



JOHNSON COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
Volleyball - Okun Fieldhouse
League Rules



NFHS/KSHSAA volleyball rules will be enforced for ALL divisions unless otherwise specified. All players must play in their own grade level or higher and play on only one team per division. If teams have both an A team and a B team, players may play up, not down. Teams may play with as few as 4 players to avoid forfeit. Scheduled game time is the official start of the game, therefore, dedicated time for warm up may not be allotted.

- **SUBSTITUTION:** Rotational substitution is **required** for grades 3 & 4. Rotational substitution is **required** for 5th & 6th grade recreational leagues. Positional substitution is allowed for the 5th & 6th grade intermediate/competitive leagues and all leagues 7th grade and up. If the 5th & 6th grade teams are not split by ability, positional substitution is allowed. If positional substitution is allowed, teams may utilize either rotational or positional substitution, not both.
- **ROTATIONAL SUBSTITUTION:** Substitution will be made after side outs in the middle back position. Coaches are encouraged to play each player an equal amount of time; however, coaches reserve the right to sub according to the team philosophy and team mechanics within JCPRD Code of Conduct regulations. Players may not sit for an entire game to then be played during the next game for any reason other than injury or disciplinary reasons.
- **POSITIONAL SUBSTITUTION:** Coaches or captains can request substitution at their own discretion in accordance with the KSHSAA volleyball rules.
- **LIBERO:** The use of a libero is legal in 5th/6th competitive divisions and all 7th grades through high school divisions in accordance with KSHSAA regulation. Positional substitution is required for libero use. A libero may not be used by teams using a rotational substitution.
- **SERVICE:** The service line will be moved in approx. 15 feet (second white line in from base line) for girls in the 3rd & 4th grades and approx. 10 feet (first white line in from base line) for girls in the 5th & 6th grades. Seventh grade - HS will serve behind the base line. If a server serves 5 consecutive points, her team will rotate servers and a new server will continue serving. Each new server is allowed one re-serve during their service time. A re-serve is signified by a dropped or caught service attempt.
- **LET SERVE:** A let serve is a serve that hits the net but goes over on the opponent's side. Let serve will be allowed in all age groups.
- **NET HEIGHT:** The net height will be 6'8" for 3rd & 4th grades, 7' for 5th & 6th grades, and 7'4" for 7th grade – high school.
- **LENGTH OF GAMES:** Three sets to 21 per match. JCPRD is a Double Header League, 2 matches, 3 games each, per day. Rally point scoring, with a 15-minute time limit per game, wins by 2. After the time has expired, a team must be ahead by one in order to win the set. If the score is tied after the time limit, the next point wins. Three sets will be played each match, regardless of the scores from the first two sets. The League Coordinator may interrupt or stop the match for violation of rules/policies including missing rosters.
- **SCORE TABLE/LINE JUDGES/COACHING:** Each team must provide one adult for the scorer's table and one volunteer line judge for every game. Adults (18+) are preferred to line judge, but we will allow someone younger as long as they know their responsibility. Appointed line judges are considered part of the officiating team during game play. Coaches may only coach from the side their bench is on.
- **7th/8th AND HIGH SCHOOL BOYS RULE VARIATIONS:**
 - Full boys teams are encouraged to play up 1 grade.
 - Boys may only attack from BEHIND the 10 foot line.
 - Boys may NOT leave the ground to tip, punch or block in front of the 10 foot line.
- **TIEBREAKER:** In order: win/loss record, H2H matchup, H2H point differential, defensive points allowed, offensive points scored, coin flip.
- **EQUIPMENT:** Grades 3 – 6 will use a Tachikara Volley-Lite volleyball; Grades 7 – 12 will use a Tachikara regulation size volleyball. Game balls will be provided by JCPRD. Teams will furnish their own practice balls and uniforms. JCPRD will provide the game balls for league competition.
- **FORFEIT TIME:** If a team is not present at the first game time of a match, the first game is a forfeit. After 10 minutes, the next two games will be a forfeit. Teams may play with as few as 4 players to avoid forfeit.
- **TIMEOUTS:** Each team is allowed three 30 second time-outs per match. The clock will stop on all time outs.
- **DIVISIONS:** The League Coordinator has the right and authority to split or combine grades, split or combine ability levels, waive minimums, increase maximums, and do whatever is necessary to maximize team participation.
- **JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES/EARRINGS:** Jewelry and/or accessories are not allowed during play. This includes hair decorations that exceed 2 inches in length or contain metal or sequins. Wearing earrings is highly discouraged but allowed if they are covered with tape. We will not provide this tape for you on game days.