

**CITY OF MINERAL WELLS  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE RULES  
Fall 2022**

**I. Facemask Requirements**

At this time, there will be no requirement for players or spectators to wear facemasks. However, if the State of Texas or the City of Mineral Wells governments require facemasks in city or state facilities to reduce the spread of a contagious infectious disease, all players and spectators must comply in order to mitigate the spread of the contagious disease. Failure to comply with city or state requirements will result in the denial of admission any City of Mineral Wells facility. As of August 2022, it appears unlikely that there will be a requirement to wear facemasks in the City of Mineral Wells facilities during this season. However, the City of Mineral Wells reserves the right to impose such a requirement in a season in progress, if state or local governments require such a measure. Also, the City of Mineral Wells is not responsible for the contraction of any contagious disease. Players and spectators enter the City of Mineral Wells facilities and participate at their own risk.

**II. General Information**

- A. The City of Mineral Wells Parks & Recreation Department youth volleyball league teams will be registered with the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (T.A.A.F.). All head coaches must pass a background check each year and attend a coach's clinic in order to be a head coach in the Mineral Wells Parks and Recreation Department's youth volleyball program.
- B. The standings for the league tournament seeding will be determined by the win-loss records of the 18 regular season sets. Any ties will be settled by the following criteria:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>) Head-to-head competition of teams tied (head-to-head wins and losses of sets).
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>) The point differential between the teams tied.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>) Number of forfeited games (fewest forfeit losses wins the tie breaker).
  - 4<sup>th</sup>) Total number of points for the season scored minus the total number of points allowed for the season.
  - 5<sup>th</sup>) If the above four criteria are still tied, a one game playoff will be held to determine the places for seeding.

**II. Teams/Rosters**

- A. A maximum of twelve (12) players are allowed on each team roster.
- B. Rosters may be adjusted (adding additional players) until the next to last day of the regular (round robin) season play. The last date that teams may add to their team roster is Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the roster additions allowed. No additions to any team roster will be allowed after the next to last week of regular season play going into tournament play. (If an injury, or other extenuating circumstance after the roster deadline, causes a team to not have enough players, an exception may be made to this policy. It will be sole up to the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Superintendent, if any changes will be allowed. Any replacement of players to gain a competitive advantage will never

be allowed.

- C. All players must play one full set during the regular season to be eligible for the league's post season tournament.
- D. No player may play on more than one (1) team in the same league or in different leagues per season.

### **III. Player Eligibility**

Players must meet the following requirements in order to participate in a league game:

- A. All players must have completed a registration form with the legal guardian of the participant having signed the waiver of liability.
- B. All players who play in the 14 and Under league must be fourteen (14) years of age, or younger, as of September 1, 2022.
- C. All players who play in the 12 and Under league must be twelve (12) years of age, or younger, as of September 1, 2022.
- D. All players who play in the 10 and Under league must be ten (10) years of age, or younger, as of September 1, 2022.
- E. All players who play in the 8 and under league must be eight (8) years of age, or younger, as of September 1, 2022. Players in the 8U league must be at least seven (7) years of age to participate.
- F. Players may play in an older age group than their proper age group, but players may never play in a younger age group than their proper age group. No player may participate in more than one league/age group.
- G. The penalty for using an ineligible player that has not been approved by the Parks and Recreation Department will result in that team forfeiting any sets(s) in which the ineligible player participated.

### **IV. Playing Rules**

The Mineral Wells Parks and Recreation Department will adopt the playing rules of the National Federation of High Schools and T.A.A.F. youth volleyball rules as the league's official playing rules. Any exceptions or additions to those rules are listed as follows:

- A. The coin flip will be done at the scoring table immediately after the third set has started for the match scheduled earlier than your match. Try to have all your players arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled match as matches may end early.
- B. Each match will be allotted fifty five (55) minutes. Match time is forfeit time for the first set. Forfeit time for the second set is ten (10) minutes after the scheduled match time. If a team still does not have enough players to begin play, the forfeit time for the third set will be 20 minutes after the scheduled match time.

- C. Each **match** will consist of three (3) **sets**. Each set will play to twenty-five (25) points, with rally scoring. Teams must win each set by two (2) points. There will be an 18 minute time limit on all sets. The set will be complete when the time limit expires as long as one team has a two point advantage. If neither team has a two point advantage, play will continue until one team has a two point advantage. The cap for each set in regular season play and tournament play will be 30 points.
- D. Teams will be allowed a one (1) minute break between the first and second sets and an one (1) minute break will be allowed between the second and third sets.
- F. In the 8U and 10U leagues, after five (5) consecutive points (side out point plus four serves) received by the offensive team (serving team), the official will whistle for an automatic side out (without a point) and the opposing team will be awarded the serve. In the 12 U and 14U leagues, there will be not be a cap of how many serves that one player can have during a player rotation as server.
- G. The ball may be served anywhere behind the ten (10') foot line for the 8U league, the 23 foot line for the 10U league, and the back court line for the 12U and 14U leagues.
- H. The ball may be served either underhanded or overhanded.
- I. Each team will be allowed two (2) 30 second time outs in each regular season set.
- J. Teams must have a minimum of four (4) players to start the game.
- K. Line ups are to be turned in to the score table at least five (5) minutes before scheduled match time. Changes can be made between sets, but those changes must be completed before the minute between sets has been completed. If the changes are not complete in that one minute intermission or if the original lineup is not turned in five minutes prior to the match, a point (and side out, if applicable) will be awarded to the opposing team.
- L. Starting players are to report to the score table before taking the court to check in with scorer.
- M. Each coach should initial the official's score sheet after each match. This will ensure that all records are correct and have been accepted by both team coaches. Failure to initial the score sheet will be an indication that the team coach has accepted the score sheet and has forfeited his/her right to review. The score sheets will determine the standings. Any discrepancies pertaining to the score must be settled after the matches by the referee or league administrator.
- N. Each player who participates in the league championship tournament must have played at least one set in the regular season. Any player who fails to play one full set in the regular season is ineligible to compete in the league championship tournament.

## V. Substitutions

- A. The 8U league will only substitute players when rotating. All other age groups will use the one for one substitution method as per the National Federation of High Schools playing rules.
- B. If 8U teams have more than six (6) players attending a match, they will substitute players by rotating them into the center back position when awarded the serve. Substitution in 10U,

12U and 14U leagues will be per national Federation of High School rules with exception that there will be no limit on substitutions. The league reserves the right to limit the number of substitutions after notifying all teams (even if the league is in progress) if coaches are using unlimited substitutions to gain a competitive advantage.

- C. Exception to substitution policy: A player may be substituted at any time in case of injury. Substitute player will move to the position of the injured player. Any player removed due to injury will not be allowed to return in the same set that they were removed due to injury.
- D. All players must play in at least one complete set per match or be subject to forfeiting the set.

## VI. Equipment

- A. All players are required to wear knee pads.
- B. Matching uniforms are NOT required. Any team wishing to wear matching shirts may purchase them at their own expense. However, permanently-affixed numbers will be **required** at a minimum on the back of the shirts. Numbers made out of tape or handwritten numbers are NOT allowed. Any player who does not have a permanently-affixed number on the back of their shirt/jersey will not be allowed to participate in a match.
- C. The 8U and 10U leagues will play with the volleyball lite. The 12U and 14U leagues will play with an official size volleyball.
- D. No jewelry, caps, or any other objects that might interfere with playing of the game will be allowed. The official has the authority to determine what is, and what is not allowed.

## VII. The Court

- A. The court will be regulation size.
- B. The net shall be set at a height of 6'1" for 8U division, 7'0" for 10U division, and 7'4" for the 12U and 14U divisions.
- C. A parent volunteer from each team will be needed to call lines. All line judges must be at least 14 years of age. Failure to provide a line judge will result in that team forfeiting.

## VIII. Sportsmanship/Conduct

- A. Any player, coach, or fan ejected for any display of unsportsmanlike conduct, will be ejected from the facility. An additional one (1) match suspension will apply. If the conditions of the misconduct warrant a more severe suspension, the Parks and Recreation Department has the authority increase the amount of time of the suspension if the conditions of the ejection warrant a longer suspension.
- B. Participants must accept the official's decisions with good sportsmanlike conduct. **Only a coach or team captain may request a clarification of a call made regarding rules of play. There will be no questioning of judgment calls.**
- C. Spectators or players are not permitted to approach the score table or official at any time. Only the coach, or assistant coach has the authority to speak with an official, or the score table, regarding the awarding of a point.

## **IX. Tournament Play**

- A. The league championship tournaments will be double elimination tournaments unless a league
- B. The tournament matches will be play the best two (2) out of three (3) sets. The first and second set will be played to twenty five (25) points. The third set, if needed, will be played to fifteen (15) points, winning by two points. The cap for each set in tournament play will be 30 points.
- C. There will be a twenty minute time limit on tournament match sets. The set will be complete when the time limit expires as long as one team has a two point advantage. If neither team has a two point advantage, play will continue until one team has a two point advantage.
- D. All sets will be played with rally scoring to 25 points and must be won by at least two (2) points. There will be a point cap for each set in regular season and tournament play and the cap will be 30 points. When the score is 29 – 29, the team that wins the next point, wins the set.

## **X. Awards**

All participants will receive a participation award. The members of the first place teams in each division will receive a first place medal.

## **XI. Inclement Weather**

In case of inclement weather (i.e. ice or snow), please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 940-328-7803 to determine the status of games. A determination of the status of matches will be made by 4PM on Fridays and by 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays. The decision concerning the status of matches will also be posted on the Parks & Recreation Facebook page.