams playing with six players must have at least three female players on the court.
- Service order must remain the same throughout the game.
- Service must rotate male/female each service unless there are an odd number ratio of male/female players. Two male players may not serve back to back.
- In coed leagues, a female player must contact the ball if the team contacts the ball more than once while the volleyball is on their side on the net.
- A male back line player may move to the front line for blocking purposes only when there is only one male on the front line at the time of service.
- Starting lineups must be turned in to the score keeper by each team two minutes prior to each game. Teams who do not submit a starting lineup by game time or a team who submits an incorrect lineup will be assessed a “side out” on their first serve of the game.
- Teams may substitute by direct substitution or by rotation, but teams must choose only one method of substitution and continue that method throughout the game. Direct substitution requires one player to replace another. When using direct substitution, any player may replace another unless it does not comply with the Coed ratio rule. Substitution by rotation allows players to rotate in a continuously

rotating fashion. When substituting by rotation, teams are not allowed to change or alter the order of rotation. When rotating, players must enter the game at the serving position or the center back position.

- Since all individual games count in the standings, the first two games of a match will be played to a rally score of 25 points, and the third game will be played to a score of 15 points, with the exception of games that are shortened by the time limit. A two-point advantage must be attained to win the game, or the first team to score; 30 points in the first two games, or 20 points in the 3<sup>rd</sup> game.
- One, 1 minute timeout will be allowed each game of the match.
- The time limit for each game will be twenty minutes. If one team leads the game by two or more points at the end of the twenty minutes, the game will be over at that point. If neither team is ahead by two or more points then play will continue until one team has a two point advantage.
- Any volleyball that strikes an overhead object on the side of the net of the team playing the volleyball, the volleyball will remain in play. (For example, if the volleyball strikes the ceiling, rafters or lights it will remain in play.) If the volleyball strikes the ceiling, rafters or lights on the opponent's side of the net, the volleyball will be ruled dead. Also, if the volleyball strikes the bleachers, Basketball Goal or wall on either side of the court, the volleyball shall be ruled dead.

### **Forfeits:**

- MATCH TIME IS FORFEIT TIME for the first game, ten minutes after match time will be the forfeit time for the second game, and twenty minutes after match time will be forfeit time for the third game. In the event a team(s) is/are not ready to play at the scheduled time, a forfeit shall be declared, unless indicated otherwise by the city official on duty.
- Forfeited games will not be rescheduled.
- A scheduling error is not a forfeit as determined by the City.
- In the event of a forfeit due to a dropped team, the schedule will not be changed
- As a matter of courtesy to the other teams, please contact Staff if you plan to forfeit in advance.
- Forfeiture of three (3) scheduled matches, whether consecutive or not, by any one team will result in the team being eliminated from the league for the remainder of the season. Team(s) scheduled to play the eliminated team will receive automatic wins.
- A forfeit will be scored 7-0.
- In the event of a double forfeit the game will be scored 0-0 and both teams will receive a loss.

### **Ejections and Conduct:**

- Player(s) will be ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- The referee will make the final decision on whether a player(s)/coach/team is ejected.
- Any player that is ejected from the game will be removed from the Recreation Center, and not allowed to play for the remainder of that particular day/night of play.
- It is the responsibility of the team manager/coach to comply with this policy. Any violation of the policy will result in further disciplinary action to possibly include suspension from all league play.
- Law enforcement will be used when it is necessary.
- Any participant who verbally or physically abuses a player, official, staff member or spectator before, during, and/or after a game set or is involved in actions that are considered detrimental to the league and City will be subject to suspension at the Athletic Coordinator's discretion.
- The City reserves the right to increase or decrease the severity of the penalty based upon prior history, unusual or special circumstances, and/or to protect the integrity of the league.
- Any player or coach who has been ejected two or more times in a season may be suspended from all league and/or tournament activity for the rest of the current season. If an ejection occurs on the final

night of league play, suspensions may be carried over until the next season that the ejected player or coach participates.

### **Protests:**

- Protests will only be accepted on player eligibility and rule interpretations.
- The protests on rule interpretations must be filed before the next serve. **Player eligibility protest must be filed before the end of the match.** A fifty dollar (\$50) cash protest fee must accompany any protest. If your protest is valid you will receive your \$50 back, if you are invalid then the City will keep the protest fee.
- Protests concerning judgment calls will not be allowed.

### **Injury Procedures:**

- 911 services will be used for serious medical emergencies.
- The City is not responsible for the transportation of injured players.
- The City does not stock, issue, and/or distribute ingestible type medications and/or medicines nor extend medical attention to park patrons.
- At the discretion of City staff, personal vehicles may be used to remove injured player.
- In the event of an injury, the player or coach must fill out an injury report the day/night of the injury/incident.
- In the event of an injury the official will allow a 2 minute recovery time. If more time is needed the official will inform both coaches/teams to leave the court and the play clock will resume as soon as injured player is removed from the court.
- At the discretion of the official, any player on the court with an active bleeding sore/cut/lesion/wound will be required to cover it with a bandage before continuing or may be removed from the game entirely.

### **Insurance:**

- User agrees to indemnify and hold the City of White Settlement, its officers, agents and employees safe and harmless from any and all claims from damages, injury or death to property or persons arising out of or resulting from the use of premises by the user. The renting party agrees to provide proof of financial responsibility of liability insurance for any type of legal action resulting from this tournament. User shall be responsible for conducting all activities in a safe manner so as to avoid any damages or injuries to property or person.
- All injury/incident claims are to be filled with the City Secretary and processed through the City Hall located at 214 Meadow Park Drive, White Settlement 76108, 817-246-4971.

### **Gymnasium Rules:**

- **No food or drinks are allowed in the gym.**
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on city property (City Ordinance #488, maximum \$200.00 fine).
- Vending on park property is not allowed. (City Ordinance #874-87)
- Tobacco products are not allowed anywhere inside city buildings (City Ordinance 2414-11 Sec 28.92)
- No spitting or foul language allowed in the gym.
- Warm up period will begin 5 minutes prior to the first scheduled game.



**City of White Settlement  
Volleyball Roster**

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Night of Play:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Manager Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Division/Classification:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone: (H)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(W)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Cell)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of Coach**

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**Date Signed**

The undersigned party, individual, player, manager, or participant, hereby agrees that he/she shall waive and indemnify City of White Settlement and it's owners, affiliates, employees, assigns, officers, directors, and contractors (to include Officials) from any and all liabilities arising out of or from his or her participation in any activities or events which occur in the Recreation Center. The "Complex" shall be defined as such areas to include but not to be limited to all playing fields, parking lots, walkways, concession stand, surrounding wooded areas, easements, common areas, and public areas of the Recreation Center. "Events" shall be defined as participation in the playing, managing, coaching or participating in any capacity before, during or after a game of Volleyball or any sport sponsored at the Recreation Center Facility.

The Team Manager hereby agrees that he/she shall acquire the name of all individuals who will participate in the event (s) prior to taking the field of play. Failure by the Manager or the team representative to provide the information requested below for each person on the team, including all players, coaches, or other participants involved in the game or on the court of play, such violating team shall be subject to immediate disqualification. "Disqualification" shall mean to immediately leave the court of play and all such surrounding areas until City staff or management has reinstated them. Refusal to leave the court of play when asked by an official or City representative will mean a forfeiture of all games and deposits and/or fees paid by the team.

The Player or participant agrees and understands that he/she will not be permitted to play or participate in any activity within the Recreation Center, unless and until, he/she signs in the space provided for below. Each person executing this form shall agree to accept the terms and conditions of the Agreement. Further, any player, which causes damage to himself or to any other person or property that he/she shall be fully responsible for such liabilities and damages, which resulted from their acts. Also, he/she shall indemnify City of White Settlement/Recreation Center from any and all cost it incurs to defend itself from claims or damages arising out of their acts, including, but not limited to, cost to defend any legal action, attorney fees, settlement, and court cost.

**SEASON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Driver's License #**  
**Or**  
**Signature**

**Players/Participants**  
Name

