

# UTC Sand Volleyball League Rules

We will be following the USA Beach Volleyball Rules of Competition; see the following highlighted playing rules for this season.

- Rally Scoring: 2 games to 21, with third game to 15 (if necessary) or 1 game to 28 (rally scoring), win by 2.
- Block counts as a contact
- No Open hand dinks/tips
- Players may not "set" the ball or contact the ball with finger action in an attempt to play the ball when receiving the serve.
- Any contact with any part of the net by a player's body is a violation.
- Players handling the ball must set the ball in direction they are facing or directly behind them (shoulders squared) when returning the ball over the net.
- Side Changes in multiples of seven (7) when the set goes to 21 or 28. Side changes in multiples of five (5) when the set goes to 15.
- Time-Outs:
- Each team is allowed one time-out per set.
- In addition, one technical time-out is allowed per each set of 21 to 28 points. The technical time-out is not awarded to each team, but rather a shared time-out when the total combined score is reached. During games 1 and 2 that are played to 21 points the technical time-out is taken when the combined score reaches 21. There is no technical time-out in a set of 15 points. For single sets to 28 points, the technical time-out is taken when the combined score reaches 28.
- Active coaching is allowed during side changes, time-outs and in between sets and matches. The coach may not enter the court. The interaction must take place during the time allowed when players change sides of the court and play must immediately begin after the side change.
- Screening rule applies, serving team may not impede receiving team's view of the server and the ball.
- Athletes may wear socks or sand socks during competition.
- Determining how the match starts will be decided by rock/paper/scissors best of 3. The winner will have the right to serve or receive the serve **OR** the side of court they want.

## Other Important Information

- A 10-minute forfeit rule is in effect for all games to ensure that game times stay on track
- It is your responsibility to notify the director 24 hours in advance if you are not going to be able to make your game time so that they are able to contact the other team and redo the schedule.
- Let serves and foot digs are allowed.
- The tournament director has the authority to make any necessary decisions regarding entries, questions, settling any and all disputes, as well as maintaining order and safety of all players on and off the court.
- When a substitute is needed, one can play with someone already in the league (at their level or below), or someone else not in the league with permissions for the director.
- You will be responsible for officiating and scoring your own match. You must announce the score before serving. All disputes must be decided by the players (no parent/spectator input). If you can not agree on a decision, call a replay or discuss with the tournament director.
- **CONFLICTS:** please let the director know ASAP if you have any conflicts regarding to dates or times of the league. We will try to our best to accommodate everyone's requests. This might result in playing more than one match a night.

## WEATHER

- Play will continue through inclement weather as much as possible – if it's necessary to stop play, it will be postponed in 15-minute increments until conditions are suitable to resume play.
- **Cancellations due to weather** will be decided by the tournament director and the facility owner, if a cancellation is necessary for the safety of the players, it will not be rescheduled.

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