

## **GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR THE A/E OUTDOOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE**

(Revised 1 June 2021)

### **SCHEDULES:**

Schedules including net assignments are emailed to the captains and are posted on the web site.

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Rules are emailed with the initial schedules and are posted on the website. Note: 25 point rally scoring for all games. Teams are guaranteed 5 games each night and each game counts one point in the standing. (It is NOT best 3 out of 5)

### **CANCELATIONS / RAIN MAKE-UPS:**

What to do when it rains is the most difficult issue with which captains must handle. We need to balance safety issues with the need to avoid canceling games prematurely. On days when there has been a great deal of rain and rain is forecasted to continue, the League Director will examine the available information including the DOT webcams, Park Dept. Field closure hotline (206) 233-0055 and other weather data to determine if there shall be a blanket cancellation of all matches. Blanket cancellations will be emailed to the captains by the League Director. If no such notification has been received by 4:30 PM on the date of the match, the decision must be made by the majority vote of the team reps (League encourages each team delegate one person whose schedule allows them to get to the park by 6 PM each week) present at 6:00 PM at the actual fields on whether or not the fields are too slippery for play. If the captains vote to cancel at the field, then the matches for that day will be rescheduled for the next available rain make-up date. If the majority of the team reps present vote that it is playable, teams that are absent **at the scheduled forfeit time (6:50 PM)** forfeit all their games that night. (If both teams of a match are not present when the team reps vote that it is playable, they both forfeit all their games for that night unless they can mutually agree upon a make-up date prior to August 24, 2021 that is not one of the official rain make-up dates shown on the schedule). Rain make-up dates that are not needed may be used for other purposes -- but hold rain make-up dates open until one week before to allow you to make-up SCHEDULED games that are rained out first before using them for other uses.

### **PERMIT:**

Keep a copy of your permit with you at the field. It is your proof that you have paid for a field reservation and have first rights to the areas described over others using the park. If you experience any problems, call Park Security @ 206-684-7088/4187, or 206-396-0922 (cell) or 206-997-3074.

### **LOCATIONS:**

Matches will be at Cowen Park (Ravenna Blvd and Brooklyn NE) or Sandel Playground (1st NW & NW 90th in the Greenwood area - 2 blocks north of the Fred Meyer Store on NW 85th). The location will be as indicated on the posted schedules. Maps are available on our website at [www.aevolleyball.net](http://www.aevolleyball.net).

### **NET RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Setting up the net is a lot of work. In order to be fair, all teams shall have net duties. The home team indicated on the schedule with a (\*) shall bring the net. Teams without equipment can arrange to borrow a net for each of their assigned nights but should make arrangements well in advance to borrow equipment from another team in the league. The league has nets that are available that can be borrowed but must be reserved in advance and then picked up and returned by noon the next day (There is also a limited number of league nets that can be checked out for the season with refundable deposit). To be fair to your opponent on their "night off," please try not to ask them to set up the net. For those wanting to purchase a net, we recommend the Park and Sun Spectrum Classic (easy to set up, gets very good net tension, is very durable, has aluminum poles for reduced weight and has a reasonable mid-range price). Available on line from Amazon and other sources. Look for free shipping.

**BALLS:** Each team shall have a ball available at game time. For consistency, the Wilson AVP Game Ball is our official League ball and must be used when it is available unless the two captains agree in advance of the first game to use an alternate ball. While current supplies last, we are able to offer the 2019 AVP Game Ball (WTH6007) to our members at the reduced price of \$25 (tax and shipping paid and included). They retail for about \$66 with tax. With prior reservation, you can arrange to pick one up at 2821 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave in the Belltown area of Seattle (24/7). Place your orders by sending an email with the subject “Ball”. You must be an A/E registered member to get this pricing (i.e. have completed the waiver form online in 2021).

**SHOES / SAFETY:**

To prevent injuries, make sure your players do not use indoor court or aerobic shoes with smooth soles. Trail running shoes with aggressive waffle soles or turf shoes with mini soft rubber spikes provide a lot more traction on grass. A pair of ankle braces are also highly recommended such as Active Ankle T-2 (information at [www.activeankle.com](http://www.activeankle.com)). These braces minimize the possibility of spraining an ankle.

**TOURNAMENT:**

The end of the year tournaments are on the last weekend in August that is BEFORE the Labor Day Weekend. Level 1 or 2 teams (from Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday teams) will have their all day Annual Volleyball Tournament on the Saturday of that weekend and the Level 3 and 4 teams (from Tues., Wed., and Thurs. teams) will have it on Sunday. Subject to field availability it will be held at the Soundview School playfield at 9001 15th Ave NW, Seattle. More information on the tournament will be emailed around August 1st. All teams are expected to come to the tournament (the tournament cost was included in your league fee). Sorry – there are no refunds. Depending on the number of no shows and upon a team’s record, some teams may be shifted to a different group for the tournament at the discretion of the League Director.

**SCORING:**

Throughout the season, Captains should keep track of their game record (each game won is worth 1 point – all 5 games on each night count in standings) in the boxes provided on the electronic Excel schedule form sent to you. Results of your matches shall be uploaded onto One Drive each week and must be fully current 8 days before the tournament. You do not have to keep track of matches won or the individual points scored in each game.

**WAIVER FORMS:**

All players must fill out the online waiver/registration form prior to playing.

<https://www.aevolleyball.net/WaiverRegistration2021Covid.html> (You no longer have to print and sign hard copies) A/E Volleyball Association is a registered 503c7 non-profit corporation and carries liability and participant accident insurance. The insurance is secondary to a player’s personal health insurance and a player is only covered if they have filled out the online waiver/registration form. Teams with at least 6 players registered by June 14 will be entered in a drawing for an AVP Game ball (WTH6008). Playing with players that have not registered on-line and completed the waiver form & do not follow the A/E Volleyball Covid Safety Plan could result in games being forfeited. **Teams that do not have a min. of 3 registered players by June 14 will forfeit their games until the minimum players have been registered.** In Levels 1 and 2, you may add players at any time during the season up to August 20, 2021 by registering online and only one emergency players after that date. Picture ID will be required at the tournament. Levels 3 and 4 may add any number of players at any time.

**T-SHIRT CONTESTS:**

There will be a team t-shirt contest at the tournament with prizes -- so start now on your designs.

If you have any questions, e-mail: <mailto:aevolleyball@gmail.com>

Forms, maps and other information including links to equipment sites are available at

<https://www.aevolleyball.net>