



# Beach Volleyball League Rules and Regulations

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## I. Registration Procedures

### A. Team Registration:

- a. **\$50.00 per team** – Includes a 5 week season with 10 games

- b. Managers must register their team online at

<https://webtrac.greenvillenc.gov/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html>.

**NOTE:** GRPD has the right to deny entry in our leagues based on previous behavior issues and size of league.

### B. Player Registration:

- a. In addition to the team fee, a participation fee of **\$20** (Greenville City Resident); **\$30** (Non-Resident) is required for each member on the team roster which includes players, coaches, and managers.
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**\* Participant fees and registration must be paid online at**

<https://webtrac.greenvillenc.gov/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html>.\*

### C. Payment of Fees:

- a. All fees must be paid online at <https://webtrac.greenvillenc.gov/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/splash.html>.
- b. Please make checks payable to Greenville Recreation & Parks Department (GRPD).

### D. Manager Meeting:

- a. A MANDATORY meeting for managers or team representatives will be held at the conclusion of team registration. This date can be found on the Fact Sheet or by asking the league director.
- b. Failure to attend this meeting (manager or team representative) will result in removal from the league with a full refund.

### E. Refund/Credit Policy:

- a. GRPD will give partial or full refunds for the following reasons:
  - i. Classes/programs cancelled due to lack of participant interest, and/or
  - ii. Valid medical reasons on the part of the participant, and/or
  - iii. Participant is dissatisfied within the first two (2) meetings of a program and contacts GRPD staff within five (5) business days after the second meeting for a refund.
- b. Other valid reason for exiting programs will be considered for program credit. GRPD must be notified at least two (2) working days prior to class/program starting date in order for GRPD to be able to fill program vacancy.
- c. Senior Management must approve a refund or a credit for program or portion of programs deemed appropriate.
- d. Credits can be used only by participants or his/her immediate family members.

## II. Manager's Duties

- A. It shall be the duty of each manager to see that the official roster, player registration and entry fees are paid prior to participation. Each team is required to register during assigned registration dates.
- B. At the conclusion of registration, a mandatory organizational meeting and rules clinic will be scheduled by the League Director. Failure to supply a team manager or team representative will result in dismissal from the league and a refund will be granted.
- C. It is the responsibility of each manager to assure that all players are eligible and understand the rules and regulations of the GRPD beach volleyball leagues.

- D. The person representing your team during the pre-game meeting will be the “designated manager” for the game and must handle any disputes.
- E. Managers are to see that all players are in proper uniform and stay in the dugouts; except when playing a defensive position, batting, on deck, or base coaching.
- F. Each manager is responsible for their team and spectators conduct at and around the park. GRPD will not tolerate abusive language, consumption of alcoholic beverages on city property, litter, or other irresponsible acts.
- G. Only the team manager should contact GRPD in cases of inclement weather. Game status updates will be available by calling the weather hotline at (252) 329-4299.
- H. Each manager is responsible for contacting GRPD concerning the rescheduling of games.
- I. Notify the Athletic Office of any changes of team manager contact information.

### III. Eligibility

- A. All participants must be 16 years of age prior to participation and are required to pay the appropriate fee and complete a registration form to be considered an eligible player. Proper Identification is required.
- B. Player registration fees and forms must be on file with GRPD on the day of the game in which they are to play.
- C. 4 v4 roster limit is 7 people and 3v3 roster limit is 5.
- D. Each player will have the option to switch teams one time. The switch must be made before the third regular season game with the original team. The manager of the team the player is leaving must agree to the release in writing.
- E. Any GRPD representative, scorekeeper, or an opposing team all have the right to protest the legality of a player. GRPD has the right to check identification at any time; picture I.D.’s must be readily available upon request. This includes the right to check entire teams or just specific players in question.  
**NOTE:** Any team found to be playing illegal players must forfeit the present game, those players will be suspended from ALL league play for the next 3 scheduled games, and the manager will be suspended from ALL league play for the next 5 scheduled games.
- F. **An illegal player** is defined as: a player participating under an assumed name and/or playing for a team in which he/she is not on that team’s roster; or playing on more than one team in the same division.
- G. **An ineligible player** is defined as: a player who does not meet the requirements of the GRPD code of conduct [SEE PAGE 11]; or playing while under suspension.
- H. **Uniform:** Attire must be appropriate for play.

### IV. Playing Rules

*All playing rules listed below will govern league play. In the event that a situation is not listed below, it will default to the High School Volleyball Rules.*

#### **EQUIPMENT**

- A. Players may wear athletic shoes, socks or bare feet.

- B. Hats such as baseball hats and visors may be worn during competition.
- C. All jewelry must be removed during play.
- D. GRPD will provide game balls.
- E. **Electronic Equipment:** Due to safety concerns, at no time can a camera, audio or video device be worn or used by an official, player, or coach on the field of play. Any exception must be approved by the League Director.

## **THE GAME**

- A. Each player must check in with the Site Supervisor.
- B. A team must have at least 2 players present and checked in to begin a game.
- C. There are no gender restrictions.
- D. Games are self-officiated.
- E. Prior to the start of the match, the managers will rock, paper, scissors for the choice of court side or the service. The winner chooses either side or service. The loser receives the remaining option.
- F. A grace period of 5 minutes will be allowed for all games from the scheduled start time. Teams must have 2 eligible players on the court or sideline prior to the grace period running out. If time is available, the teams can share the court for warm up.
- G. A game shall be forfeited for violation of the following: If a team scheduled to play, fails to place at least 2 eligible players in the line-up; if a team or any member of a team shall delay the progress of a game, the opposing team could be declared the winner; if a player or manager engages in an argument with officials and refuses to continue the game, he/she will be ordered off the field. Failure to comply with the officials could mean a forfeit for his/her team. In case of a double forfeit, both teams will be charged with a loss.
- H. Players/coaches are not allowed to smoke in the facility.
- I. Alcoholic beverages will not be allowed at any time on City property or properties used by the City of Greenville.
- J. Any person using profane or vulgar language will be removed from the field. If a player is removed from the field for unsportsmanlike conduct, he/she shall be automatically suspended for the next game played, as well as being in jeopardy of being banished from the league, pending review by the Athletic Staff.

## **SCORING**

- A. All games are self-officiated.
- B. Rally scoring will be used.
- C. A match will consist of the best two out of three games. All 3 games will be played.
- D. The first two games are played to 21 with a cap of 25. Teams must win by 2 points.
- E. The third game is played to 15 with no cap unless first two games were won by the same team then the cap is 20.
- F. The winning team manager must sign the score sheet to verify the score.

## **V. General Rules**

- A.** The ball may be contacted a maximum of three (3) times by a team before it is sent over the net.
- B.** A ball striking the net and going over the net is still in play, including a serve.
- C.** A ball may only be played once it has crossed the top of the net.
- D.** Any ball touching any part of a boundary line is considered "good" or "in".
- E.** The ball may be hit by any body part including the feet. However, the ball may not be kicked.
- F.** Teams will change sides at the end of each game.

### **Service**

- A.** The back right position is the service position.
- B.** Players will rotate clockwise into this position.
- C.** A served ball contacting the net and continuing into the opponents' court is live.
- D.** Receiving a served ball with an overhead pass using open hands is legal.
- E.** Blocking a serve is illegal.
- F.** A service is considered a fault when:
  - a. The ball passes under the net
  - b. The ball touches a player of the serving team
  - c. The ball lands outside the opponent's playing area

### **The Net**

- A.** No part of the body, arm, or hand may pass over the top of the net during play except on a block.
- B.** There is no center line under the net. A players' body may partially or completely pass under the net into the opponents' court. Interference occurs only if the opponent is hindered in playing the ball.
- C.** Interference results in a side-out or point in favor of the hindered team.
- D.** No contact with the net or cables which attach the net to the standards is allowed.
- E.** Incidental contact with the standards is allowed but a player may not attempt to support themselves or catch their balance on the standards.
- F.** The ball must pass over the net entirely between the standards or their invisible indefinite extensions.

### **Illegal Handling of the ball**

- A.** The ball must clearly rebound off the player's body.

- B. Double-hits are only allowed when played a hard driven balls.
- C. Double-hits are illegal when setting the ball.
- D. A held ball (any time the ball comes to a visible rest) is illegal. This may occur while digging the ball, lifting the ball to change direction, or setting.

## VI. Inclement Weather

- A. Games shall be postponed when GRPD determines the field to be unplayable. **Managers** should contact the Recreation & Parks Department AFTER 4pm, and players should contact their managers. Game status updates will be available by calling the weather hotline at (252) 329-4299.
- B. Teams will be handed out a Rainedout.com informational sheet. Team managers and players are encouraged to sign up for this service that will notify them when games are canceled (standard text messaging rates will apply).
- C. Once a game has begun, under most conditions, a game will not be canceled until 30 minutes have passed, especially in the case of lightening. Managers need to make sure they have the official word from the umpire at the field or athletic staff that a game has been canceled. The original schedule will not be changed. Rained out games will be made up at the end of the regular season play, as much as possible.
- D. All suspended games will resume at the exact point where they were stopped unless a complete game (5 complete innings or 4 ½ if home team is ahead) has been played.
- E. The City of Greenville has developed the following inclement weather guidelines to ensure early response in various inclement weather situations. The National Weather Service issues weather advisories, watches and warnings to inform the public of inclement weather. Staff will stay attuned to these advisories and modify programs accordingly. Inclement weather judgment calls to cancel, suspend, postpone and resume are case by case depending on the forecast, radar development and visual observations of the sky. Should any of the following triggers occur causing undesirable and unsafe conditions, staff will alert the cancelation, suspension or postponement of an activity by using a whistle, air horn or megaphone. Participants, volunteers and other staff will be directed to a safe location until the threat or danger has passed and activities can resume.

Weather events include:

- Extreme Temperatures
- Severe thunderstorm watch or warning
- Lightning
- High winds
- A tornado sighting or warning

### EXTREME TEMPERATURES

#### **HEAT ADVISORIES**

The heat index ranges issued by the National Weather Service range from little danger from heat; 65 ° - 81 ° too dangerous to health; 106 ° - 115 ° and above. High air temperatures and relative humidity distress individuals differently. Parents of children, adult participants and staff should take into consideration their own physical health conditions in making the decision to participate in an outdoor activity during a heat advisory. Proper hydration including the use of sunscreen, resting in shaded areas and wearing proper attire will be emphasized.

**Action:**

***Staff will monitor heat index levels along with other weather related variables to determine if an activity needs to be postponed.***

**WINTER WEATHER**

Program modification may take place when temperatures are forecasted to be or fall below 40 degrees. Outdoor activities may be cancelled or moved indoors. If temperatures fall below 40 degrees during an activity, staff will monitor the situation and take action if necessary.

**Action:**

***In the event of inclement weather involving snow and ice, program modification and a change to facility operating hours may take place. Any closings or adjustments to facility hours will be determined by the City Manager or Director of Recreation and Parks. Decisions regarding cancellations or adjustments to programs can be made by Recreation staff.***

**SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS**

Staff will monitor all available weather alerts issued by the National Weather Service, media and what is visibly seen and heard while outdoors. A severe thunderstorm can produce damaging winds up to 58mph with heavy down pours, and possible hail. There is a potential risk of flying debris, localized flooding and lightning strikes.

**LIGHTNING AND THUNDER**

Program modification will take place when lightning is detected within 10 miles of the facility by radar, visual monitoring or if thunder is heard. Staff will monitor all available weather alerts issued by the National Weather Service, media and that is seen and heard while outdoors. Lightning is an electric spark discharge in the atmosphere, occurring within a thundercloud, between clouds, or between a cloud and the ground. Lightning is very dangerous and is accompanied by tremendous flashes and roars of thunder. Outdoor activities will be suspended when lightning is detected within 10 miles of the facility. The location of lightning can be determined by the NWS, a storm monitoring device and by counting time between thunder and lightning strikes. Once lightning is seen, count the number of seconds until you hear thunder. Divide the number of seconds by 5. The answer is distance in miles of the lightning. Therefore, 10 miles would be 50 seconds.

**Action:**

***If lightning is seen, or thunder heard, immediately suspend outdoor activities. Seek shelter\* immediately and avoid trees, canopies, or tents. No activity will resume until there is no less than 30 minutes from the last strike or from the last sound of thunder is heard. Staff will keep track of time to ensure activities are not resumed until it is safe. Once the threat and danger has passed staff will announce that it is safe for the activity or event to resume.***

People who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electric charge. Therefore, it is safe to perform CPR, if needed. Ideally, injured persons are moved into a safe shelter. Lightning-strike victims who show signs of cardiac or respiratory arrest need emergency help.

**WIND**

Program modification will take place when strong gusts of wind are detected by radar. Staff will monitor all available weather alerts issued by the National Weather Service, media and take initiative to secure loose objects to prevent objects from becoming airborne projectiles.

**Action:**

***In conditions of winds reaching 58 MPH or higher (according to NWS weather reports) outdoor activities are to be suspended. All participants and staff will be advised to immediately seek cover indoors or in an enclosed vehicle away from trees or areas where things can become airborne. Once the threat and danger***



*has passed staff will inspect the area to ensure it is safe and announce that it is safe for the activity or event to resume.*

#### **TORNADO WARNINGS & WATCHES**

A **Watch** means there is a potential for a Tornado or the Tornado exists and a **Warning** means it is happening or very likely to happen. Program modification will take place when a tornado warning is issued. Staff will monitor all available weather alerts issued by the National Weather Service and media. Immediate action will be taken to safe guard the health and well-being of all individuals in the immediate area.

#### **Action:**

***When a tornado warning is issued within Pitt County, outdoor activities will be suspended. Staff will advise all participants, staff and spectators to immediately move indoors and seek shelter\*. Participants and staff will be directed to an area indoors away from windows and doors. Staff will continue to monitor the location of the tornado and prepare participants to respond. Large gym areas will be avoided at this time. Staff will instruct participants to get under a heavy piece of furniture or inside interior closets if the tornado threatens the immediate area. Participants and staff will assume the protective position by squatting low to the floor and covering their head. Children, visitors and participants may need guidance to prepare for a tornado. Never remove a person from a wheelchair. Have them bend over safely and put their hands over their head. Once the threat and danger has passed staff will check the health and well-being of all participants, contact EMS if there are injuries, access damage and guide participants to safety.***

#### **SHELTER\***

*Shelter is defined as an ideal safe structure or fully enclosed building with plumbing, telephone and electrical service, which aid in grounding the structure. A fully enclosed automobile or school bus with all of the windows rolled up is a reasonable shelter, although care must be taken to avoid contact with any metal inside the vehicle. Golf carts and convertible cars are not safe shelters. Dugouts and golf shelters are not safe shelters and are not grounded for the effects of lightening.*

*Avoid the use of shower facilities for shelter and do not use showers or plumbing during a thunderstorms electrical current from lightening can enter the building through plumbing connections. It is also unsafe to stand near utilities or use a landline telephone during a thunderstorm because of the risk of the current traveling through the lines. Cellular and cordless telephones are considered to be safe.*

*If a suitable safe shelter is not available, it is best to avoid tall objects (trees, light poles, etc) that allow lightning an easy path to the ground. It is important to avoid being the tallest object. In an open field, people should crouch with their legs together, the weight on the balls of their feet, arms wrapped around their knees, and head down with their ears covered. The person should minimize contact with the ground and should not lie flat.*

**GREENVILLE RECREATION & PARKS DEPARTMENT**  
**"CODE OF CONDUCT CONTRACT"**  
**ADULT BEACH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE**

All beach volleyball players and coaches shall be guided by the following:

1. No player or manager shall refuse to abide by a GRPD staff decision.
2. No player or manager shall be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at a GRPD staffs game decision.
4. No player shall be guilty of using unnecessary rough tactics in the play of the game against the opposing team.
5. No player or manager shall at any time, lay a hand, push, shove, strike, or threaten to strike a GRPD staff.
6. No player or manager shall be guilty of verbal abuse upon any GRPD official for any real or imaginary wrong decision or judgment.
7. No player or manager shall be guilty of aggressive behavior or physical attack as an aggressor upon any player, spectator, or GRPD staff member.
8. No player or manager shall be guilty of allowing team spectators to heckle any GRPD staff. It will be the manager's responsibility to control team spectators. If the manager cannot control their spectators, he/she may obtain assistance from GRPD staff.

A player who is ejected from a game will be required to leave sight and sound of the facility within 2 minutes. If a player fails to leave after an ejection, the game will be forfeited by the umpire. Managers should see that your player leaves promptly.

If any player is ejected from the game he/she shall be automatically suspended for a minimum of one game, additional punishment could be handed down pending review by GRPD staff.

If the player is ejected a second time, he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the season, or if circumstances so warrant, be suspended from participation in any program and/or facility of Greenville Recreation and Parks Department indefinitely, pending review by GRPD staff.

**This contract MUST BE signed by the player.**

**PLAYER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_