

Beach Volleyball Rules

- 1. COURT USE:** Courts are open to the public from 7:00 am until sunset. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF RESIDENTS IF YOU ARRIVE EARLY! Play is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Exceptions at South Mission Beach Sports Park are for the City of San Diego, Park and Recreation permitted camps and events. Check with the lifeguard or visit events page at www.southmissionbeachsportsark.com.
- 2. WOMEN'S COURTS:** Women's courts are available for play in the following order: Women's games, Reversed coed games, Mixed play. If coed/mixed games are in effect, players are asked to yield the courts at the conclusion of their game to any women players who are waiting for a net (no challenges necessary). Men's and coed teams cannot challenge a women's team currently on the court unless the women voluntarily accept such a challenge.
- 3. FOUR-SOMES:** Closed foursomes (e.g. two teams not accepting challenges) are allowed Monday-Friday. Saturday-Sunday and holidays 4-somes will be allowed from 8:00-11:00 am from Labor Day until April 15th. After 11:00 am all players must accept challenges. April 16th thru Labor Day, Saturday-Sunday and holiday all courts will be open for challenge.
- 4. TRAINING:** Players who are interested in training at South Mission Beach Sports Park are allowed Monday-Friday. Saturday-Sunday and holidays training groups will be allowed from 8:00-11:00 am from Labor Day until April 15th unless all courts are full. If the courts are full the group training must accept any player who wants to do the training with you up to 10 people per court. After 11:00 am all courts must accept challenges. April 16th thru Labor Day, Saturday-Sunday and holiday all courts will be open for challenge.
- 5. MEN'S COURTS:** Men's courts are available for play in the following order: Men's games, Coed games, Women's games. If women's games are in effect, players are asked to yield the court at the conclusion of their game to any male players who are waiting for a net. However, if coed games are in effect, a men's team must challenge and win in order to receive the court.
- 5. WORK-UP COURTS:** If there are two courts being used as work-up courts. The winners may only stay on the winner's court for three games before releasing the court.
- 6. NET ADJUSTMENT:** Players are not allowed to change net heights (e.g. women's to men's or men's to women's), but may make minor adjustments by using the small tension ropes until the net meets the correct height. Please call Laura Hendrickson if there is any failure or the net needs repair or adjusting (619) 888-6743.
- 7. CHALLENGES:** A player does not have to have a partner present to call a challenge. A single player may call challenge and request the services of a member of the losing team as his or her partner. However, challenges must meet acceptable team configurations (see rule #8).
- 8. CHALLENGE CONFIGURATIONS:** Unless otherwise agreed by participating teams, teams playing doubles may only be challenged by other doubles teams (e.g. a doubles team does not have to play against a sixes team unless they agree to do so). However, doubles team may challenge any type of team at any time, be it doubles, fours or sixes.
- 9. CHALLENGE COURTS:** After 11 am all courts are designated challenge courts if there are ANY players waiting to play, regardless of court availability. Challenges may be called by an individual or a team. Teams must yield to a challenge. April 16 thru Labor Day, Saturday & Sundays – all courts are open to challenge from 7 am-9 pm.
- 10. ETIQUETTE:** Behavior including verbal or physical abuse, abuse of nets or poles, excessive profanity, public drunkenness or actions that interfere with the well-being, safety and enjoyment of other players will not be tolerated. Violations of Municipal Codes will be subject to citation. No glass is allowed on the beach. Keep our beach clean and pick up after any beach activities. Do unto others as you would have done unto you.
- 11. RULES OF THE GAME:** Rules shall be appropriate to the level of play. Where there are disparate levels of play, rules shall apply to the higher level (e.g. in hand setting). No referees are required. The policy will be to call your own fouls and settle disputes with a replay. CBVA rules are recommended.
- 12. PORTABLE NETS:** Portable nets are allowed unless removal is requested by a Lifeguard. However, in order to avoid interference with other beach uses, no portable nets are allowed between the permit courts and the sea wall, or to interfere with "Over-the-Line" play.

NOTE: NETS WILL BE DESIGNATED "M" FOR MEN AND "W" FOR WOMEN.

TAMPERING WITH EQUIPMENT IS PROHIBITED.