

Brewer Parks and Recreation Department

Adult Volleyball League

Rules 2024 - All Divisions

The league will be administered under the guidelines of the United States Volleyball Association (USVA). While the league may refer to the spirit, intent, and technical advice of the USVA Rule Book, several additions and exemptions will be determined by the Brewer Parks and Recreation Department as described below.

1. A team fee of \$90.00 will be charged for women's teams and a team fee of \$95.00 will be charged for coed teams. A \$10.00 fee for each Non-Brewer resident on each team will be assessed. **All team fees are to be paid before the season begins. All Non-Brewer resident fees must be paid before playing.**
2. Teams are recommended to carry at least eight players and no more than twenty players. For Coed teams it is strongly recommended to have a minimum five female and five male roster to avoid forfeits and delays. Teams are expected to have enough players to begin at the scheduled playing time. **Games (sets) will not be made up, started late, or rescheduled because of injuries, general tardiness, or hardships that could otherwise be resolved by carrying a full roster.**
3. Any roster changes prior to week two will be allowed only due to extenuating circumstances, and with the permission of the Deputy Director.
4. At no time will a lower recreation division player be substituted by an upper recreation, or power, caliber player. The Deputy Director will have final judgement.
5. At no time will a player be allowed to participate in a Lower Recreation Division AND an Upper, or Power, Division (Women's and Coed) during the same season.
6. All players must be eighteen years of age and have graduated from high school to participate.
7. *Starting times and forfeits:
 - The first set will be forfeited exactly five minutes past the scheduled start time.
 - The second set will be forfeited exactly fifteen minutes past the scheduled start time.
 - The third set will be forfeited exactly thirty minutes past the scheduled start time.
 - For Coed teams: Any legal combination of male and female players (rule 8) will start the game at the scheduled time.*
8. Coed Teams:
 - Six players with a minimum of three females in alternating positions will be on the court at all times.
 - *In an emergency, Coed teams may use a five-player format that does not include more than three males.
 - When the ball is played more than twice by a team, a female player must make one the contacts.
 - Contact of the ball during blocking shall not constitute playing the ball.
 - There is no requirement for a male player to contact the ball, regardless of the number of contacts by a team.
9. Participation:
 - A player must attend a minimum of five matches to be eligible to participate in league playoffs.
 - *The Brewer Parks and Recreation Department enforces a "Ghost Player" rule for teams playing shorthanded during playoffs.**
10. A match will consist of three sets to 21 points using "Rally Scoring". Each set will be worth one point for a win. The winning team must have a two-point advantage at 21 or the set will continue until there is a two-point lead or a cap score of 25.

11. Substitutions will follow USVBA rules, however, teams may elect to rotate substitutions into game on the serve if they desire. A late arriving player may enter the game in a normal rotating basis.
12. No jewelry will be permitted.
13. To begin play the captain will call the toss of a coin for choice of; team area (side) or the service. The winner of the toss chooses to either; serve first, or choose their team's side for the first set. The loser of the toss receives the remaining option. Before the beginning of the deciding game of the match, the captain of the team not calling the toss for the first game shall call the toss of the coin with the above described options. *Captains may elect not to change playing area (side) in the deciding game.*
14. Rotation: Players will rotate on the serve. Including the first serve of the match.
15. Service Faults:

A service fault shall be called if:

The ball passes under the net.

The ball touches an antenna or does not pass over the net completely between the antennas or their indefinite extensions.

The ball touches a player of the serving team or any object before entering the opponent's playing area.

The ball lands outside the limits of the opponent's playing area.

The server steps on or over the service line.

Any serve that crosses the net, even if it touches the net is in play.

The server will only have one toss, or release, to serve the ball.

Any toss that hits the balcony on a serve is considered playable.

16. USVBA rules allow foot contact with the ball. If your foot contacts the ball, the ball is still considered in play.

A ball that hits any part of a boundary line is considered in play.

A ball that contacts the lights, ceiling, or overhead fans will be consider in play, if it remains on the same side.

The balcony wall is out of play.

A ball that contacts the basketball hoop, or support, will be to the discretion of the officials if it would have been out of bounds or in play, (may result in a play-over during playoffs). **(During the regular season the basketball hoops and supports will be considered out of play.)**

The Brewer Parks and Recreation Department's Adult Volleyball League is offered in the interest of good sportsmanship, fair play, and exciting competition. There will be a league Commissioner in attendance at every match. Any team, or player, may be expelled from a game, or the league, by the commissioner for unsportsmanlike conduct, (including the use of offensive language).