

Olathe Parks & Rec Spring Volleyball League

7th/8th Grade League Overview

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1. Only individual registrations will be accepted. Participants will sign up for the grade they are currently in school for this year.
2. Participants will be grouped together based on if they request a particular coach during sign ups as 1st priority. Those who do not have a coach prior to signing up will be paired together by proximity. Often, we will need a parent from that group to volunteer to coach ASAP!
 - a. If you have confirmed with a head coach they have space for you on their roster, then please list their name in the registration.
3. The **wearing of jewelry** by players is addressed in a change to Rule 4-1-7, which now states that all jewelry must be removed, except small, secured studs or posts worn above the chin. No jewelry is permitted below the chin, including string bracelets, commemorative bracelets, and body jewelry. In addition, taping over jewelry is not permitted. These rules change aligns high school rules with NCAA rules on the wearing of jewelry.
4. If you would like to be a head coach please complete a coaches application online at this [link](#).
5. Game shirts are no longer provided for this league. Your team will need to coordinate and purchase shirts on your own.
6. Coaches will be sent information on how to schedule their practice once they reach 6 players registered under their name in our registration system. What specific day of the week practices are held (Monday – Friday), location, and time will depend on the head coach preference and what is available. Each team will practice 1 day per week for 1 hour. Olathe gym rentals are closed whenever students are out of school (including inclement weather for practices), in that instance you will want to schedule a different day to practice on that week or skip it. It is not permissible to schedule two practices in one week to be paid by Olathe Parks & Rec in any scenario.
7. Games will be played at an Olathe middle school. Most games (12) are played on Saturdays anytime from 8 AM – 6 PM with occasional double header or Sunday game.
8. If you have questions about if a game or practice will be held due to inclement weather you will check the rainout line at this [link](#) or by calling (913) 204-0858 Ext 7. The schools will dictate the availability of gyms in the event of inclement weather. The instant that we have information from the school district on playability that line will be updated.
9. Official standings will be kept, no awards are provided.
10. No tournament of any kind is included in the league registration. League format is 12 regular season matches.
11. Each team is responsible for providing their own practice volleyballs It is recommended each player purchase their own volleyball to bring to practice and so that they can practice at home.

7th/8th Grade League Timeline

March 9th – Practices can begin. *Will be communicated by the head coach*

March 23rd- Game Schedules are finalized. *Will be communicated by the head coach.

March 28th – League games begin.

May 16th – Last day of league games.

7th/8th Grade League Rules

Intramural Volleyball League Rules

Coaches and players are responsible for knowing and following the game rules.

1. MANAGEMENT AND AUTHORITY

- a. The City of Olathe and employees are not responsible for injuries or accidents incurred by players or spectators.
- b. The Olathe Parks & Recreation Department staff has the authority to evict players or spectators from the game or vicinity if unsportsmanlike conduct is exhibited.

2. TEAM ROSTER RULES

- a. Each team must have a minimum of six players on their roster.
- b. Players must be listed on the roster before they play in a match.
- c. A player may be on only one team roster in each league.
- d. Ineligible participation will result in the forfeit of all volleyball games in which the ineligible player participated.
- e. Each team is responsible for providing a Line Judge. The Line Judge cannot be a member of the team's coaching staff and should be over the age of 16 if possible. The Line Judge is not allowed to communicate with the coaches, players, or fans.
- f. The Visiting team calls the coin toss before the 1st Set. Winner will have the option of serving or receiving. The second set will start opposite of the first set.

3. LEAGUE STANDINGS & AWARDS

- a. Standings of teams tied in the won-loss column will be determined by previous head-to-head competition. If the preceding does not determine a winner, the differences between total points scored and total points allowed will be compared. No awards are given.

4. PLAYING ATTIRE

- a. Players must wear proper athletic footwear for their safety. No one will be allowed to play bare footed or in street shoes. If a player wears glasses, the glasses must be made of safety glass and specifically designed for athletic competition. Players are not allowed to wear any article of clothing, jewelry, splints, casts, etc. that are made of a material that in the referee's opinion might be a safety hazard to him/herself or any other player.

5. SUBSTITUTIONS

- a. Will not be restricted or regulated with the exception that all substitutions must be made during a dead-ball. The substitute must replace the middle back position.

6. SCORING

- a. Matches will consist of three games to 25 with a cap of 27.

7. **Game time is forfeit time.** If a team cannot field a minimum of five players at game time, they will forfeit the first game of the match. Ten minutes after the scheduled starting time the match will be forfeited if the team cannot field the minimum team.

8. Only the team captain(s) or head coach are allowed to speak to the referee.
9. Time out requests may be made by the head coach.
10. The following actions by coaches, players, substitutes, or spectators are subject to an official warning, awarding of a point, or side out, and/or ejection from the game:
 - i. Addressing of officials concerning their decisions.
 - ii. Committing actions tending to influence decisions of officials.
11. Shouting or taking any action conducive to distracting the referee's judgement concerning handling of the ball.
12. Pregame coin flip - The winner of the toss has the option to choose one of the following two choices: (1) Serve; (2) Receive.
13. After the first game teams will exchange playing areas and the team serving first in the first game will now receive first for the second game.
14. Serving - The server has ***five seconds*** after the referees' whistle to release or toss the ball for service.
15. The serve may not be blocked or attacked.
16. A player is not allowed to attack the ball when the ball is completely on the opponent's side of the court. After legal contact a player's hand or arm may follow through over the net as long as the net or an opponent is not contacted.
17. The ***wearing of jewelry*** by players is addressed in a change to Rule 4-1-7. See highlight part above.
18. Blocking is the action close to the net and inside the antennas which intercepts the ball coming from the opponent's side by making contact with the ball before it crosses the net, as it crosses the net, or immediately after it has crossed the net. A block does not count as a hit and the blocker can make the next play on the ball.
19. A back line player returning the ball to the opponent's area, while forward of the attack line, must contact the ball when at least part of the ball is below the level of the top of the net. ***Exception:*** If the back line player jumps from clearly behind the attack line, the back line player may strike the ball above the level of the top of the net.
20. Contact with the net, accidentally or intentionally, during play, with the uniform or any part of the body, other than hair, is only a fault if it is made during an attempted play on the ball or interferes with an opponents play on the ball.
21. If opponents contact the net at the same time it is a double fault and the referee shall direct a replay.
22. Contacting the opponent's area with any part of the body except the feet or the hands is a fault. Touching the opponent's area with a foot or feet, a hand or hands is not a fault, providing that some part of the encroaching foot or feet, hand or hands remain on or above the center line.
23. A point is awarded when either team commits a fault. The point is awarded to the team that does not commit the fault no matter who serves the ball.
24. Net height is set to 7'