2021 ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE GENERAL RULES

1. All games will be played on the property of the City of Kettering. All rules and regulations pertaining to the City of Kettering will be observed and enforced. Absolutely no smoking or alcoholic beverages will be permitted in the buildings.

2. The manager, coach and or captain of a team are responsible for the conduct of their player’s before, during and after the game; until they leave the premises. Failure to comply with the rules will subject the offender, manager, coach or captain to disciplinary action. Any act of unsportsmanlike conduct, including the use of profane language may cause the removal of the offending player by the official. Continuing abuse may cause dismissal from the league by the league supervisor.

3. No players under 18. Age deadline is date of first match. No ladies on the men’s teams and no men on the ladies teams. A player may play on more than one team in a league as a substitute in case of emergency (example-injury). No one can be a regular on two teams in the same league.

4. A complete team roster, printed or typed, must be filed at the Match Site on the night of the first match. Penalty: May forfeit all matches until completed roster is received. Please designate a back-up Manager on your Roster. A maximum of 15 players may be carried on a roster at one time. Additions to the roster may be made at the site. The team manager is responsible for the accuracy of the team roster. All players should carry identification to the games. ALL SUBSTITUTES MUST BE ADDED TO THE ROSTER BEFORE PLAYING IN A GAME. NO ADDITIONAL SUBSTITUTES MAY BE ADDED AFTER THE FIRST TOURNAMENT GAME.

5. A forfeit will be declared if a team does not start and finish a game with 4 players. In co-ed leagues, there must be more women or the same number of women as men on the court to constitute a legal lineup (exception: teams may play with 2 women and 3 men on the court). There is a grace period of 5 minutes for the first game to start, however, if a team has 4 players present, the first game will begin at the scheduled time. After 5 minutes, then the first game will be a forfeit. There is a 10-minute grace period for the 2nd & 3rd games. (Example: Game time is 7:00 and a team does not have enough players. The first game may start up until 7:05. At 7:05, the first game is a forfeit. If at 7:10, the team still does not have enough players, the entire match is a forfeit.) Teams will be allowed 2 grace periods per season.
   a. In the result a team forfeits a game, the opposing team receives the forfeiting team's average game score, whereas the forfeiting team will receive an automatic zero.
      I. The average will be the amount of points added up, divided by the amount games played minus the forfeited game(s).
      II. In the result that a team that has forfeited is in a tie on the standing, the forfeited team will automatically receive the lower standing.
      III. The team that has not forfeited can use court until game time is over.

6. League winner will receive individual award. Tournament winner will receive tournament trophy. In case of tie, head to head record against each team(s), and if still tied, team with the most sets won breaks the tie.

7. The league supervisor will remain the final authority on all matters pertaining to this program. Protest Fee is $50.00 and must be made before the end of the 1st game of the match played by ineligible player. Fee is returned if protest is won.

8. Team managers may call the Code-A-Phone, 296-2445, regarding postponement.
The Rules and Regulations in USA Volleyball shall govern all games unless otherwise indicated.

PLEASE NOTE:
1. It is illegal for a player to block the serve. A player may not attack a served ball while the ball is completely above the height of the net.

2. Substitutes may enter the game at any time and in any position. Co-ed leagues must comply with women/men alternating. There are an unlimited number of substitutions allowed.

3. A team must start and finish each game with no fewer than four players. Co-Ed teams must have a minimum of two males and two females on the court at all times. A lady must touch the ball if more than one hit is made on a side. There can never be more men than ladies on the court (exception: can play with 2 women and 3 men). If only four players are used for a team, the team must still rotate on each side out. The serving player is considered the back row player; the other three players are considered front row players and may attack the ball above the height of the net in front of the ten foot line.

4. There is no penalty for having only four or five players. There is no ghost player so there will be no loss of serve when the empty spot rotates to right back.

5. Let serve, a serve hitting the net and staying in bounds is legal. There is no reserve if a player catches the toss or lets the ball fall to the floor in an attempt to serve.

6. You may set the serve.

7. A player is permitted over the net (without touching the net) when blocking an opponent’s spike or on a follow-through after a spike. You may not go entirely over the net if the other team has a chance to play the ball. The defensive player (unless on a spike by the offensive team) must allow part of the ball to go over the net before he can strike it.

8. One back row players may come to the front row to block on each rotation. This player may not attack the ball above the height of the net while in front of the ten foot line.

9. A legal contact is a touch of the ball by any part of the body.

GENERAL:
1. Each game is played to 21 points. There is a limit of 23 points in each game. Every serve results in a point (rally scoring). You must win by 2 points other than the 23 point limit.

2. No hats may be worn during indoor play.

3. At Kettering Recreation Complex, bleachers and adjacent courts scheduled for play are non-playable areas. When a player or ball breaks the plane of a non-playable area, the ball becomes dead and a point is awarded. There is no pursuit rule. These rules are both established for safety reasons.

4. At the Kettering Recreation Complex, all substitutes and spectators must stay in the bleachers or beyond the end lines outside the blue basketball court line. No one may be along the side lines between courts. No children may be left unattended.