



LAWN VOLLEYBALL RULES

COURT SIZE:

Standard size of court is 30 feet wide and 60 feet long. Width and length, however, can be increased or decreased depending on the area available.

NET:

The net shall be stretched across the center of the court dividing it in half. The net height can vary from the official 8' height to other popular heights such as 7' 1" or 5' 1" or any desired height.

HOW MANY CAN PLAY:

Not more than 6 on each team-equal amounts of players on each side.

SERVICE:

Each player shall serve in turn and will continue to serve until side is out. When serving, the ball must go over the net; if the ball hits the net when served and goes over the net, the ball must be re-served. If the ball does not go over the net when served or is out of bounds or touches any team-mate before touching an opponent or opponent's court, the side is out and the opponent takes possession and becomes the serving team.

SERVICE AREA:

The service area should be a minimum of 5 feet in depth behind the end boundary court and in the event the playing area does not provide space for such depth, then the serving area shall extend into the court to whatever distance is necessary to provide such a minimum service area. The service area should be located in the right end section of each court, the width not to exceed 8 feet. (see diagram)

VOLLEY:

Maximum of three team contacts-each team is allowed a maximum of three (3) successive contacts of the ball in order to return the ball to the opponent's area.

ROTATION:

After a team has lost its serve, the team receiving the ball for the first serve shall, before serving, rotate one position clockwise.

ERRORS:

When a player and/or when the ball is in play:

- 1) Does not clearly hit the ball or allows the ball to come to rest in any part or parts of the body.
- 2) Hits the ball out of boundaries of the court.

- 3) Allows the ball to hit the floor, or any object outside or over the court (except net), before being legally returned to the opponent's court.
- 4) Touches the ball twice in succession.
- 5) Fails to make a good serve.

FOULS:

- 1) Holding the ball or throwing it.
- 2) If the ball touches any part of the body, except the hands or forearms.
- 3) Touching the net with any part of the body or hands, or reaching over the net.
- 4) If a player plays out of position when ball is being served.

SCORING:

Only the serving team can score. When the serving team fails to score, it is "side out" and the receiving team becomes the serving team.

PENALTY:

The penalty for fouls or errors committed shall be "point" or "side out", as the case may be.

GAME:

The game shall be played for 21 points or, upon agreement by both teams, 15 points may constitute a game. A match consists of two out of three games.

