

# Youth Volleyball Rules



The rules of play shall be the current National Federation of High School Rules, except for the following amended below. All rules are in effect for the grade divisions unless otherwise noted by each grade division.

## 1) Administration

### A. Age Divisions

1. The following divisions will be formed based on the current school calendar year.
  - a. (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)
  - b. (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
  - c. (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

### B. Teams

1. A team shall have no more than 12 players listed on a team roster
2. A team shall consist of female gender players; however, male gender players are allowed to participate if the respective chapter does not offer a comparable program.

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### C. Players

1. Players shall:
  - a. Be listed on no more than one team roster.
  - b. May play up if older age group needs players.

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### D. Rosters

1. Teams shall play with no more than six (6) players on the court at anytime.
2. If a team does consist of male players, that team shall:
  - a. Only play up to three (3) male players on the court at anytime.
  - b. Not play more males on the court than females at anytime.
3. Teams must have a minimum of:
  - a. Four (4) players present at the start of the match.
  - b. Two (2) females present at the start of the match.

## II. Equipment

#### A. Court

1. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade - court shall be 30 x 40 feet (WxL).
2. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade- court shall be 30 x 60 feet (WxL).
3. Court dimensions may vary depending on the facilities used.

#### B. Net

1. The top of the net shall be placed at 7 feet, measured from the center of the court for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 7 feet for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade and 7 feet 4 inches for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
2. The net shall have antennas according to Federation Rules.

#### C. Game Ball

1. Shall be provided by the hosting chapter.
2. Shall be constructed of leather or synthetic material.
3. Size of ball shall be:
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Trainer ball
  - b. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade 7oz. Inflated
  - c. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade 7oz. Inflated

### III. League Match Regulations

#### A. Hosting Facility Requirements

1. The hosting facility must provide:
  - a. One official of at least 14 years of age for each scheduled match knowledgeable of the game of volleyball and Federation High School rules.
  - b. One scoring device (flip type is approved).
  - c. One scorekeeper. May need parents help, can be the official.
  - d. If line judges are wanted, the coach must let the officials know before the start of the match and have at least one volunteer from each team.

#### B. Match Play

1. 1st/2nd grade matches will play three games with a 45 minute running time limit. Time will start with the first contact of the first serve. If the third game is not complete when the time runs out the game will be left where it stands at the end of the time.
2. 3rd-6th grade matches will have a time limit of 50 minute running clock. Time will start with the first contact of the first serve. If the third game is not complete when the time runs out the game will be left where it stands at the end of time.
3. Games will be played rally scoring to 25 points (win by 2, no cap). 3<sup>rd</sup> game to 15 points.
4. If a game is tied after the time limit has expired it will stay a tied game. We would like to promote having fun as much as we can.
5. The official or scorekeeper will time the match to designate an official timer.

### C. Start of Match

1. Forfeit of the match will be declared if a team cannot field the minimum number of players required by 10 minutes after scheduled match time. Because of the tight time schedule this will count as the first 10 minutes of the 45 minute match.
2. Prior to the start of a match the official will conduct a pre-game conference with a captain and a coach from each team to determine:
  - a. If a team has the minimum number of players present to start a match.
  - b. Which team will serve 1<sup>st</sup> for game 1 and game 2 by a toss of a coin.
  - c. The official will whistle for teams to serve 3 minutes before start time.
3. Prior to the start of the third game, the official will conduct another coin toss to determine which team will serve first.
4. Teams are allowed two minutes between games, please play on if both teams are ready early.

## IV. Playing Rules

### A. Service

1. Release of the serve is not required.
2. Overhand serves can be executed from the shortened service line appropriate for the specific age division. Please use good judgment and have players step back if they are consistently serving it over from the shortened line.
3. A second service line used in the **1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>** grade division shall be placed on the court running parallel from the regulation service line. This line should be marked by tape. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade line is the 10 foot line and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade line is the end line for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.
4. A player who is serving, shall not touch or cross the respective service line that they are serving from until the ball has been contacted for service.
5. A serve must be executed within five seconds of the official whistle to serve.
6. A re-serve will be called when the server releases the ball for service, then catches it or drops it to the floor. The official shall cancel the serve and direct a second and last attempt to serve. The server is allowed a new five seconds to re-serve.
7. **1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade** is allowed a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance to serve if the ball does not go over on the first serve of every rotation. They are also allowed to serve from the 10 foot line (overhand or underhand). If the ball was served out of bounds on the opponent's side of the court a re-serve is not given.
8. The receiving team must rotate before their 1<sup>st</sup> serve of the game.
9. Any ball that touches the net on a serve, inside the antenna, is a playable ball.

### B. Scoring

1. A point will be awarded to the team that wins the rally.
2. After a team gets five continuous points, an automatic side out will be called 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grades only. The serving team will get the point but the serve

will then be awarded to the other team. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade get 3 continuous points before a side out.

C. Substitutions

1. Continuous substitution (rotation) is required for each team 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
2. The rotations/substitution must be made after the ball is dead before your serve and must be in the same order throughout the game.
3. Please rotate clockwise. If you don't want to sub in for the server you can sub into the front left position.

D. Time-outs

1. A team is allowed one time-out per game.
2. Each time out shall not exceed thirty seconds.
3. In the event that a match is tied at the end of the third game, each team will be allowed one time out during the playoff time.

V. Other

A. Practices

1. Teams shall be allowed no more than five hours of practice per week before the start of League Matches.
2. Teams shall be allowed no more than three hours of practice a week after start of League Matches.

B. Conduct

1. Any player, coach, parent or spectator displaying unsportsmanlike behavior or conduct shall be ordered to leave the facility immediately.
2. Failure to adhere to this rule will allow the official to declare a forfeit against the offending team.

C. Open wounds and bleeding

1. A player who has an open wound must:
  - a. Be removed from the game and may not re-enter until the bleeding has been stopped.
  2. Have the open wound covered before returning to play.
  3. Change any clothing that has become saturated with blood.

D. Protests

1. There are no protests allowed. Officials have final authority.

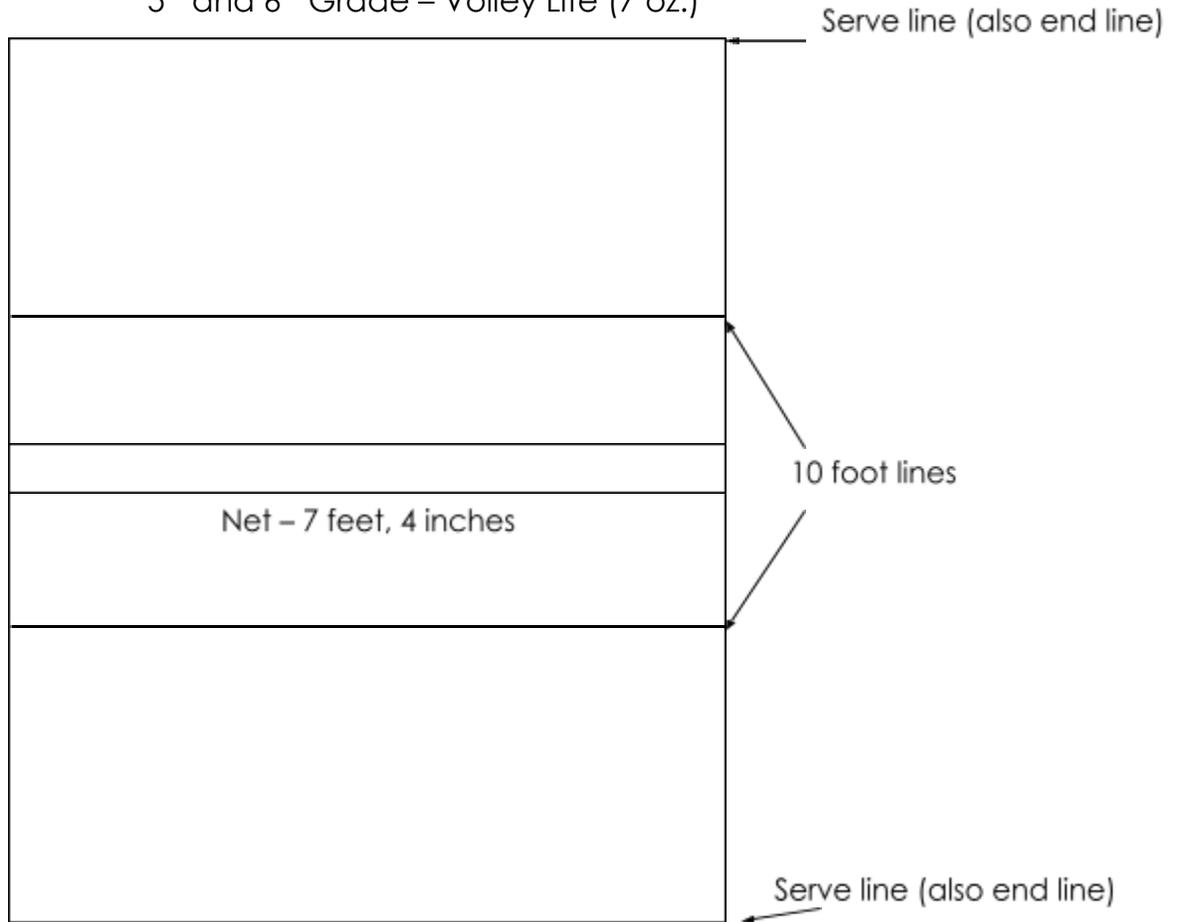
E. Cancellations or postponements

1. All matches must be played according to the schedule.
2. In the event that a match cannot be played due to severe weather or other unforeseen circumstances, every attempt will be made to reschedule the match by the league directors.

F. Coaches and players

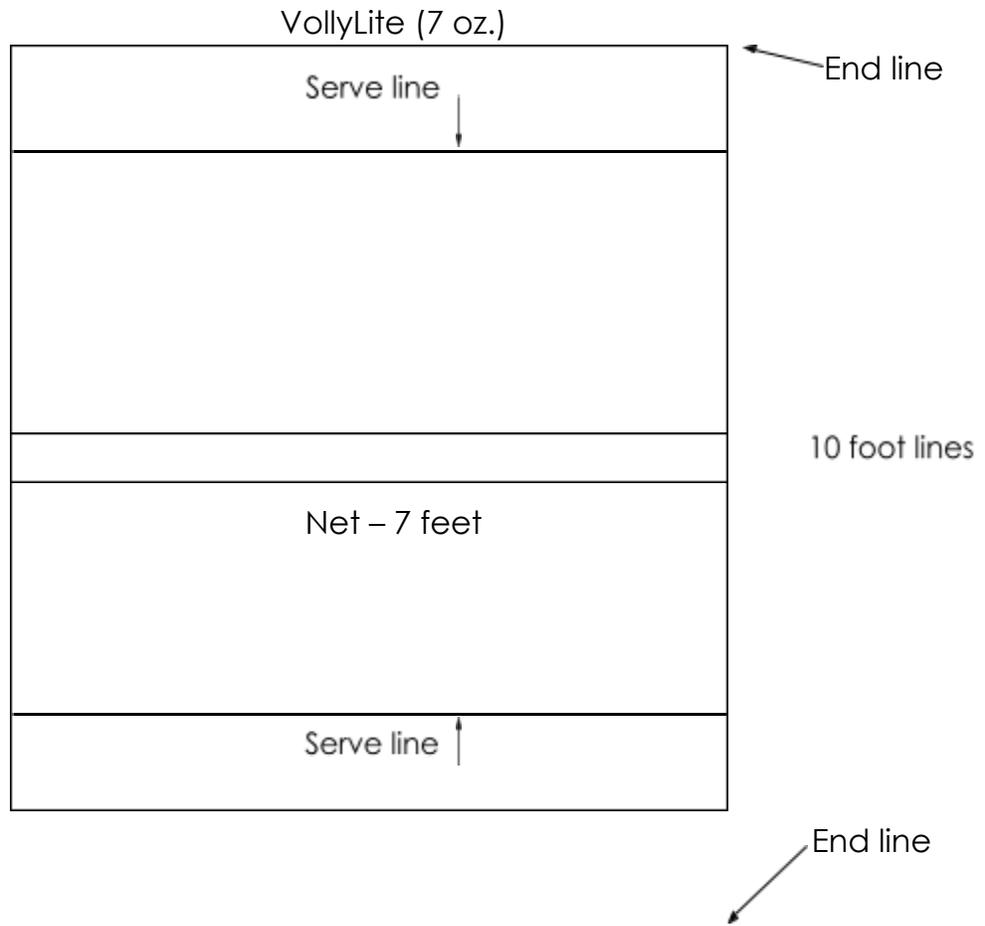
1. Only designated coaches that have passed the background check will be allowed on the bench at any time.
2. Coaches must remain in bench area during match.
3. Do not go under the net at any time.
4. No jewelry please.
5. Please be very encouraging with your players.

**Regulation Court – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>**  
5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Volley Lite (7 oz.)



**3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade**





**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**  
Trainee Ball

