



City of Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Division Adult Sports Sand Volleyball League Rules

Team Managers are responsible for informing all team members of the contents of this manual. The League Coordinator reserves the right to make adjustments or rule changes for league continuity.

LEAGUE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ROSTERS

Player Eligibility

- All players must be 18 years or older.
- All players must complete the roster enrollment process before beginning participation.
- Players may only play for one team per league/bracket.
- Use of an illegal player will result in forfeiture of the game.

Roster Requirements

- 2-Person Power rosters must have between 2 and 4 enrollments.
- 4-Person Power rosters must have between 4 and 8 enrollments.
- 6-Person Coed Leisure rosters must have between 6 and 12 enrollments.
- Teams that fail to have the minimum players complete the roster enrollment process by the end of the regular season will not be scheduled for playoffs.
- Rosters will be frozen after the last regular season game. No roster changes will be allowed for playoffs.
 - Team Managers will be unable to add or remove players.
 - Players will be unable to complete the roster enrollment process.
- Intentionally falsifying roster information will result in a team being dropped from the league.

ROSTER CHALLENGE

Procedures

- Teams can request a roster challenge until the first team reaches 15 points.
- The Team Manager must request a roster challenge with the Site Supervisor.
- The game clock will not be stopped for a roster challenge.
- Challenged players will have 5 minutes to produce a photo ID. If the photo ID is not presented by the end of 5 minutes, the player will be declared illegal.
- Use of an illegal player will result in forfeiture of the game.
- Adult Sports staff or game officials can challenge a player's eligibility at any time.

Regular Season

- The Site Supervisor can check a player's photo ID to verify he/she is at least 18 years old.
- Team rosters are not available on-site during the regular season.
- To verify a player's eligibility, the challenging Team Manager must email a written roster challenge to adultsports@scottsdaleaz.gov no later than the close of the next business day. The challenged player's full name and team must be included.

- The League Coordinator will review the roster challenge and contact the Team Managers once a decision has been reached. The League Coordinator has the final decision over all player eligibility.

Playoffs

- Team rosters will be available on-site during playoffs.
- The Site Supervisor will check both a player's ID and the team's roster to verify the challenged player's eligibility.

FORFEITS

- Teams will be allowed a five-minute grace period at the beginning of the game if their team is unable to field the required number of players.
- If after five minutes a team still does not have the required number of players to play, the game will be declared a forfeit.
- No player may be picked-up to avoid a forfeit.
- Six or more forfeits may drop a team from the league without a refund and may prevent them from registering for future leagues.
- If you know in advance that you have forfeit, please call the Adult Sports Office at 480-312-0227 so the opposing team and staff can be notified.

PROTESTS

- All protests must be made at the time of the infraction, prior to the next start of play.
- The Team Manager must notify the Site Supervisor, who will resolve the issue on site.
- Protests may only be made for rule interpretations; an official's judgement call will not be considered.
- If an issue is not settled on site, the Team Manager must submit a written protest to the Adult Sports Office no later than the close of the next business day. *Protest Forms* are available from the Site Supervisor.
- The League Coordinator will review the protest and contact the Team Manager once a decision has been reached. The League Coordinator has the final decision over all league issues.

OFFICIAL SCORE

The scoresheet that comes to the Adult Sports Office is the official score unless it can be proven otherwise. Each team is responsible for ensuring the final score recorded on the scoresheet is correct.

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOR POLICY

Any form of discrimination, abuse, and/or unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated. Unacceptable behavior includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Any violation of federal or state law, or city ordinance.
- Deliberate or reckless disruption of any park activities or programs.
- Failure or refusing to obey park ordinance or park rules as directed by city staff or sign.
- Threatening or intimidating others through verbal abuse, profanity, obscene gestures, or other means
- Intentionally or recklessly damaging or defacing any park property or equipment, or personal property of others
- Fighting or other assaultive behavior.

SCOTTSDALE ADULT SPORTS BEHAVIOR POLICY

Scottsdale Adult Sports seeks to promote and maintain a fun, safe, and family-friendly environment. As a result, all players, coaches, spectators, staff, and officials are expected to act in a respectful and courteous manner towards one another. This policy extends to anyone at an Adult Sports playing site either before, during, or after a game.

Team Manager's Responsibilities

While each individual is responsible for his/her own actions, Team Managers will also be held responsible for the conduct of their team members, coaches, and spectators. Team Managers are expected to assist the Adult Sports Staff and game officials in maintaining a positive playing environment. To aid in this, only the Team Manager (or acting Team Manager) is permitted to confer with game officials and Adult Sports Staff.

Prohibited Behavior

The following actions are grounds for ejection, game forfeiture, and/or suspension:

- Inappropriate or unsportsmanlike behavior
- Obscene language or gestures
- Verbal abuse
- Physical assault
- Verbal threats
- Threatening behavior
- Other violations of the City of Scottsdale Participant Behavior Policy

EJECTIONS, GAME FORFEITURES, AND SUSPENSIONS

The Adult Sports Staff and game officials have the authority to eject any individual from the playing site and/or forfeit a game in response to violations of Adult Sports policies. The League Coordinator will review each case and issue a warning or probation or levy additional suspensions against individuals and/or teams as deemed appropriate based on the severity of the violation(s) or if violation of Adult Sports policies is repeated. Suspensions may vary from one game to an indefinite ban from any Scottsdale Adult Sports Programs. Please be advised that engaging in physical assault, fighting and/or threatening violence can result in criminal prosecution.

Procedures

- Ejected individuals must leave the playing site (including playing area, facility/park, and parking lot) within 5 minutes.
 - If an ejected individual remains at the playing site after 5 minutes, the game will be forfeited, and the individual's suspension will be extended.
 - In the cases where the environment becomes hostile or the ejected individual refuses to leave, the Adult Sports Staff may call Scottsdale Police to assist in trespassing the individual from the playing site. Refusing to leave the premises is considered trespassing.
- Ejected individuals will automatically be suspended for a minimum of two games (the game they were ejected from, and the following scheduled game).
- Ejected individuals are not allowed to participate in any Scottsdale Adult Sports program while serving a suspension.

Suspensions

For any suspension beyond the automatic two-game ejection, the City Parks and Recreation Manager will send a letter notifying the Team Manager and Co-Manager in the case of a team suspension and the Team Manager

and the suspended individual of the suspension. This letter will include details of the incident(s) leading to the suspension, the length of time of the suspension, the consequences of violating the suspension, and the process for requesting reconsideration. For an individual suspension, this letter will be sent to the suspended individual by certified mail, return receipt requested and a copy will be sent by email or regular mail to the suspended individual and Team Manager. For a team suspension, this letter will be sent to the Team Manager by certified mail, return receipt requested, and a copy will be sent by email or regular mail to the Team Manager and Co-Manager.

Request for Reconsideration of Suspension

An individual who has been suspended, or a Team Manager whose team has been suspended, from the Scottsdale Adult Sports Program beyond the automatic two-game ejection may, within 20 days of the date of the suspension letter, submit a written request for reconsideration with any applicable supporting documentation to the Parks and Recreation Director. The Parks and Recreation Director will review the request, any supporting documentation, and the facts and circumstances relating to the suspension and determine to uphold, modify, or overturn the suspension. The Parks and Recreation Director shall provide the individual or Team Manager, as applicable, with a written notice of the determination within five City business days after receipt of the individual's timely written request for reconsideration. The Parks and Recreation Director's determination regarding the request for reconsideration shall be final and shall constitute an exhaustion of the individual's or team's administrative remedies. Additionally, any administrative decision to uphold, modify or overturn a suspension, shall have no bearing on whether an individual is prosecuted or investigated for assault, fighting or other criminal conduct.

The request for reconsideration process does not apply and is not available to individuals who have been arrested for violating a suspension or trespass warning.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY

Alcohol

- Sand Volleyball participants can consume beer and wine while playing.
 - Beer and wine are the only alcoholic beverages permitted.
 - Only cans are allowed; no glass bottles.
 - Beer and wine can only be possessed and consumed in the ramada area. Alcohol is not allowed on the courts.
- A beer and wine permit must be purchased from the Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Department for each team and each night of play.
 - A beer and wine permit may be purchased from any Scottsdale Community Center, either in person or over the phone.
 - Beer and wine permits are \$20 per day.
 - Teams may purchase a beer and wine permit for the entire season only from the Adult Sports Office. Price will be based on \$20 per day of scheduled play in a season.
 - Refunds will not be granted for forfeits.
 - Beer and wine permits issued to a team do not cover other teams participating in the league.
- Teams are responsible for any unsportsmanlike behavior by their players in or around the courts. Unruly or overly intoxicated players will be ejected at the discretion of the Site Supervisor.
- Teams that fail to comply with these rules will have their beer and wine permit revoked without refund and will be subject to suspension from league play by the League Coordinator.

Drugs

- Players or coaches found using or noticeably under the influence of drugs will be ejected from the game and playing site.
- Attempts to hide the identity of individual(s) using drugs will result in the ejection of the Team Manager and forfeiture of the game.

AMPLIFIED MUSIC

Loud music is not permitted while playing in any City of Scottsdale League. Any music that interferes with or disrupts the game, as determined by the Site Supervisor must be turned down upon request. All music must be family friendly and have clean language.

RISK MANAGEMENT**Injuries**

- A player who is bleeding, has an open wound, or has blood on his/her uniform shall be directed to leave the game.
- Players should be in good physical condition to participate in this league. The City of Scottsdale does not carry insurance for league participants. Players participate at their own risk.
- Site Supervisors will provide basic first aid supplies upon request to treat injuries received while participating in an Adult Sports league game.

Jewelry

- Exposed jewelry including, but not limited to, wristwatches, bracelets, earrings, neck chains, rings, and pins may not be worn during the game.
- Other items judged dangerous by Site Supervisor may not be worn during the game.
- Medical bracelets or necklaces and religious medals are not considered jewelry, but must be taped to the body to avoid exposure.
- Players must remove jewelry or be removed from the game.

Non-Players, Equipment, and Warm-Ups

- Pets and any children under 18 years of age must be supervised by non-playing adults.
- For safety and liability purposes, any non-playing person (other than coaches and scorekeepers) must be at least five yards from the court boundary lines.
- Bags, balls, towels, keys, etc. must be kept off the courts.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If you have questions about inclement weather impacting your game, please call (480) 312-0227 or visit:

<http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/sports/volleyball>

Generally, games are not cancelled unless the playing area becomes unsafe due to wet conditions, lightning, high winds, or poor visibility. To play as many games as possible, the Adult Sports Office will not cancel games based on forecasted conditions but will wait until a particular playing site is impacted.

If games have been cancelled due to inclement weather, the Adult Sports Office will post a notice on the sport website and send communication to the Team Manager. Efforts will be made to reschedule any games below the 18-game minimum. Team Managers will be notified of all schedule updates, including rescheduled games.

SAND VOLLEYBALL RULES

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The net height will be 8', as measured from the center of the net.
- Rules not specifically covered in this manual will be governed by the current USA Volleyball rulebook.
- The league does not provide referees.
 - Any illegal hits, in accordance with USA Volleyball rules, may be called by the players on the court.
 - The Site Supervisor will make rule interpretations, but not call game violations. Disputes must be resolved in an orderly and sportsmanlike manner.
- The Site Supervisor shall be responsible for all site activities and has authority to make any decisions necessary to maintain order and continuity within the league.

STARTING PLAY

- 2-Person Power teams consist of two players of any gender. 2-Person Power teams must have 2 players to start and end a game.
- 4-Person Power teams consist of four players of any gender. 4-Person Power teams must have at least 3 players to start and end a game.
- 6-Person Coed Leisure teams consist of six players, with at least 2 players of each gender. 6-Person Coed Leisure teams must have at least 4 players to start and end a game, with at least 1 player of each gender.
- The flip of a coin by the Site Supervisor will determine the first team serving if the two participating teams do not decide.

GAMEPLAY

- All teams will keep their own score. The server must call out the score before serving.
- In rally scoring, points are awarded on each play, regardless of which team serves.
- A game is won by the team that has scored 25 points and is at least 2 points ahead.
- Player rotation of the service shall be in a clockwise direction. Players must remain in position with no switching until after the serve. Players may not rotate into the game at the serving position.
- Any serve that touches the net is in play (lets are considered good and play will resume).

6-PERSON COED LEISURE MODIFICATIONS

- Serves must be underhand.
- Spiking in not permitted. A spike is defined as a forceful hit in a downward motion or when striking immediately causes a downward trajectory. Striking the ball overhand does not constitute a spike.
- Blocking the ball is not allowed.

STANDINGS AND TOURNAMENT SEEDING

Below is the list of tiebreakers that will be used to determine league standings and seeding for tournament brackets.

1	Winning Percentage
2	Head-to-Head
3	Head-to-Head Differentials
4	Common Opponents
5	Total Points Differential
6	Lowest Number of Forfeits

When creating tournament brackets, the League Coordinator reserves the right to move teams up or down a division to promote more balanced tournament play.