

GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR THE A/E OUTDOOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

(Revised 21 May 2024)

SCHEDULES:

Detailed schedules including net assignments will be emailed to the captains and will be posted on the web site by May 27th. Teams shall record results using the link provided to One Drive by A/E Volleyball. The latest version of the schedule is the version posted on the website.

RULES:

Rules are emailed with the initial schedules and are posted on the website. Note: 25-point rally scoring for all games. Teams shall play 5 games each night and each game counts one point in the standings. We are using a round robin style where you play 1 game each night against 5 different opponents.

TEAM ROLES:

Each player on a team shall have an assigned role dictated by their captain.

Captain: shall be responsible for the distribution of all communication from the league via email to their teammates.

Alternate: Back up communication with the league. Also responsible for the Player vacation schedule management for the team. Responsible for knowing who is coming on a particular day and who is subbing for a player. PLAYERS are responsible for finding their subs.

Scorekeeper: Responsible for recording the wins on the OneDrive website for their team for each game. Please send name & email address.

Ball Keeper: Responsible for knowing which court the team plays on and does RPS to decide which team ball is used for that game.

Net Keeper: Responsible for getting the net set-up no later than (**n.l.t.**) 6:30 pm on the nights the team has net duties.

Field Checker: Responsible for going to the field **n.l.t.** 6:00 pm to vote whether the field is playable only on “**iffy**” days and to vote with other team field checkers on whether the field and the games are to be played, delayed, or rescheduled. They shall alert teammates on decision.

CANCELATIONS / RAIN MAKE-UPS:

What to do when it rains is the most difficult issue which teams 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, Parks 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 are *extremely rare* (once or twice a season). They require flooding and standing water. Notice will be emailed to the captains by the League Director. If rain is forecasted in western Washington and no such notification has been received by 5:00 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 when weather is ‘iffy’). Team Field checkers shall be present at 6:00 PM at the actual fields & decide whether the fields are too slippery for play and shall vote on the day the games will be rescheduled. If the checkers vote to cancel at the field, then the matches for that day shall be rescheduled for the next available rain make-up date. If the majority of the team field checkers 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 22, 2024, 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 by ‘blanket cancellations’ or by ‘majority vote’ first before using them for other uses. *Note that is much harder to reschedule the games than play in light rain* with proper footwear.

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 wanting to use 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) or Maple Leaf Park (Roosevelt Way NE & NE 85th). The court location will be as indicated on the posted maps on the schedule page of website.

NET RESPONSIBILITIES:

Setting up the net is a lot of work. To be fair, all teams shall have net duties (however 2 teams who have net duties on opposite weeks may share a single net). The nets for the courts shall be set up by the assigned team by 6:30. Please bring enough signs in plastic sleeves for nets in your group so that you can label your net. Those teams with net duties are listed on the OneDrive version of the schedule. 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 or the league has nets that are available that can be borrowed *but to be fair to your opponent on their "night*

off," please do not 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 online from Amazon and other sources. Look for free shipping included.

BALLS: Each team shall have a ball available at game time. Only high-quality outdoor balls from Wilson, Mikasa, Spalding or Molten will be used in official League games and the two team representatives shall use RPS to select the ball from among those available. (Note that A/E no longer sells balls or endorses a single outdoor volleyball.)

SHOES / BRACES / 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. Do not wear soccer shoes with hard spikes. A pair of ankle braces are also highly recommended, such as Active Ankle T-2 (information at 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 3-day 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 Maple Leaf Park at 85004 Roosevelt Way NE, 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. Groups that were combined for the regular season, will be separated. 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, The Team Scorekeeper should keep track of their game record (each game won is worth 1 point – all 5 games on each night count in standings except byes) in the boxes provided on the electronic Excel schedule on OneDrive. Results of your matches shall be uploaded onto OneDrive each week and must be fully current 8 days before the tournament. You do not have to keep track of individual points scored in each game.

WAIVER / REGISTRATION FORMS:

All players must fill out the online waiver/registration form prior to playing. <https://www.aevolleyball.net/WaiverRegistration2024Covid.html> (You no longer must print and sign hard copies). The alternate captain shall review the posted roster of the team to confirm that all players on the team have completed the A/E Volleyball waiver/registration form including the subs. A/E Volleyball Association is a registered 503c7 non-profit corporation (IRS rules require all players to register). A/E Volleyball 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. Playing with players that have not registered online and completed the waiver form & do not follow the A/E Volleyball Safety Plans 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 number of players have been registered. In Levels 1 and 2, you may add players at any time during the season up to **August 9, 2024**, by registering online and only one emergency player 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 there are less than 3 entries on the day of the Level 1 and 2 tournaments, those entries will be carried over to the tournament the following day.

OTHER:

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

Forms, maps and other information including links to sites are available at <https://www.aevolleyball.net>

Teams who need players or subs are encouraged to leave a message in the Guest Book on the website which acts as a bulletin board or send an email to aevolleyball@gmail.com which we will be forwarded to the A/E volleyball individual email group. *Please be specific as to what you are looking for including level, position, dates, & times.*