

Durham Sportz Tournament Rules & Regulations

You must have **FUN!** This is a recreational tournament!

- Participants must be **16 years of age** or older.
- All participants must read and agree to the waiver and submit it on event day before playing.
- 6 players must be on the court, minimum of two females. 6-10 players is suggested per team roster.
- Game ball is provided. Both team captains can agree to use an alternate ball.
- Team captains to “flip coin” before game to determine choice of serve, receive or side. Durham Sportz may invoke a mid-game side change depending on court conditions.
- Game starts promptly when whistle is blown.
- Games are self-officiated (please play with good sportsmanship)

We reserve the right to modify the rules and playoff format; you will be notified of any changes prior to the start of the tournament or playoffs, respectively.

PLAYING RULES

General INDOOR volleyball rules (per Volleyball Canada Official Rules) apply including the items noted below or with the noted exceptions:

- Maximum of five (5) consecutive serves per player; teams must then rotate to the next server.
- **NO** jump serving.
- Volleys on service reception are allowed.
- Spiking is allowed.
- Open handed tips are legal.
- Blocks do not count as a touch (Indoor Volleyball rule) (blocker can also then touch the next ball which would be the 1st contact).
- Lifting is NOT allowed.
- Volleys can go over the net without any restrictions (other than a lift and double contact).
- If the ball touches the line, it is in.
- Any net contact is a violation.
- There is no centerline violation in beach volleyball but if you go under the net and interfere with the opponent that is a violation.

- Teams must maintain rotation order and rotate clockwise (Back Court players cannot block or Attack from above the net height in the front row. Since there is no attack line you must be a minimum of 3 metres away from the net, without question, if you attack a back court ball).
- Substitutions can only occur in the back centre spot after service.
- Re-serve if there is any interference.
 - Example: a stray ball rolls onto your court.

SCORING

- Points are awarded on every serve (i.e. rally points).
- Two sets will be played and each game will be played up to 21. Game ends at the earlier of (a) the sound of the horn/whistle (25 mins) or (b) both games up to 21 are completed
- Once the end of the game has been announced, do not serve the ball. If the ball is in play at that time, finish the play.
- Tied games are allowed and will be recorded as such.
- The score for each game must be reported to the scoring table by the winning team captain after each game. Team captains are responsible for confirming team scores prior to start of playoffs for accuracy.

Game results will be tabulated as follows:

- Loss = 0 Points; Tie = 1 Point; WIN = 2 Points.
- Default = 2 points and scored 25-10
- Once the playoff seeds are determined, the playoff schedule cannot be changed, even if an error was recorded by the scorers or the teams.
- We reserve the right to modify the playoff format and you will be notified prior to the start of the playoff round.

DISPUTES

- Please keep in mind that this is a recreational tournament for fun.
- Games are self-refereed. Should a dispute arise, the team captains will discuss the situation. If they are unable to quickly agree, replay the point if time permits. You will not be permitted additional playing time because of a dispute.

Game on RAIN or SHINE with the exception of lightning or inclement weather as deemed by Devil's Den

