Cleveland Metroparks
Sand Volleyball Rules of Play

Format

6 player teams (at least 2 females + 2 males)

- May play with 5 players (at least 2 females + 2 males)
- May play with a minimum of 4 players (at least 1 female + 1 male)

4 player teams (at least 1 female + 1 male)

- May play with a minimum of 3 players (at least 1 female + 1 male)

2 player teams (at least 1 female)

Regular Season

- 1 Match per Week, 3-Game Match (Play all 3)
- Rally Scoring, Win by 2 (To: 21, 21, 21) (Cap: 25, 25, 25)
- Maintain Rate of Play

Playoffs

- Single-Elimination Tournament, seeding based on regular season performance.
- Best of 3 game series, Win by 2 (To: 21, 21, 15) (Cap: 25, 25, 19)
- Higher Seed Choose: Side or Serve

Self-Officiated

- All discrepancies in the game must be handled by the teams. A manager will be on-site to interpret any rules, if necessary. Discrepancies that cannot be settled will result in a replay of the point.

Equipment

Game Volleyballs Provided. May use own ball if agreed upon with the opposing team captain. Please bring your own ball to warm up with.

Sport Specific Rules

Starting the Game

- A coin flip, or rock-paper-scissors, will start each game. Winner will choose to serve, or choose their side of the court. Teams will switch sides of the court in-between each game.

Game Play

- Players must rotate the server position
    - 2s – Players may remain in locked positions, or rotate freely.
    - 4s – Players may remain in locked positions, or rotate freely.
    - 6s – Players must rotate clockwise when starting a new server

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Game Play, cont.

- Unlimited substitutions may be made ONLY at the server position. Players DO NOT need to make a full rotation prior to subbing out. Injured players may sub out from any position.
- Service may be made anywhere along the end line.
- The server should call the score with each service.
- The ball may contact any part of the body to remain in play. (Kick balls = Legal)
- Scooping, lifting, pushing, or allowing the ball to roll on the body will be considered a held ball and illegal.
- Blocking can only be done by front row players. Attacking the ball in front of the 10-foot line can only be done by front row players.
- The receiving team on a serve cannot attack the serve. The first hit by the receiving team shall be a bump or set.
- A ball that hits the court line will be considered in.
- The ball must cross the net within the proximity of the width of the net.
- "Sets" that drift over the net are permitted.
- **2's & 4's Division Specific**
    - No "open-handed" tipping: players who contact the ball with one hand and are putting the ball over the net, must cleanly hit with the heel or palm of hand (a roll shot), with straight, locked fingers and a locked wrist (a cobra), knurled fingers (a camel toe), or with the back of the hand (locked wrist and locked fingers/knuckles. One handed placement or redirection of the ball with the fingers (dink or open-handed tip) is a fault.

Late Team / Forfeit Rule

- Late Team: 10 Minutes Late – 1st game forfeit, 20 Minutes Late – 2nd + 3rd game forfeit.
- A team may forfeit twice during the season, a third forfeit will result in removal from the playoff bracket.
- If your team needs to forfeit, please email sportandsocial@hermescleveland.com in as far advance as possible.

Player Eligibility

- Only the players on your roster prior to Playoffs are eligible to play in the tournament.
- Players may be added at any time during the regular season.
- Multiple Teams
    - Regular Season – a player may compete on multiple teams in the same league.
    - Playoffs – a player may only compete on one (1) team in the same league night.

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Ejection Policy

Any player that is ejected from a game, for any reason, will automatically be suspended for the following league game, whether it be on that night, or the following week. Any ejected player will be asked to leave the property for the remainder of the game. Two ejections in one season will result in suspension for the remainder of the season and playoffs. Ejections will occur by using illegal equipment, fighting, taunting, arguing with the referee, etc.

Questions

Any questions regarding leagues should be directed to the On-Site League Manager, or the League Commissioner at sportandsocial@hermescleveland.com.

PLEASE TREAT MANAGER & BAR STAFF WITH RESPECT!