



## Sport & Social Club General Rules

### SCORE REPORTING

- Team captains are responsible for reporting the scores after your game through the SSC website. Teams have a 48-hour window to report scores after the completion of the game. Please be timely with your score reporting so league standings can remain updated for playoff positioning.

### STANDINGS/SCHEDULES

- Players can view league schedules and standings by logging into your player profile and clicking on 'Schedule and Standings'.

### PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- All players must be added to the team roster by the team captain. This process confirms that all players have agreed to our policies and online waiver.
- Substitute players are allowed; however, they must be added to the team roster. Adding a substitute player from another team in the same league is allowed, however, regular/consistent use of a substitute player in the same league is considered unsportsmanlike and not encouraged.
- For a player to be eligible for a playoff game, the following criteria must be met, or the team will default the game:
  - Be on the SSC online team roster.
  - Play a minimum of two regular season games in a 6–10 week season, or three regular season games in an 11–14 week season.
  - Play for only one team per league/pool in playoff games. If a player plays for two teams, the second game will be defaulted.

### DEFAULTS

- A default will occur if a team cannot field a squad by 15 minutes after the official start time. If a team does not meet the standard eligibility requirements, team captains must confirm the outcome prior to starting the game. Captains may agree to waive the rules regarding eligibility requirements. If it is agreed that the game counts, it counts! In the event there is a default dispute, and the game was played, the SSC ruling is that the game counts.
- In the event of inclement weather, follow our SSC foul weather policy available on the website and the sport specific instruction below.

### ROUGH PLAY & PLAYER CONDUCT

- It is recognized that incidental contact between players is inevitable – however, all players should go out of their way to avoid creating unsafe play.
- Any unsportsmanlike conduct may result in immediate expulsion from the league. This includes, physical or rough play, verbal abuse, damage to facility property and/or loss of facility permit. Fighting will result in immediate expulsion from the league. View our complete Unsportsmanlike Conduct policy on our website.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages, use of drugs and smoking at your game site before, during, or after your game is strictly prohibited. Offenders will be asked to leave the league without refund. No Exceptions.

### GAME COORDINATOR (GC) ON-SITE SSC LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES

- A Game Coordinator (GC) presence is dependent on sport, season, and/or facility locations. They are not referees, as all games are self-officiated. They are on-site to be a neutral supporter of both teams, clarify rules, manage equipment, start/stop games, and to inform players of league news.
- A Game Coordinator may stop a game before the full time has expired due to overly aggressive play, persistent unsportsmanlike conduct, or a general violation of the rules of the game.

## Sport & Social Club Beach Volleyball 4's Rules

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volleyball is a team sport played by two teams on a sand court divided by a net. The objective is for each team to send the ball over the net attempting to ground it on the opponent's court, and to prevent the ball from being grounded on its own court.</li> </ul>
<b>GAME LENGTH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most matches are 55-minutes in length; however, some leagues offer 85-minute matches.</li> <li>Games start and end according to your online SSC schedule.</li> <li>If games start late, games must finish at the scheduled time (e.g. 6:15pm-7:00pm).</li> <li>If a set is not complete when time runs out or a game is stopped due to lightning, then the team in the lead is considered to have won that set. A team must have at least 5 points in a set to count as a win, otherwise it is deemed a tie. Similarly, if the third set is not played, then it is considered a tie.</li> <li>Games are played rain or shine (please refer to our foul weather policy).</li> </ul>
<b>EQUIPMENT RENTAL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teams are required to bring 1 beach volleyball to every game.</li> <li>Volleyballs may be available to rent through SSC. A refundable deposit is required, payable through online registration.</li> </ul>
<b>PLAYERS ON COURT, GENDER RATIO AND DEFAULTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teams are comprised of 4 players on the court. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mixed Gender Leagues: Teams must always play with a minimum of 1 male and 1 female on the court.</li> <li>Single Gender Leagues: Teams must always play with the same gendered players on the court.</li> <li>Open Gender Leagues: There are no minimum gender requirements. Players participate freely without restrictions existing as to how many players of each gender are on the court.</li> </ul> </li> <li>A team can play with a minimum of 3 people, as long as the gender requirements are met for the specific league.</li> <li>Non-binary players count towards the team's roster count. In mixed gender leagues, their team must still meet the minimum male/female identifying players on the court.</li> <li>Captains may agree to waive the rules regarding minimum players and gender ratio before the game starts.</li> <li>Teams that do not meet the minimum gender requirement may play with the 'Ghost Rule'. This rule must be agreed upon by both teams before the start of the game. See rule description below.</li> <li>A default for the match (all three sets) will occur if any team cannot field a squad 15 minutes after the official start time (unless otherwise agreed by both captains).</li> </ul>
<b>GAME SET-UP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volleyball nets will be set up by the SSC Game Coordinator or facility staff upon arrival to your game.</li> <li>To determine who serves first, teams can either choose to play a rally game (minimum 3 crosses over the net), coin toss or rock-paper-scissors.</li> <li>Teams are responsible for keeping score and time.</li> </ul>
<b>GENERAL GAME RULES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matches are comprised of three sets (55-minute matches), or five sets (85-minute matches) depending on your specific league structure.</li> <li>A player may play the ball off any part of his/her body, including feet.</li> <li>A player may not make two consecutive hits of the ball, except where the player has contacted the ball on a block, then the player may hit the ball a second time.</li> <li>Tips are allowed. However, teams can choose to play without this rule (i.e. tips not allowed and players use a closed fist instead). This must be decided on before the game starts.</li> <li>Players are to call balls 'in' or 'out' of bounds. If the ball touches any part of a court line, it is 'in'. The ball must completely pass the line to be 'out'. If there is a dispute, resume play by re-serving the ball with no point awarded. If a disagreement escalates, any disputes should be discussed amongst the two team captains only.</li> <li>Teams may call a 1-minute time-out per match if needed, except during the final 10 minutes of play.</li> <li>If a match concludes early, the teams can continue to play, but the score of the fourth game will not be recorded.</li> </ul>
<b>SCORING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first team to score 25 points by a two-point margin wins the set (with a hard cap of 27 points).</li> <li>A match consists of best of 3 sets. All 3 sets should be played. The team that wins 2 of 3 sets wins the match.</li> <li>Match Point Scoring: Win = 2 points, Loss = 0 points, Tie = 1 point, Forfeit = -1 point.</li> </ul>
<b>PLAYER ROTATION AND POSITIONING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Players may play from any position and do not have to rotate; however, players must maintain server rotation.</li> <li>All 4 players may spike the ball from anywhere on the court.</li> </ul>

<p><b>VIOLATIONS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players are to call their own fouls and violations. If an obvious foul is missed, a player on the opposing team may politely point this out, assuming their opponent either does not know the rule or missed their own foul. Generally, teams should not call fouls against their opponents.</li> <li>• Obvious fouls include - carries, double hits (allowed on serves), touching the net (see next point), going under the net and contacting another player.</li> <li>• Contact with the net by a player during the action of playing the ball, is a violation (fault). The action of playing the ball includes (among others) take-off, landing, hit, block and set. Players may touch the post, ropes, or any other object outside the antennae, including the net itself, provided that it does not interfere with play.</li> <li>• If the ball is driven into the net causing the net to touch an opponent, no fault is committed.</li> <li>• A player is permitted to pass his/her hand above the plane of the net in the following scenarios: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ While blocking an attack.</li> <li>○ If a player is spiking the ball, their hand can cross the net as long as contact is initiated on their own side.</li> <li>○ An infraction has occurred if a player interferes with their opponent's attack (e.g. if a setter is trying to set their player, the opponent can't reach over the net and block that set).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Players are not permitted to penetrate fully into the opponent's space under the net. Player's feet must remain in contact with the 'centre line' and any part of the body above the feet. Players need to be as cautious as possible when crossing under the plane of the net, so as to avoid injury to themselves or their opponents.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SERVING</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A server may serve the ball from anywhere behind the baseline.</li> <li>• Only one toss or release of the ball is allowed per serve.</li> <li>• Players can open-hand volley a serve.</li> <li>• A player may NOT block or spike a serve.</li> <li>• Net serves are allowed. Meaning, if a serve hits the net but the motion of the ball carries it over, it is a live ball.</li> <li>• A double hit off of the serve is allowed (e.g. the serve hits the defender's arms and then chest).</li> <li>• The server does not rotate after 5 points. The same server continues to serve as long as his/her team successfully wins the point.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PLAYOFFS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first team to score 25 points by a two-point margin wins the set (with a hard cap of 27 points).</li> <li>• Team playoff position: Ties in the standings will be broken first by head-to-head play. If there are more than 2 teams that are tied, all the teams must have played each other in order for the results to go to head-to-head. Otherwise, most set wins (points scored), overall set wins (point differential), then least set loses (points against) will determine the placement in that order.</li> <li>• The SSC office will update the playoff schedule once all scores have been submitted and after the last regular season game. Please do not assume the time/location of your playoff game until team names have been posted into the schedule.</li> </ul>
<p><b>GHOST RULE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a team does not meet the minimum gender requirements on the court, teams can decide to play with a 'ghost' in replacement of the missing player. As a penalty, the opposing team receives a 5-point advantage at the start of each set. The team which uses the ghost rule can have a maximum of 3 players on the court. Example – If a team has more than 3 players of 1 gender the ghost player is the 4<sup>nd</sup> player, therefore the team may only have 3 players on the court (the 4<sup>th</sup> player would substitute into play).</li> <li>• The ghost rule encourages game play, fairness and discourages default situations.</li> <li>• The ghost rule is also designed to be used if a player is unable to continue play due to injury during a game. This allows the game to continue without a default as a result of an injury.</li> </ul>

**REMEMBER... ALWAYS HAVE FUN!**