

2009-2010 COMMUNITY YMCA **VOLLEYBALL NOTES**

This notice is to inform all players, captains and referees of specific rules and regulations governing situations that have been unclear in the past, as well as to give guidelines to the referees regarding the performance of their duties. Please keep in mind that the 2009-2011 USAV rules are in effect and the items listed here are merely clarifications, not exceptions to those rules. Please note that some rules listed here are specific to the YMCA which require your attention.

Schedules, rosters, standings and contact information are on the league web site at <http://www.njvb.com/sites/rbymca/>

1. Participants must know the Official Volleyball Rules and abide by them. (Rule 20.1.1) Players at this level of competition should make the effort to familiarize themselves with the rules of the game. Captains are responsible for encouraging their players to abide by the rules, and for having their most qualified players act as referees. Players should also assist the referees by notifying them of any faults that were committed on their side of the court.
2. Participants must accept referees' decisions with sportsmanlike conduct and without dispute. In case of doubt, clarification may be requested through the game captain. (Rule 20.1.2) Judgment calls are not subject to question. While we realize that a little competitive spirit is expected, we cannot and will not condone or permit abusive behavior. If anyone notices another player acting in an unsportsmanlike manner, please report it to the volunteer in charge so that appropriate action can be taken.
3. Games are 25 point rally-scoring games. The first game of the night is scheduled to start at 7:20pm. There is no cap on any games.
4. Players that are not at the court ready to play when the first whistle is blown for service may not participate in that game. Referees should give adequate time between games for players to get a drink (2 minutes).
5. For the safety of other participants, players may not step onto the adjacent court. This is a fault and play stops immediately.
6. In the interest of safety, players on the court are allowed to stop play when a ball from the adjacent court enters the playing area by verbally indicating the presence of the ball. The referee should stop play and indicate a replay whenever a player or official calls a ball on the court. Players should not stop play when they think a ball *might* come on the court. Only the referees can stop play when a ball might enter the court. Players can only stop play when the ball actually enters the court.
7. For serve, players are allowed up to the tape marker at 2 meters, but not on it. In all other instances the court lines are grey.
8. Any served ball that contacts an overhead obstruction is a fault. If any other ball contacts the following obstructions, it is a dead ball, and the referee must decide whether or not to grant a replay:
 - The running track and/or its black painted supports,
 - The short blue curtains under the running track,
 - Any lowered basketball backboard and/or its vertical gray-painted supports and cables.

If a logical play could have been made by the team that last made contact, or if the ball would have landed in the opponent's court, a replay should be directed. Otherwise, it is a fault.

There is one exception to the "Any served ball that contacts an overhead obstruction a fault" rule: In the case of a served ball, the lowered basketball backboard over the opponents side is a dead ball and the referee must decide if the ball would have landed in the opponents court, if so, a replay should be called.

9. If a ball other than a served ball contacts any other overhead obstruction, it remains in play as long as it stays on the side of the team making the last contact. This includes the red roll-up dividing curtain and any raised basketball backboards.
10. New rules this season:
 - Contact with the net by a player is not a fault, unless it interferes with the play. Contacting the top band of the net is always interference.
 - Players may touch the opponent's court with any part of their body above the feet, provided that it does not interfere with the opponent's play. A player's feet must still be in contact with, or directly above, the centerline.
 - Only the top six teams during season play will advance to the playoffs.
11. If a player who is rotated out must replace an injured player, they must assume that player's position in the rotation. The injured player may not re-enter that game. All injuries must be reported to the volunteer in charge.
12. Teams are required to supply first and second referees, scorekeepers and line judges for all of their work assignments.
13. Players are reminded to help set up and take down the equipment each night. The ball cage will not be unlocked until the nets, ref stands, cushions and antennae are all in place. If you are not sure what to do, please ask.
14. Black-soled shoes that mark up the floor are not permitted in the gym.
15. Headgear is not allowed. The only exceptions are headbands, and bandannas worn as headbands. No hats.
16. Jewelry is not permitted during play. The only exception to this is a flat wedding band. All other jewelry must be removed. It is recommended that you leave it at home, or check it at the front desk.
17. We also recommend that all participants leave the building in groups. While security in the parking lot has improved, it is better to be safe than sorry. The volunteers are more than willing to escort you to your car if you wish.
18. The volunteers have the final say in all protests, disputes, questions, skirmishes, etc. Any problems that cannot be resolved on the court should be brought to their attention. The volunteers, in alphabetical order, are: Steve Buce, Carol Moser, Rick Shriver and Christine Tipton.
19. The volunteers in charge move floaters from team to team according to preset guidelines. Captains and floaters do not have the right to decide whether or not to accept the movement of a floater. We regret any inconvenience this causes to the floaters and teams involved, but this system is necessary due to inconsistent attendance. If we could count on 100% attendance, we wouldn't have 8 players on a team in the first place.
20. For a comprehensive discussion of the duties of all officials, see the 2009-2011 USAV Rule Book. Anyone interested in purchasing a Rule Book may contact Pete Bogdan, or visit usavolleyball.org. Cost is about \$7.00.