



**CO-ED VOLLEYBALL BY-LAWS**  
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The Adult Sports office telephone number is 972-941-7278, and the fax number is 972-941-7469. Office hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

According to Recreation Center rules, children 6 years old and younger must always be under direct adult supervision. They must not be left unsupervised while their parent is playing volleyball. Recreation Center staff is not responsible for the supervision of young children.

**A. GOVERNMENT**

1. The Plano Parks and Recreation Department and its designated representatives will govern this league.
2. The Plano Parks and Recreation Department shall rule on all disciplinary problems. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated at any time for any reason. Players or spectators may be suspended from the league for use of profanity and/or objectionable language or for consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages before, during, or after the game on school property. Any abusive language or threats directed toward the officials, Parks and Recreation staff, or scorekeepers may result in suspension from the league. There shall be a minimum suspension of two matches or more for using profane language and/or unsportsmanlike conduct.

**B. FEES**

1. Each team will pay a fee to participate in the league. The fee will be set at the start of each season and will be valid for that season only. Part of the fee will be used to pay for referees. One referee will be supplied for each volleyball match.
2. All fees must be paid to the Plano Parks and Recreation Department by a designated date and time (which will vary with each season) for a team to be eligible to play in the league. Teams failing to pay their fee by the designated date and time will forfeit their participation in the league.
3. **No refunds will be given to any team that drops out of the league at any time .**

**C. ELIGIBILITY**

1. All participants must be at least fifteen (15) years of age as of September 1 of the current year.
2. All participants must live or work within the city limits of Plano. To play church sports, participants must have written certification by the pastor of the church (located within Plano city limits) of which they are members before the start of the season and meet all other church sports requirements.
3. A player who lives or works in the city of Plano at the start of a season but who changes jobs or moves during the season may continue to play on a team through the end of that season. Non-resident players will be accepted on a space available basis.

4. All players and teams must be qualified under the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) General Rules and Regulations as outlined in the TAAF publication Cavalcade of Sports.
5. Team rosters, signed by each member of the team, must be turned at the Recreation Center on the night of the team's first match. A maximum of 12 players may be carried on a roster, **including** any players who are added after the original roster has been turned in.
6. If roster is at a maximum of 12, a player must be deleted from the roster prior to adding a new player. Additions and/or deletions from the official team roster must be submitted to the Recreation Center staff prior to the playing of the match where the addition or deletion of a player is desired. No additions/deletions are allowed after the sixth game.
7. No player may participate who has been suspended from any other affiliated Plano Parks and Recreation Department activity until approved to play by the Plano Parks and Recreation Department.
8. The captain is responsible for ensuring team player eligibility. Any team fielding a player not legally listed on their roster will automatically forfeit all three games of the match where the illegal player was discovered regardless of how many games the illegal player participated in. Game scores will be recorded as 25-0 against the offending team.
9. Rosters will be kept at the Recreation Center facility to allow for additions and deletions. However, any questions regarding player eligibility should be directed to the Plano Parks and Recreation Department for a ruling. Teams playing ineligible players may forfeit all games in which the ineligible person(s) appeared in the team line-up and may forfeit all remaining games in the current season's schedule. The ineligible person(s) and the team captain playing the ineligible player(s) may be suspended from all Plano Parks and Recreation activities for up to two (2) full calendar years from the discovery of the offense. (**See Section F.6-F.9 for a complete explanation regarding eligibility protests**).

#### **D. THE MATCH AND EQUIPMENT**

1. Each week teams will play one 55-minute match consisting of three (3) games. Each game will have a grace period consisting of five (5) minutes. Therefore, a fifteen (15) minute maximum is allowed per match. If the scheduled team has not appeared at the end of the fifteen (15) minute grace period, the absent team will forfeit the match. All three games will count in the team standing. Three games will be played in each match regardless of the outcome of the first two games. Each game won will be counted as two (2) league points, each game tied will be counted as one (1) league point, and each game lost will not be counted in the league standings. A total of sixty (60) league points can be won in a season.
2. Schedules, scores, and standings can be accessed from our website at **[www.planoparks.org](http://www.planoparks.org)** (Sports, Adult Sports, Adult Sports Standings/Schedules and Message Board). Matches will be played at 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Matches on Sundays will be played at 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00 p.m. A team that cannot field a valid number or mix of players by five (5) minutes after the hour will forfeit the first game. A team that cannot field a valid number or mix of players by fifteen (15) minutes after the hour will forfeit all three

games of the match. A team with any combination of valid players, even if it is not the combination of players the team captain wants to play in a match, must begin the match on time or will forfeit all three games. If a forfeit occurs in the last match of the evening, nets will be taken down and returned to the storage area and players will be required to leave the gym.

3. League games are played to 25 points. A team that has scored 25 game points and is at least two (2) points ahead is the game winner and will receive two (2) league points. If a team reaches 25 game points and does not have a 2-point lead, play shall continue until one team has a 2-point advantage. However, a game score will go no further than 27 points. If a game score is 26 to 26, then the next team to win a point wins the game and earns two (2) league points.
4. All games of each match will be played in rally format. In this format, the end of each rally will determine a point for the winning team, regardless of which team served the ball. The winner of the previous point will still determine serve.
5. Matches will not exceed 55 minutes in length and will not run longer than 55 minutes after the hour. If a match is still in progress at 7:55 p.m., 8:55 p.m., or 9:55 p.m., the referee will stop play of the game at the end of the point in progress when time ran out. A team will be declared the winner if: 1) At least one team has scored 12 or more game points, and 2) one team is ahead by at least one (1) game point. If neither team has reached 12 game points and/or neither team is leading by one (1) point, the game will be declared a tie and each team will get a one (1) league point.
6. **Team captains and team members are responsible for assisting in the set-up of nets and facility equipment as needed.** If, due to a delay of equipment set-up or repair, a match is delayed in starting, the end of the match will not be extended and will end at 55 minutes after the hour. **Team members are also responsible for assisting in the take-down of nets and equipment.**
7. If a match is completed before 50 minutes after the hour (7:50 p.m., 8:50 p.m., or 9:50 p.m.), the teams playing the match may stay on the floor and play/practice until 50 minutes after the hour. At 50 minutes after the hour, teams must leave the playing area and let teams playing the next match warm up (or have nets taken down if 9:50 p.m.)
8. Each team will be allowed one 30-second time-out during each game. If a match continues beyond 50 minutes after the hour, no time-outs will be allowed during the last (5) five minutes of the match.

## **E. OFFICIATING**

1. The Plano Parks and Recreation Department will supply one referee for each match. This referee will be considered the First Referee of the match. No other referees will be assigned to a match unless designated as such by the First Referee.
2. All games will be played as scheduled. In the event officials are late or don't show, games should be played with each player calling his/her own faults/fouls. Games must be played as scheduled.

3. Each team will be **required** to supply two (2) people to call lines for the First Referee. Schedules for teams to supply line callers will be supplied with the team schedules at the beginning of the season. Line callers should meet with the First Referee prior to the start of a match to go over their specific duties with the referee.
4. Any team that fails to have two people ready to call lines when the First Referee starts a match, or any team that fails to have two people **sign** the score sheets at the end of the match, will have one (1) league point in the standings deducted from their total wins at the end of the season for each match where line caller(s) are absent.
5. First Referees will be selected and scheduled for matches by the Plano Parks and Recreation Volleyball Officials Association. The Recreation Superintendent of the Plano Parks and Recreation Department will designate the head of the Association.

## **F. PROTESTS**

1. **ALL CALLS AND RULINGS MADE BY THE FIRST REFEREE ARE FINAL. JUDGMENT PROTESTS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** (Exceptions: See F.2 below)
2. The only exceptions to rule F.1 will be when players call their own violations. For example, if a player touches the net and the First Referee does not see it, but the player calls a net foul on himself, his call will be accepted by the First Referee. Players may only call their own violations, not the violations of players on the other team.
3. The team captain or the designated floor captain may converse with the First Referee (but not with the line callers) in a business-like (if not friendly) manner for clarification of calls or rulings. The team captain or designated floor captain are the only players who may converse with the First Referee. Any derogatory or insulting comments directed at the First Referee (or any officials designated by the First Referee) by the team captain, floor captain, or any team member may result in expulsion of the players(s) from the current game or the match. Such rulings by the First Referee will be reviewed by both the Volleyball Officials Organization and the Plano Parks and Recreation Department.
4. Team members should be responsible for acknowledging any playing violations they make, especially net violations (see F.2 above). Any violations not witnessed by the First Referee that cause a dispute between teams may be replayed at the discretion of the First Referee.
5. All protests must be made at the time of the infraction or before the next serve, stating the reason for protest. The protesting manager shall notify the First Referee immediately that the game is being played under protest, and the First Referee in turn shall immediately notify the opposing team manager or captain of the protest.
6. **Eligibility** protests **are** allowed. They must be recorded during games only. The player being protested must show officials picture identification issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety within five (5) minutes of the completion of the game in order to establish the true identity of the player being protested. Failure to produce picture identification will cause forfeiture by the team using the player in question. If identification is validated, the protesting team must follow up with the procedure set out in number 7 below. The identity of only two players per match may be challenged. The Plano Parks and Recreation Department will make the actual determination of eligibility within 72 hours.

7. All protests (this includes player eligibility) must be followed up in writing, signed by the Team Manager and filed by 5 p.m. the next work day in the Adult Sports office at 1409 Avenue K. A deposit of \$50.00 must accompany each protest. If the protest is upheld, money will be refunded. All protests shall be ruled on by the Parks and Recreation Department, and the penalties, in the event the protest is sustained, shall be fixed by the same whose decision shall be final.
8. Games played under protest will have the final score turned in for official entry.
9. Only protests that actually affect the outcome of the game will be considered.

**G. DETERMINATION OF LEAGUE WINNER**

1. At the end of the season, team rankings in each league will be determined by the total number of league points earned toward a possible total of sixty (60).
2. If two teams have the same number of league points and a tie exists for any award position, league winners will be determined by using the following tiebreaker criteria:
  - a. win-loss in head-to-head games
  - b. most points scored in head-to-head games
  - c. most points scored in league play
  - d. flip a coin to determine the league winner

**H. AWARDS**

1.
  - a. Eight (8) custom championship shirts for 1st place
  - b. Eight (8) custom shirts for 2nd place