



# DC PRIDE VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

## Rehoboth Beach Open Rules

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### # Players & Substitutions

This is a competitive quads (4-person) beach volleyball tournament. The maximum number of players on each team is 5. Teams are allowed to play with fewer than 4 players in case of injury.

There will be no rotational substitution. A 5<sup>th</sup> player can sub for another player in the same set unlimited times. The player being subbed must be the same throughout the set, but can vary from set to set.

### Divisions

There will be three divisions, which correspond to the level of play in the USAV and/or NAGVA indoor volleyball ratings system: A, BB, and B. The tournament director reserves the right to move teams up or down divisions based on the level of play after the completion of Pool Play. Each division will be capped at 16 teams.

*\*\*\* If you are not sure which division to register for, please contact DCPVL for assistance.*

### Pool Play

Pool Play schedules will be provided to all the captains a day prior to the tournament at registration. All teams should be ready to play or ref by 8:30am on Saturday. Each team will play 4 matches, which will be limited to 40 minutes (5 minutes to warm up, 35 minutes to play). Pool Play matches will be two sets to 21, start at 0, win by 2, cap at 25.

### Playoffs

Following Pool Play, there will be single elimination playoffs. All teams from each division will qualify for the playoffs, unless unforeseen delays force us to only select the top teams. Seeding will be based on 1) sets won/lost; then 2) points for/against from Pool Play; then 3) a coin toss. Playoff matches will be best 2 of 3 sets, with no time limit. The first two sets are to 21, start at 0, win by 2, cap at 25; and the deciding set is to 15, start at 0, with no cap.

### Timeouts

Only one 30-second timeout per team is allowed per set.

### Side Switching

Teams should switch every 7 points to accommodate for wind and sun factors during play.



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### Official Ball

The official balls for this tournament will be the Molten BV5000. Balls will be provided during the event for tournament play only. Refing teams will be given a ball at the start of the match and they must return the ball to the players' tent at the end of each match. Teams may choose another ball for play only if both team captains agree.

### Refing / Scorekeeping

Refs are responsible for enforcing the rules and settling all disputes and their word is FINAL. Captains may protest a call if they believe the ref is improperly interpreting or enforcing a rule. Judgment calls (double contact, net violation, etc.) are not able to be protested.

Each refing team must provide an up-ref, down-ref (scorekeeper), and two line judges at all times. Ensure that your up-ref is fully familiar with USAV indoor and beach rules. When in doubt, please ask the tournament coordinators. Please bring your own whistles.

Scorekeepers are responsible for accuracy of scoring and must keep track of order of servers.

### Important Beach Rules For 4s

We will use beach rules, so please note that some of them vary from the indoor rules. It is important that all captains understand these rules completely as they are slightly stricter than indoor rules. Some of the key differences are:

1. No open hand serve receive.
2. The first ball across the net can't be sent over, unless it's a hit (hard driven with a downward trajectory).
3. A block does not count as a touch.
4. No open-hand setting ball over the net.
5. Hand sets must be "clean". Use your judgment, refing team should help settle disputes.
  - a. The trajectory must be perpendicular to the line of the shoulders to be permissible.
  - b. If the ball spins more than 1.5 times, it is considered a **double**.
  - c. If it "sticks" to your hands or you "catch it and then release it", it is considered a **carry**.
6. No open-hand dinking/tipping: finger tips not allowed, but knuckles or fists are legal.
7. Crossing under the net is allowed, unless contact is made with the opponent.
8. While the point is played, touching the net with any part of the body is NOT allowed.
9. Matches will be played on a regular 30x30 court (compared to 26x26 for doubles).
10. There will be no antennas. Net poles will be used instead.