

# Hastings Tournament Rules

## Tournament Format

- 1) Teams are divided into pools and compete in a seeded bracket. All teams in each pool will advance into a single elimination tournament. A division with 5 teams will have pool play only.
- 2) All teams are guaranteed a minimum of 8 sets. **Teams are required to bring their own balls.**
- 3) Pool Play: Rally scoring will be used. Three (3) and Four (4) team pools will play 2 sets to 20 (win by 1). Five (5) team pool play matches will consist of 2 sets to 25 points (win by 1), 30 point cap.
- 4) Bracket Play: All single elimination tournament matches will be played best 2 out of 3 sets. Set 1 and 2 will be to 25 points (win by 2 with a point cap to 30) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> set will be to 15 (win by 2, 21 point cap). Scoring may be adjusted if time conflicts arise.
- 5) There will be **no break** between pool play and tournament games. All teams are encouraged to stay at the gym throughout the tournament. Game time will be forfeit time. Failure for a team to appear with at least (4) players at the scheduled time or failure to play when directed by the gym supervisor shall cause all sets to be forfeited.
- 6) Teams shall consist of (6) players. A team may play with as few as 4 players. In coed, teams may have (4) women and (2) men on the court. **A coed team** may play with (3) men and (2) women but a side-out and point will be awarded to the opposing team each time the missing woman is absent from serving. Please let the up official know where your missing player is in your rotation before the match starts.
- 7) Teams are required to supply one scorekeeper, one up official, one down official, and two line judges. Officials must be ready to officiate at game time. **Failure to provide all officials and/or failure to show up at game time will result in a forfeit of the next scheduled match, or previous match won if pool play is already completed. Please bring whistles.**
- 8) **Tie Breaker: (the following will be determined in order to determine bracket seeding)**
  - 9) 1) Bet Set (games) Record, 2) Head to Head Record, 3) Head to Head Point Differential, 4) Total Point Differential (total points scored for and against all opponents) in all sets played, 5) Coin toss
- 10) 5 minute warm-up (this procedure is for your first time of on the court, thereafter teams will have 3 mins. A 1-1-1 format will be followed).
- 11) 2 minutes full court-serving
- 12) 2 minutes full court—receiving team
- 13) 1 minute serve

## Number of Players and Tournament Eligibility

1. Individuals must be 16 years of age or older. (Participants under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the roster.)
2. Each team must submit a registration form and \$80.
3. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.
4. The roster on the registration form must be completely filled out prior to the first game.
5. The roster may have no more than 9 players and may play as few as 4 players.
6. If a player is injured during the tournament they can be replaced with a player not already participating in the tournament.
7. Participants may not play for more than one team in a division. You may play for one women's team and one coed team.

## General Playing Rules

1. Blocking of the ball above the opponent's playing area shall be legal provided that such a block is:
  - a. After a player has attacked the ball, or in the official's judgment, intentionally directed the ball toward the opponent's playing area.
  - b. After the opponents have completed three hits.
  - c. After the opponents have hit the ball in such a manner that the ball would, in the official's judgement, clearly cross the net if not touched by a player, provided no member of the attacking team is in a position to make a legal play on the ball.
  - d. If the ball is falling near the net and no member of the attacking team could reasonably make a play on the ball.
2. In order to be considered a blocker, a player close to the net must be reaching higher than the net at the time the contact is made with the ball coming from the opponents. Any contact made when the player is below the height of

the net will be considered the first team hit, even if the player has not yet returned to the floor after being higher than the net at some point during the effort.

3. Attacking from the back row is not permitted, unless behind the 10 foot line.
4. Double hitting the ball. A double hit is when a player illegally contacts the ball twice in succession unless such contact is off a block. A player may not make multiple contacts of the ball unless the contact is the first contact on the ball, off a block, a simultaneous hit off a teammate of opponent, or on a hard driven ball unintentionally.
5. Serves may be underhand or overhand. The server may catch his/her own tossed ball, no side-out will be called.
6. Blocking or attacking the ball on the serve is illegal in front of the foot line.
7. The ball MAY touch the net on the serve.
8. Spiking is allowed in all divisions.
9. Each team is limited to (1) time-out per set. Charged time-outs shall not exceed 30 seconds.
10. If your team number appears in parentheses on your schedule then your team needs to provide officials. If your team fails to provide officials then your team will forfeit its next game.

### **Additional Rules for Coed Divisions**

1. **When more than (1) hit occurs on a side at least one female player must hit the ball.**
2. No more than (3) men or less than (2) men may be on the court at one time. For teams of (4), the ratio of men to women must be equal.
3. When only one male player is in the front line at the service, one player may move forward of the attack line for the purpose of blocking after the serve.
  - a. A back line player who is inside the attack zone, or its assumed extension, may play the ball directly into the opposite court if, at the moment of contact, the ball is not completely above the level of the top of the net.
  - b. If the back line player jumps from the floor clearly behind the attack line, or its assumed extension, that ball may be spiked into the opponent's area, regardless of where the player lands after hitting the ball.

### **Replays**

1. If a ball from another court comes on your court and interferes with play, a replay may be called. Please wait for the official to call the replay. Replays are a judgment called by the official
2. When a joust occurs (two opponents momentarily blocking/attacking the ball), a replay will not be called. The ball will be played on whichever side the ball comes. The team will then have three hits remaining.

### **Obstructions**

1. Bleachers, walls, and curtains are considered out-of-bounds.
2. If the ball hits any backboard, net, rim, or it's extensions on the offensive side and is still playable in the official's judgment, a "replay" is called. If the ball is not playable in the official's judgment, the call will be out. At no time will the ball ever be played off the backboards or extensions. A server hitting the same side backboard or its extensions will be rule out.
3. A ball striking the ceiling or any overhead obstruction shall remain in play provided the ball hits the ceiling or obstruction on the side of the net occupied by the team that last played the ball within the 3-hit limit.

### **Substitutions and Player Rotations**

1. A player during a side out may enter the game and replace the left front player requiring the left back player to leave the game. When employing this substitution method the game must start with this rotation and continue until the game is completed unless there is an injury preventing the rotation.
2. Each Player must be in his/her own position before the ball is served. After the server strikes the ball, each player may cover any section of his/her own court.
3. The "ghost rule" applies if a team is short players. In the ghost rule, when it is the "ghosts" turn to serve, it is a side-out and opposing team serves. Please let the up official know where your missing player is in your rotation before the match starts. You may play with three in the front row on every rotation.
4. USA Volleyball Rules apply for all other substitution situations.
5. The serving order and positions on the court at service shall be male and female alternated or vice-versa.
6. Substitutions are on the honor's system or at the referee's discretion.

## **Sportsmanship**

1. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated by players or fans on or off the court.
2. Any profanity or argument made from a player on a judgment call by the official will be subject to one point being taken off the score. A second profanity and/or argument will result in the game being forfeited.
3. If a player is ejected from a game, that player may not play in the rest of the tournament.

## **Courtesy**

1. Team that do bring children to the gym should have a non-playing adult present for supervision.
2. Please hold on to all balls along side of court while game is in play.
3. **Food and Drink must be kept out of all gyms. This will be enforced at all times during the tournament.**
4. Please throw away any trash that you may have during the tournament.
5. Be ready to play or officiate 5 minutes prior to game time.

Call the Hastings Parks and Recreation Information line at **(402)462-7109**. Cancellation decisions will be made on-hour prior to first scheduled match of the day.

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