

MEGA VOLLEYBALL RULES

5th-8TH GRADE OPEN DIVISION

Sportsmanship:

Good sportsmanship will be enforced at all times for players, coaches, and spectators.

Ball Size:

5th/6th (Molten U12)
7th/8th (Regulation Size)

Net Height:

7' (5th/6th)
7'4 1/8" (7th/8th)

Number of Players:

- 6 players on the court at a time per team.
- Teams may start and play with 5 players.
- Players may only play on one team in the same age division.

Serving:

- The server must wait to serve until the referee authorizes the serve with the blow of the whistle.
- The server has 8 seconds to serve the ball after the referee's whistle.
- Serves that hit the net but still go over are playable.
- Both underhand and overhand serves are allowed. Open and Closed hand serves are allowed.
- Server's feet must be on the playing surface at the beginning of service.
- 5th/6th grade servers must stay behind the step-in line.
- 7th/8th grade servers must stay behind the back out of bounds line.

Toss & Drop Rule Change: If a player tosses the ball and then catches it or it touches them, it is a tossing error, and the service will be replayed.

Receiving the Serve:

- The opponent's serve must be set or passed on first touch. It may **not** be hit/spiked at any height whether in the front or back row.

Games:

- All matches have a 40min time limit.
- All matches are best of 3. The 3rd set must be played if teams split the first two sets. Finishing the 3rd set supersedes the time limit. If one team wins the first two sets and there is time, teams may play the third set for fun.
- Must win by 2 points.
- Each team is allowed **one** 30 second timeout per set.
- Teams will flip for serve before the match and after the second set, if necessary
- Unlimited substitutions. **You do not have to signal them in but it helps the referees if you do.**

-Overhead Pipes – If the ball goes completely over the top of the pipe, it is not playable. It is considered out. If your team is attempting to return the ball and it hits the pipe on the first or second hit and it stays on your side, it is playable by your team for a second or third hit. If your third hit hits the pipe, it is out.

-Net Rule – When a player is in the act of playing the ball, they may not touch the net until after they have completed their playing action. Ex. Player A attempts to set the ball to a teammate and brushes the net with her elbow during the setting action or finish. This is a foul and the ball goes to the other team. **If two players, one from each team, contact the net at the same time, it may be called a re-serve since both players were in the net at the same time.**

****5th-8th Open (additional rules)**

-Only 1 attempt to get the serve over per service attempt.

- A player may cross under the net as long as they have part of their body still in contact with their side of the court or center line and do not cause a hazard to the opponent.

-The divider nets and basketball goals are not playable surfaces. Once they are touched by the ball, the play is over.

Teams in the Open division may use any rotation they would like, this includes middle back and using a libero. The libero does need to be a different color than the rest of the team.

Once you start a match with a rotation, that rotation must stay the same until the next set unless there is an injury or illness that needs to be subbed for. If the only sub available is the libero, they will assume the position of the player that is ill or injured for the remainder of that set. If the ill or injured player is able to play in the next set, the libero may resume his/her normal duties then.

If you have more than one player on the bench, and are using the middle back rotation, you must rotate players in the same order as they enter or exit until the next set. Ex. Suzy, Sammy, Jane are the bench players. Suzy goes in, then Jane, then Sammy, then the first player that rotated out, etc. That is their rotational order.

Substitutions are unlimited. We will not track them.

*****USAVB Rules will be used unless noted above*****

Here is a link to the USAVB rule book if you would like to read through it.

https://www.volleyballreftraining.com/rules_interpretations_indoor.php