

CITY OF MINERAL WELLS
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
SPRING 2022 ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE BYLAWS AND RULES

I. General Information

- A. The City of Mineral Wells Parks & Recreation Department Volleyball League's teams will be registered with the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (T.A.A.F.). All teams will be eligible for the 2022 T.A.A.F. State Volleyball Tournament.
- B. In all leagues, the seeding for the league championship tournament will be determined by the final standings of the win-loss records of **sets**. Any ties will be settled by the following criteria:
 - 1st) Head-to-head wins and losses of sets between teams tied.
 - 2nd) If still tied, the team with the least number of forfeited sets in head-to-head sets will win the tiebreaker.
 - 3rd) If still tied, point differential of head-to-head sets between the team tied
 - 4th) If still tied, the least number of forfeited sets for the entire season
 - 5th) If still tied, point differential for the entire season
 - 6th) One playoff set, if the position that there is a tie is relevant for the seeding for the league championship tournament.
- C. Regular season matches will consist of three sets, with each set played to 25 points. In the league championship tournament, sets will be the best two out of three sets. In the league championship tournament, the first two set will be played to 25 points. The third and final set will be played to 15 points. Teams must win by two points, but there will be a cap of 30 points for each set.
- C. When there are only four teams in the league, then only the three teams with the best win-loss records of sets played will qualify for the league championship tournament. The first place team will receive a bye into the league championship Tournament.
- D. The Mineral Wells Parks and Recreation Department adult volleyball leagues will played in accordance with are the playing rules of U.S.A. Volleyball. If there is any discrepancy between the U.S.A. Volleyball playing rules and the playing rules listed in the City of Mineral Wells Parks and Recreation Department Spring 2022 Adult Coed Volleyball League Bylaws and Rules, the bylaws and rules of the City of Mineral Wells Parks and Recreation Department will take precedent. However, any playing rules that are not addressed in the City of Mineral Wells Parks and Recreation Department Bylaws and Rules will be in accordance with the current U.S.A. Volleyball Adult Indoor Domestic Competition Regulations.

II. Player Eligibility:

(Players must meet the following requirements in order to participate in a league game.)

- A. The players must be listed on the team roster/waiver with their printed name, complete address, contact number and signature on the roster/waiver. Score sheets will be checked by the Parks & Recreation Department to determine that all players who participate are on the roster/waiver.

- B. Players must be at least sixteen (16) years of age at the time they participate. If a player is younger than eighteen (18) years old, they must have a parent or **legal** guardian's signature on the roster/waiver to participate.
- C. Players may be listed on only one team roster/waiver form per league.
- D. The Parks and Recreation Department will check score sheets after the matches have been played. The Parks and Recreation Department will have the full authority, at any time during the season, to forfeit any game in which an ineligible player(s) participated. Any player who plays under an assumed name is an illegal and ineligible player, and will be subject to all penalties for an ineligible player. In addition, the team manager will be suspended for the next scheduled date of matches. A picture I.D. will be required, as a determining factor, to determine whether a player is playing under an assumed name. If the player in question refuses or is unable to provide the proper identification, the player will be assumed to be guilty of playing under an assumed name and the set that the illegal player participated in will be forfeited to the opposing team. Game officials (scorers and referees), or the Parks and Recreation Department, may forfeit a set when it is obvious that an ineligible player(s) has participated in a set.

III. Rosters

- A. A roster/waiver must be submitted to the scorekeeper prior to each team's first league match. Teams will not be allowed to play, and will be assessed forfeits, until a **completed** roster/waiver form has been submitted.
- B. Rosters will be limited to twelve (12) players for league rosters. Teams may add or drop players through the next to last week of the regular season (May 4th, this season). No players may be added to any team's roster for the last week of the regular season or for the league championship tournament.

IV. Playing Rules

The current playing rules of the U.S.A. Volleyball will be the official playing rules of this league. Any exceptions or additions to U.S.A. Volleyball Rules are listed as follows:

- A. All regular season matches will be three (3) set matches, regardless of outcome. All sets will be played for each match.
- B. The time limit for each regular season set will be eighteen (18) minutes. Each set will be played to a rally score of 25 points, unless time has expired. A two (2) point advantage is required to win the game. If time has expired, and no team is ahead by two (2) points, play will continue until one team has a two (2) point advantage or the 30 point cap has been reached. All sets are capped at a maximum of 30 points.
- C. For tournament play, the first two (2) sets will play to 25 points with a two point advantage. A twenty (20) minute time limit will be used for the first two sets of tournament play. If the time limit expires and one team is not leading by two points, play will continue until one team has a two point advantage or a 30 point cap is reached. If the time limit expires and one team is ahead by two points, that team will be declared the winner of that set. If the tournament match is split with each team winning one set, a third set will be played to a score of fifteen (15) points. The final

set will not be over until one team has a two (2) point advantage and has scored at least 15 points. There will not be a time limit or point cap for the third set of any tournament match.

- D. A coin toss will determine which team will serve first and the side of court for each team. The winner of the coin toss will have the option of serving first, or their choice of court side in the first set. The remaining choice will be given to the loser of the coin toss. The loser of the coin toss will be given the first option in the second set. Teams will change sides after first set. Another coin toss will take place prior to the third set. Teams will change sides when one team has eight points in the third set of tournament play. Teams will not change sides during the third set of league play.
- E. There is only one referee and one scorekeeper for adult volleyball matches in order to keep entry fees as low as possible. If there is a call that the referee cannot see, the referee may call for a replay. Teams are encouraged to use the "honor system" to call violations on themselves and use the "honor system" to call volleyball near the lines that the referee cannot see. However, if the referee is unsure about any call, the referee may call for a "replay". Any "replay" call cannot be protested and any verbal abuse will be dealt with by the use of disciplinary cards and/or ejections.
- F. Match time will be forfeit time for the first set. Ten (10) minutes after match time will be forfeit time for the second set and twenty (20) minutes after match time will be forfeit time for the third set.
- G. Teams may play with a minimum of four (4) players. The four (4) players must include a minimum of two (2) female players for co-ed leagues. The opposing team does not have to play shorthanded to match the shorthanded team, if they have enough players present to participate with a full team.
- H. Starting lineups must be turned in to the scorekeeper, by each team, two (2) minutes prior to each scheduled match time. Teams who do not submit a starting lineup by match time, or teams who submit an incorrect lineup, will be assessed a "side out" and a point awarded to the opposing team on their first serve of the set.
- I. Co-ed teams may play with as many female players as they wish, but never more male players than female players. A team with only two (2) female players can play with only two (2) male players. Teams can play with a maximum of six (6) players on the court. Teams with five (5) to six (6) players must have at least three (3) female players on the court.
- J. Teams may substitute by direct substitution, or by rotation. Teams must choose only one (1) method of substitution, and continue that method throughout that set. Direct substitution requires one player to replace another, and only those two players become interchangeable. Substitution by rotation allows players to rotate in a continuously rotating fashion. When rotating, players must enter the game at the serving position, or the center back position, upon obtaining or regaining the serve. When rotating, a team may not eliminate or skip a player in the rotation except in the case that the player becomes injured. If a player skips their rotation due to an injury, that injured player may not return to participate during that set. If a player is skipped in the rotation or drops out of the rotation for any other reason other than injury, the team that skips a rotation will lose their serve and a point will be awarded to their opponents.

- K. A male back row player may move to the front row, **for blocking purposes only**, when there is only one male on the front row at the time of the serve.
- L. Each team will be allowed two (2) thirty second time outs per set.
- M. In co-ed leagues, a female player must contact the ball if the team contacts the ball more than once while the volleyball is on their side of the net.
- N. Any volleyball that strikes an overhead object on the side of the net of the team playing the volleyball, the volleyball will remain in play. (For example: if the volleyball strikes the ceiling, rafters or lights, it will remain in play.) If the volleyball strikes the ceiling, rafters or lights on the opponent's side of the net, the volleyball will be ruled out of play and the point will be awarded to the opposing team. Also, if the volleyball strikes the basketball goals, bleachers or wall on either side of the court, the volleyball shall be ruled out of play and the point will be awarded to team not causing the volleyball to be out of play.
- O. The use of a libero will not be allowed due to the absence of a second official to track the libero.

V. Equipment and Uniforms

- A. The net will be set at the height specified for the league by the current U.S.A. Volleyball competition rules. (Currently 7 feet and 11 5/8 inches)
- B. The Mineral Wells Parks & Recreation Department will furnish the volleyballs for match play. Teams must provide their own volleyball for warm up.
- C. Teams will not be required to have matching uniforms. However, permanently affixed numerals on the back of the shirt are required if a team is using direct substitution (substitution by rule). Numerals constructed of tape, pinned numerals or handwritten numerals are not allowed.

VI. Forfeits

- A. If a team receives a forfeit, they will have use of the court for practice until ten (10) minutes before the next scheduled match time. The referee and scorekeeper will not officiate for forfeits.
- B. Any team that forfeits three (3) matches scheduled on their regularly scheduled night will be eliminated from the league. The team(s) scheduled to play the eliminated team will receive automatic wins.

VII. Disciplinary Action

Any player or coach ejected from a match will be automatically suspended from their team's next match. Team managers will be responsible for withholding players from participation during a suspension. Lengthier suspensions may be given according to the details of the incident. The Parks and Recreation Superintendent's decision on suspensions will be final. The Parks and Recreation Department will give written notice of any suspensions exceeding the automatic suspension of one match. Any player who has been

ejected from a match must leave the City of Mineral Wells City Gymnasium and the surrounding property owned by the City of Mineral Wells, immediately. If the ejected player(s) does (do) not leave, that player(s) is in violation of Texas Penal Code Chapter 30.05 (Criminal Trespass violation), and will be subject to arrest. In addition, if the ejected player refuses to leave the premises of the Mineral Wells City Gym within one minute of being told to do so. The team that has the player who has been ejected and is playing on will forfeit the set in progress or the next set that his or her team plays, if the set has been completed.

The Parks & Recreation Department will have the authority to expel any player(s) or team(s), from the league and/or facility, for any period of time deemed appropriate for more serious violations of conduct.

VIII. Protests

Protests will be accepted only on player eligibility. Player eligibility protests must be filed with the league administrator before the end of the set. No player eligibility protests will be allowed after a set is over. Players must have pictured identification and show the referee or the parks and Recreation Department employee if they their eligibility is protested. Any player(s) without pictured identification are considered illegal players whether they are on the roster or not. Any team playing an illegal player will forfeit the current set, if they have participated in the set. If an illegal player is discovered before the set, they will not be allowed to participate. Any protesting team must pay a \$5.00 protest fee per player that they are protesting. If the protesting team is correct and their protest is upheld, they will be refunded their protest fee. If the protest is incorrect and overruled, the Parks and Recreation Department will retain the protest fee.

No protests of judgment calls or rule interpretations will be allowed. However, if an official is misinterpreting either the City of Mineral Wells League Bylaws and Rules or U.S.A. Volleyball playing rules, teams should report that misinterpretation to the League Administrator, so that that misinterpretation can be corrected for future matches.

IX. Covid – 19/Other Infectious Disease Protocols

At this time, we are not requiring any Covid – 19 protocols, however, the City of Mineral Wells reserves the right to institute Covid – 19 protocols or protocols for any other infectious disease during the season, if it becomes necessary. The City of Mineral Wells Parks and Recreation Department will follow the direction from the State of Texas and the Mineral well City Council and implement any Covid – 19 or any other infectious disease protocols immediately that are deemed necessary by the State of Texas and the Mineral Wells City Council.

X. Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather (i.e. snow or ice), please call the Parks and Recreation Department after 3:00 p.m., to check the status of scheduled matches for that day. The number to call is **(940) 328-7803**.

XI. Standings and Contact Information

Standings will be posted weekly on the City of Mineral Wells website. The link to the adult volleyball page where the standings will be posted is:

<https://www.mineralwellstx.gov/235/Adult-Volleyball>

For any questions, complaints, comments or suggestions concerning the Mineral Wells Parks and Recreation Department adult volleyball league, contact the Mineral Wells Parks and Recreation Department at **(940) 328-7803**.

Check out the Mineral Wells Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Mineral-Wells-Parks-and-Recreation-Department- 109186270462968/>

for information on adult volleyball and other programs of the Mineral Wells Parks and Recreation Department.