

MPRD Sand Volleyball is 4-on-4 (quads) competition. Play is governed by the rules of USA Volleyball Beach Domestic competition, with the following modifications:

**GENERAL BYLAWS**

*This program is a RECREATION LEAGUE for the fun and enjoyment of those taking part. HAVE FUN!!*

**1. ROSTERS:**

Players must be on a team roster (on TeamSideline) to be legally eligible to participate. Teams are limited to eight (8) players per team.

**2. ROSTER DEADLINE:**

**Team rosters must be submitted before the first match.** Teams that do not have rosters submitted by the first game are subject to forfeit.

**3. MULTIPLE LEAGUES:**

Individuals may play on only one team in each league. Teams found to be using illegal or ineligible players will forfeit all matches in which the ineligible or illegal player participated, and any such player will be suspended from play for the remainder of the season.

**4. CO-REC PLAY:**

For Co-Rec play, the team line-up must abide by the following stipulations:

*1 Player: cannot play with 1 player*

*2 Players: must be 1 female / 1 male*

*3 Players: must be 2 females/1 male*

*4 Players: either 3 females/1 male, or 2 females/2males*

If the ball is played more than once by a team, a female must make at least one of the contacts. A block does not count as a contact.

**5. FORFEITS:**

A team must have at least 2 players present at the scheduled match time (in accordance to rule #4 above), or the first set will be forfeited. If, after ten minutes past the scheduled match starting time, a team does not have at least 2 players present (in accordance with rule #4), then the rest of the match will be forfeited. The sand volleyball court supervisor will be the timekeeper in matters involving match starting times.

**6. UNANNOUNCED NO-SHOWS:**

*NO CALL, NO SHOW = NO TOURNAMENT PLAY*

If a team is not able to play when scheduled, the team manager is encouraged to contact the MPRD office by 3:00pm on the day of the game. MPRD administrative staff will then contact the opposing team manager.

- a. If a team does not follow this procedure, and fails to show for a match, it will be considered an "unannounced no-show".
- b. If a team has two such unannounced no-shows, they will be dropped from the remainder of the schedule. There will be NO REFUND.

7. MATCHES:

Sand volleyball matches will consist of three sets, each to 21 points. There will be no scoring cap. Each set must be decided by at least two points (no cap, win by two). Rally scoring will be used.

8. FIRST SERVE / CHOICE OF COURT:

Prior to starting the match, a manager (or some other designated representative) from each team will do "paper-rock-scissors". The winner will choose to either serve/receive, or side of court. The opposing manager will be given the remaining choice. Teams will switch sides of the court after each set.

9. OFFICIATING:

There are no officials in sand volleyball. Players call their own violations. Discrepancies will result in a "do-over". *Honesty is appreciated by all!* The sand volleyball court supervisor has authority to make rulings and decisions as needed in cases where teams cannot agree.

10. BALLHANDLING CLARIFICATION:

According to USA Volleyball Beach Domestic rules, the following actions are violations only in doubles and triples play:

- a. Open-handed tips or dinks
- b. Attack hits using an overhand pass which has a trajectory not perpendicular to the line of the shoulders.

**THESE RULES DO NOT APPLY TO QUADS!  
THEREFORE, THEY DO NOT APPLY TO MPRD SAND VOLLEYBALL.**

11. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT:

Rude behavior and foul language will not be tolerated. Offending individuals will be asked to leave the sand court area. If offending individuals are involved in some way with a particular team (either as a player or spectator), then his/her team may be subject to forfeiture of games.

12. RESULTS:

Team captains are responsible for reporting match results to the sand volleyball supervisor on site. League standings will be kept at the Manhattan Parks and Recreation office. "League Champion" t-shirts will be awarded to the champion in each division of each league.

13. RAINOUTS:

Weather decisions will be made by 4:00 p.m. on weekdays. Alerts will be sent out to team managers via email at the time the decision is made.

14. PETS:

Manhattan city ordinances prohibit pets in city sports parks. This includes the sand court area of City Park.

15. CHILDREN:

Children and other guests are welcome to come and watch, but children must be supervised. The sand volleyball court supervisor is not responsible for monitoring children.

16. MUSIC:

Teams will be allowed to play music while warming up and playing. If another team requests that the music be stopped, or the Sand League supervisor determines that it should be stopped, the music must be turned off.

17. ALCOHOL:

There is NO alcohol permitted in any City of Manhattan parks.