

## **2016 COMMUNITY YMCA** **VOLLEYBALL NOTES**

This notice is to inform all players, captains and referees of specific rules and regulations governing situations that have been unclear in the past, as well as to give guidelines to the referees regarding the performance of their duties. Please keep in mind that the 2013-2015 USAV rules are in effect except as noted in item 10 below. Please note that some rules listed here are specific to the YMCA which require your attention.

Schedules, rosters, standings and contact information are on the league web site at

<http://rbymcavb.rshriver.us/>

1. Participants must know the Official Volleyball Rules and abide by them. (Rule 20.1.1) Players at this level of competition should make the effort to familiarize themselves with the rules of the game. Captains are responsible for encouraging their players to abide by the rules, and for having their most qualified players act as referees. Players should also assist the referees by notifying them of any faults that were committed on their side of the court.
2. Participants must accept referees' decisions with sportsmanlike conduct and without dispute. In case of doubt, clarification may be requested through the game captain. (Rule 20.1.2) Judgment calls are not subject to question. While we realize that a little competitive spirit is expected, we cannot and will not condone or permit abusive behavior. If anyone notices another player acting in an unsportsmanlike manner, please report it to the volunteer in charge so that appropriate action can be taken.
3. Games are 25 point rally-scoring games. The first game of the night is scheduled to start at 7:20pm. There is no cap on any games.
4. Players that are not at the court ready to play when the first whistle is blown for service may not participate in that game. Referees should give adequate time between games for players to get a drink (2 minutes).
5. For the safety of other participants, players may not step onto the adjacent court. This is a fault and play stops immediately.
6. In the interest of safety, when a ball from the adjacent court enters the playing area, players are allowed to stop play by verbally indicating the intrusion. The referee should stop play and indicate a replay whenever a player or official calls a ball on the court. Players should not stop play when they think a ball *might* come on the court, they can only stop play when the ball actually enters the court. Only the referees can stop play when a ball might enter the court.
7. For serve, players are allowed up to the tape marker at 2 meters, but not on it. In all other instances the court lines are grey.
8. Any served ball that contacts an overhead obstruction is a fault (except the opponents lowered backboard, ball contact with that is "dead ball, discretionary" when serving, just like during regular play). If any other ball contacts the following obstructions, it is a dead ball, and the referee must decide whether or not to grant a replay:
  - Any lowered basketball backboard and/or its gray-painted supports and cables.
  - The running track and/or its black painted supports,
  - The short blue curtains under the running track.

If a logical play could have been made by the team that last made contact, or if the ball would have landed in the opponent's court, a replay should be directed. Otherwise, it is a fault.

9. If a ball other than a served ball contacts any other overhead obstruction, it remains in play as long as it stays on the side of the team making the last contact. This includes the red roll-up dividing curtain and any raised basketball backboards (these are considered part of the ceiling from a rules interpretation viewpoint).
10. Exception to USAV rules:
  - The league is reverting to the 2007-2008 "penetration into the opponent's court, beyond the centerline" rule. Players may touch the opponent's court with their hands or feet. No other part of the body is permitted (except hair). The player's penetrating hand or foot must still be in contact with, or directly above, the centerline.
  - Penetration into the space under the net (without court contact) is permitted provided it does not interfere with the opponent's play.
11. We play the current USAV/FIVB net contact rule. If, during the play of the ball, a player contacts the net (between the antennas, inclusive) it is considered a fault. Basically, any net contact is illegal if it occurs anywhere near the ball (either on offense or defense). Any net contact that is "nowhere near" the playing of the ball is considered incidental and is permitted.
12. Only the top six teams during season play will advance to the playoffs.
13. If a player who is rotated out must replace an injured player, they must assume that player's position in the rotation. The injured player may not re-enter that game. All injuries must be reported to a volunteer and the YMCA staff.
14. Teams are required to supply first and second referees, scorekeeper and line judges for all of their work assignments.
15. Players are reminded to help set up and take down the equipment each night. The ball cage will not be unlocked until the nets, ref stands, cushions and antennae are all in place. If you are not sure what to do, please ask.
16. Black-soled shoes that mark up the floor are not permitted in the gym.
17. Headgear is not allowed. The only exceptions are headbands, and bandannas worn as headbands. No hats.
18. Jewelry is not permitted during play. The only exception to this is a flat wedding band. All other jewelry must be removed. It is recommended that you leave it at home, or check it at the front desk.
19. We also recommend that all participants leave the building in groups. While security in the parking lot has improved, it is better to be safe than sorry. The volunteers are more than willing to escort you to your car if you wish.
20. The volunteers have the final say in all protests, disputes, questions, skirmishes, etc. Any problems that cannot be resolved on the court should be brought to their attention. The volunteers, in alphabetical order, are: Steve Buce, Carol Moser, Diane Nawrocki and Rick Shriver.
21. The volunteers in charge move floaters from team to team according to preset guidelines. Captains and floaters do not have the right to decide whether or not to accept the movement of a floater. We regret any inconvenience this causes to the floaters and teams involved, but this system is necessary due to inconsistent attendance. If we could count on 100% attendance, we wouldn't have 8 players on a team in the first place.

22. For a comprehensive discussion of the duties of all officials, see the 2013-2015 USAV Rule Book. Anyone interested in purchasing a Rule Book may visit [usavolleyball.org](http://usavolleyball.org). Cost is about \$7.