

## Official RiverFest Sand Volleyball Tournament Rules

### Behavior & Conduct

1. Each player is required to display good sportsmanship, and respect to the League Officials, Staff and other players at all times.
2. Rude, aggressive, vulgar language or behavior may result in ejection from the game or tournament.

### Team

1. All players must be 18 years of age or over. Players under the age of 18 must submit a guardian permission form.
2. Team rosters shall include a minimum of 4 players, including at least 3 of each gender.
3. You may play with a minimum of 4 players and a maximum of 6 players on the court. **There does not have to be an equal number of male and female, but at no time can there be more than 3 men on the court. Minimum of 2 female players are required to play.**
4. Players may only play on 1 team. If it is found a player has signed up on more than one team or substitutes on another team, both teams involved will forfeit the match involved or the following match.

### Tournament Style / Matches / Game Clock

1. The Tournament will be a double elimination style tournament. If limited teams are present, a round robin play-in will determine starting seed.
2. Each match will be a best-2-out-of-3 series
3. Rally scoring to 21 points. You must win by 2 with a 25 point cap. (Due to limited courts, Tournament Officials may adjust the scoring prior to the tournament beginning or after any round to accommodate a large number of teams and games to be played. If adjusted, scoring will be to 15 with a 17 point cap.
4. Teams will officiate their own games. If you have a disagreement about a call, replay the point. League official has final say in disagreements or rule interpretations.
5. Games will be played rain or shine in most cases unless lightning is nearby.

### Service

1. Rock/Paper/Scissors to determine home team. The home team selects serve or side. Teams will switch sides for the second set. Teams will switch sides again if a 3rd set is played.
2. The team awarded 1<sup>st</sup> serve in set one will also have 1<sup>st</sup> serve in set 3, with the opponent serving 1<sup>st</sup> in set 2.
3. Serve must be delivered from behind the boundary line.
4. Served balls that contact the net on the way over are considered live and may be played.

### Returns

1. Any part of the body may be used to hit the ball, as long as ball is not carried.
2. Serves may not be attacked or blocked.
3. The ball must be returned with no more than three hits.
4. A player may not hit the ball twice in a row (double hit)
5. A player in the back row may not block or jump to attack the ball within 10 feet of the net.
6. Contact with the net during play results in a side out or point for the other team. Please call your own violations. Player contact with the net in a manner not directly relating to or

affecting the course of play is not a violation. Contact with hair or part of the uniform will not be considered a fault.

7. A player may cross under the net as long as they do not interfere with the other team's opportunity to play the ball.
8. You may set the serve.
9. Underhand hits can be open-handed as long as the ball is not caught or thrown.

### **Forfeits**

1. Any team not ready to play within 5 minutes of being called to the court will forfeit the match.