

## Outdoor Levels 1 (A/BB) and 2 (BB/B) ARCHICHOKE/ENGINEERD VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE RULES

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Rules shall be the latest version of the US Volleyball INDOOR Official Rules including the Special Rules section for CO-ED 6's play -- except where specifically stated below:

1. Each team must have a minimum of 3 players. A minimum of one of the fielded players must be female. There is no service or position requirement for the women. There shall be a maximum of 4 fielded men on a team. There is no "women hit rule".
2. All individual games shall be to 25 points, win by 2, except first team to 27 points wins, using rally scoring (your team does not need to be serving to score). A match shall consist of 5 games, each game counts as one point in the standings.
3. In our outdoor leagues, due to wind conditions outdoors, the server is allowed an unlimited number of tosses as long as any unused toss is allowed to drop to the ground untouched. Serves that touch the net when going over are legal.
4. The first game of the match shall officially start at 6:45 PM with forfeiture at 6:50 PM. You must have a legal team by 6:50 PM. (See rule 1.) Subsequent games shall be forfeited at 15-minute intervals. Nets shall be up no later than 6:30 PM.
5. A ball spin (or rock / scissors / paper) shall be used to determine serve or side in the first game. Reverse positions in each subsequent game. Before the 5<sup>th</sup> game, spin the ball or RSP to determine serve or side and change sides when the first team reaches 13 points (in the 5<sup>th</sup> game only).
6. Substitutions (during a dead ball) using current US Volleyball rules or "rotating in" prior to serves may be used at a team's option. Position used for rotating in (i.e., middle back, server, etc.) is at team's option, but must be constant during the game. Teams can use designated Liberos. Liberos can serve but only in one of the six rotations.
7. Court size may be 30' x 60' or the equivalent US Volleyball metric size. Net antennas and attack lines are optional. Net height shall be 8'-0". Use Wilson AVP Official Game ball or the captains can use RSP to decide between available balls and can rotate ball between games.
8. The two captains and the two captains alone shall resolve any disputes. If the two captains cannot come to a mutual agreement, there shall be a replay.
9. The server shall call out the score prior to each serve.
10. There are no referees in this league. If there is a disagreement and the 2 captains do not agree, the play shall be replayed.
11. Shoes with traction devices (trail running shoes with waffle soles or turf shoes with mini soft rubber spikes) are highly recommended but shoes with hard spikes such as soccer cleats are strictly prohibited.
12. All teams must be able to provide net, poles and lines on the nights when they are indicated to have net duties. You may check out net equipment from the league or ask to borrow equipment from another team in the league, but to be fair to your opponent on their "night off", do not ask them to set up.
13. All players must complete the online Waiver Form prior to playing in any game. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the match. In Levels 1 & 2 only, no new players can be added after August 16<sup>th</sup> except for one emergency addition. ID is required at tournament for roster verification.
14. Per change in 2016, USAV rules now have returned to the "old net rule" -- you cannot touch any part of the net while in the process of playing the ball (hitting, setting or blocking) even if you did not actually succeed in touching the ball. Please call your own net fouls.

Each team is encouraged to get a copy of the Official US Volleyball Rules to become familiar with aspects not addressed above. They are available for viewing, purchase or downloading at <http://www.usavolleyball.org/>