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In this competition the emphasis is on enjoyment, social atmosphere. While competitiveness is not discouraged, it should be remembered that novice players need some encouragement and the "win at all costs" philosophy is not appropriate. The normal rules of Beach Volleyball shall apply except to the extent that they are negated or modified by these rules. Matches will be self-umpired, and thus honesty and good sportsmanship is expected from every player. Call the balls or the foul shots as you see them, and in a timely fashion.

Number of Players

- Teams are allowed a maximum of **4 players on the court** for Division 1 and **5 players** for Division 2.
- Mixed teams will be made up of 2 female and 2 males **on the court**.
- Teams are allowed unlimited substitutions, but must be made between the **5 serve rotations**.
- Teams may commence games with a minimum of **3 players**.
- Teams can *borrow* players from other teams only if they cannot field a full team, and must play with **1 less players** on the court if they do so. If regular players are just running late, the team may play with the **regular number of players** only once they are no longer using another team's player.

The Playing Area

- The court will be marked out to be **16m x 8m**, and divided in the middle by the net which will be approx. **2.0m high** for Mixed and **2.25m high** for Men's.

Format of Play

- All matches are best of **3 sets**.
- Each set is **first to 25 points whilst leading by 2**. At 25-all serve is rotated after each rally and in the same order as the team served throughout that set, until one team reaches a 2 point lead.
- Serving is **rotated every 5 serves** (same as ping-pong!)
- A new player from each team has to serve until **all team members have served**.
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General Volleyball Rules

- Serve is hit in from **behind the baseline**, over or underarm.
- All players except the server must be **inside the court** when the ball is served.
- If the ball clips the net and goes in it is a 'let' with no points scored. The server re-serves that point.
- Players can stand in any position on the court. There are **NO determined positions**.
- In general play if the **ball touches the line it is 'in'**.
- The ball can only be touched **3 times** in total before it is returned over the net.
- Players can use **any part of their body** to return the ball but must be hit, not caught or thrown. There will however be no other hitting faults, so 'tipping', 'dipping' or playing an attacking shot with an open hand will not result in a loss of point. (It is a fun, friendly competition and these rules are too hard to enforce without umpires)
- Players **cannot consecutively hit the ball**, unless they were executing a block, in which case they may play a shot after the block touch.
- If you **touch the net** whilst playing a shot or **interfere** with an opposing teams attacking shot before or as they hit the ball, your team **loses that point**.

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- You **cannot block the oppositions serve**, or play an attacking shot whilst the serve is still above the height of the net. Doing so will result in a loss of point.

Discrepancies & Disciplinary Actions

- Both teams should keep track of the score at all times, **calling it audibly after every point**. If however there is a discrepancy over what the score is at any stage of the match and the correct score cannot be established or agreed upon, the score will revert back to the **last agreeable score**.
- This competition is social and friendly. Any **aggressive play, abusive/offensive language or bickering will not be tolerated**. Please report any such incident immediately to a Camden Beach Sports competition organiser.
- Competition organisers will not act on hearsay, however will **supervise matches** in the event of problems with players or teams.
- Any deliberate act of aggression or offensive behaviour may result in a **warning or immediate send-off** depending on organisers discretion.
- Severe cases of intolerable behaviour will result in **suspension from the competition and/or a complete ban**, with no refund of registration or match fees already payed.
- **Kicking or throwing of sand** will not be tolerated. Anyone caught doing this deliberately will be immediately sent off.

Finals

- Players can only play for **1 team** across the finals series.
- To be eligible to play in the Grand Final a player must be a registered Beach Sports member and have played at least **3 matches** for the team in the final.
- Finals matches **will be umpired**.

Meet Friends, Have Fun, Keep Fit!!