



DC PRIDE VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

REHOBOTH BEACH OPEN 2017

Saturday, June 17, 2017 - Rehoboth Beach,
Delaware

PLAYERS & SUBSTITUTIONS

The 2017 Rehoboth Beach Open (RBO) is a competitive doubles (2-person) and quads (4-person) beach volleyball tournament. The maximum number of players on each doubles team is 2, and on each quads team is 5. Quads teams are allowed to play with fewer than 4 players in case of injury.

There will be no rotational substitution in the quads division. A 5th 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

For the **competitive doubles portion** of the tournament, there will be three divisions which correspond to the level of play in the USAV and/or NAGVA volleyball ratings system: A, BB, and B. *Players on doubles teams must have a NAGVA rating at or below the rating of the tournament division for which they register.*

For the **competitive quads portion** of the tournament, there will be two divisions which correspond to the level of play in the USAV and/or NAGVA volleyball ratings system: BB and B. *As stated above, quads teams are allowed a maximum of 5 players, and are permitted to have one player with a NAGVA rating one division higher than the division they register for on their roster.*

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. If a team registers an unrated player or players on their roster, the discretion is left to the RBO tournament director to provide an onsite rating based on established rating rubric, and to adjust a team's playing division placement accordingly.

Each division will initially be capped at 12 teams. Should certain divisions not fill up, the RBO tournament director has the discretion to adjust these caps accordingly, and will notify players as soon as possible of any changes.

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

ENTRY FEE

Cost is \$45 per person, which includes a tournament shirt.



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POOL PLAY

Pool Play schedules will be provided to all captains at least one day prior to the tournament, via the DCPVL website and email, and also at Friday night registration. All teams should be ready to play or ref by 8:30am on Saturday. The tournament will start promptly at 9:00am. Each team will play 4 matches (2 sets per match), which will be limited to 40 minutes (5 minutes to warm up, 35 minutes to play). Pool Play matches will be two sets to 25, start at 4, win by 2, cap at 27.

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 25, start at 4, win by 2, cap at 27; 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.

OFFICIAL BALL

The official ball for this tournament will either be the Wilson Official AVP Outdoor Game Volleyball, or the Spalding King of the Beach/USA Beach Official Tour Volleyball. Balls will be provided during the event for tournament play only. Refeing 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.

REFEING / 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.) cannot be protested.

Refereeing Assignments:

For competitive doubles: For each match, TWO sitting teams will provide reffing - one up-ref, one down-ref/scorekeeper, and two line judges. Ensure that your up-ref is fully familiar with all beach rules. When in doubt, please ask the tournament director.

For competitive quads: Each reffing team must provide an up-ref, down-ref



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(scorekeeper), and two line judges at all times. Ensure that your up-ref is fully familiar with all beach rules. When in doubt, please ask the tournament director.

Please bring your own whistles.

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

IMPORTANT BEACH RULES FOR DOUBLES & QUADS:

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. (Please note that some of these rules have been adjusted from the current FIVB outdoor rules to be less strict for our league players.)

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 26'x26' court for doubles, and a 30'x30' court for quads.
10. There will be no antennas. Net poles will be used instead.



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