



Spikefest Tournament Rules

Adult Divisions: Men's, Women's, Coed

Adult Formats: 3on3 and 5on5

Adult Level: Open, A, BB, B

Junior Divisions: Boys, Girls

Junior Format: 3on3

Junior Level: Ages 12-18

Roster: 3on3 teams may have 1 sub. 5on5 teams may have 1 sub.

Uniforms: Uniforms are not required. This is outdoor Grass Volleyball, have FUN!

Tourney Format: Round robin format with Single Elimination Playoffs.

Game/Match Format: Teams will play best of three with a 50 minute time limit. Each game will be played to 25 points straight with **Rally Scoring**, if a third game is needed it will be played to 15 points straight. Teams are allowed a (1) five minute warm up at the beginning of the match if needed. And a (1) two minute break between each game. Each match will begin play on the hour.

Forfeit Rule: A ten minute forfeit rule is in effect for all games. After ten minutes the game will be forfeited. The tournament director may extend leniency where extenuating circumstances exist. A team may play with two players in the 3on3 division, and a team may play with three players in the 5on5 division.

Time Outs: Each team is allowed (2) :30 timeouts per game with the clock running. Time out may be called prior to server receiving ball on either side of court (between plays).

Referee Assignments: Spikefest teams officiate each other's games to keep things clean and fair. Each team in the tournament is responsible for officiating assigned games in their pool as assigned on their pool bracket sheet. Delaying a referee assignment will result in the loss of one point per minute for that team's next played game. Missing a referee assignment altogether will result in a one game deficit for their next scheduled match. During referee assignments, each team will provide a minimum of three officials. Two officials who will be placed on opposite corners to watch one end line and one side line each with one official at Net. The officiating team must turn in the score sheet after the game is over to the Scoreboard Tent.

Game Start: Each match will begin with a coin toss to determine right to serve or to receive the serve; the opposing team will choose side of court. After each game the teams will alternate sides of the court and alternate beginning serve.

Service: Server rotation is required. Teams may not attack a serve. The service line is the back end line on both sides of the court and runs the length of the end line. No screening is allowed, (blocking path of vision to the server). The ball may touch the net on serve as long as it goes over the net.

Service Receive: On the service receive a "Single Contact" is required when playing the ball above the shoulders. NO OPEN HAND RECEIVES OF THE SERVE.

Scoring: Rally scoring is in effect for all games. In most divisions or pools, games are played to 25 points straight. (No win by 2). Best two out of three games wins the match. If a third game is necessary, it will be played to 15 straight. In

order to provide a smooth and timely event the tournament director may change the game format if necessary.

Rotation: Player position rotation is mandatory only in 5on5 play.

Substitutions: Can be made at any dead ball during team's possession of service and at the server's position. The game clock will continue to run during substitutions.

Ball in Play: Each team has three hits at the ball before the ball returns to opposing team's side of the court; hits include intentional and unintentional hits of the ball. A player may not contact the ball two times in a row. Two players may touch the ball at the same time; however it is considered two hits.

Blocking Contact: A blocking contact is NOT counted as a team hit in 3on3 and 5on5. The ball must break the plane of the net before attacking ball.

The Ball is out: When the ball hits the ground, touches an object outside of the court, touches the poles or support ropes.

Special Co-Ed Rules: In 3on3 format, one female must be on the court at all times. In 5on5 format, two females must be on the court at all times. In both formats if the ball is touched more than once, a female must hit the ball before the ball is returned to the opposite side.

Footwear policy: Players may not wear cleats or spikes of any kind. Players may play barefoot.

Roster Changes: Teams may change roster up until their first game time at the scoreboard tent by filling out roster change forms. No changes may be made after the team has played its first scheduled game. Teams may substitute for seriously injured players who have been diagnosed by the first aid staff on site. All changes to roster must be approved by tournament director staff.

Tournament Staff: Have final say on all tournament matters, and may modify rules if necessary.

Weather: Playing conditions will be approved, delayed, or cancelled by the tournament staff.

Alcohol: No alcohol is permitted on site unless provided by Event Concessionaire and consumed in designated areas.

Pets: No pets are allowed on site for the safety of all players and spectators.

Tents: Tents and shade canopies are allowed on site, but are not to exceed a size of 10'x10' and cannot have logos on top of the canopy.

USA Outdoor Rules apply if not stated above.