

**CITY OF MESQUITE
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE RULES

1. A GAME consists of twenty-five (25) points (rally scoring). If the score is tied at twenty-five (25) all, then a team must have an advantage of two (2) points to win.
2. A MATCH consists of three (3) games. All games will be tabulated to determine a team's win/loss record for the season.
3. The winner of a coin flip will have the choice of serving first or choosing a particular side of the court.
4. 55 minute time limit for all matches. If a game is tied when the clock runs out, the game will be recorded as a ½ win, ½ loss. If one team is ahead even by one point when times is up, that team will receive a win for that game.
5. **GAME TIME is forfeit time. Each team must have a minimum of five (5) players to start a game.**
6. FORFEIT RULE: Only the first game of the match will be forfeited at game time. The second game will be forfeited fifteen (15) minutes after game time. The third game will be forfeited thirty minutes after said game time. Example is as follows:

	FIRST MATCH	FORFEIT TIME
IF GAME TIME IS 7:00 PM	Game 1	7:00 PM
	Game 2	7:15 PM
	Game 3	7:30 PM

Teams that forfeit six or more (individual) games, due to the lack of players, will be eliminated from the remainder of the league.

7. **A DOUBLE FORFEIT will occur when neither team has five (5) players.**
8. THE BALL MUST BE SERVED behind the end line and may be hit in any manner with the server's hand.
9. Players on the serving team must rotate clockwise, except for the first serve per game per team.
10. Only one (1) trial is allowed per serve. The ball must land within the opponent's court. If the ball touches the net, and then goes over, the serve is good.
11. **12 and under only - A player can only score 5 points in a row on their serve. The turn at serve then goes over to the other team.**
12. **12 and under only – Substitution rule: When a team rotates to serve, the player who served the previous turn must come out of the game, and a sub will enter at the middle position of the back row.**

13. The team receiving the serve **MAY NOT BLOCK THE BALL AT THE NET**. A point will be awarded if a serve is “blocked”.
14. A ball landing on the boundary line is considered “IN”.
15. If the ball touches a basketball goal, wall or the divider curtain, the ball will be ruled “dead”. The ball **MAY** be played off the ceiling on your side of the court.
16. One team may play the ball only three times in a volley.
17. If a ball touches a player or a player touches the ball, he/she is considered the player of the ball.
18. In returning the ball, a player may follow through over the net, providing he/she first contacts the ball on his/her side of the net. Player (s) in the act of blocking may reach across the net, but may not contact the ball there until the opponent has hit the ball to return it.
19. It is a foul to touch the net or to step over the center line.
20. Holding or throwing the ball while it is in play is a foul.
21. The ball cannot be kicked for any reason.
22. Each team will receive one (1), thirty (30) second time out per game. Time outs do not carry over, if not utilized.
23. Any other rules not specifically covered herein will be addressed by the official Volleyball Guide of the United States Volleyball Association (USVBA), the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) Cavalcade of Sports and/or the City of Mesquite Constitution and By-Laws for Youth Athletic Teams.
24. Any coach failing to cooperate with the rules and/or objectives of this league will be required to relinquish their team.
25. The City of Mesquite PARD will resolve any and all disputes in league play.