

# MUD VOLLEYBALL RULES

## TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

- **8:00 am All Team Captains and Team Members check in** and receive wristbands. **8:45 Mandatory Team Captain meeting** near the main stage. The meeting will be announced and will start promptly at 8:45 am.
- 9:00am – Play begins. There will be 6 teams per pit unless specifically stated on the day of the event.
- Recreational format/Underhand serves only.
- One day, round robin, rally scoring followed by a single elimination championship round comprised of the top winners from each pool, and remaining spots filled by best follow up overall records of remaining teams. Ties will be broken by most overall points scored by adding up all games.
- Six teams play each other on one net for a total of 15 matches.
- Each game is played for the full time of 15 minutes and the team with the higher score is the winner.
- There will be 5 minutes between games.
- Teams change sides after 7.5 minutes of play (announced over sound system).
- The Winner for each net in round robin determined by (in order):
  1. Winner of most matches in the pool
  2. Winner of head to head matches
  3. Net points of all matches played

## TEAMS:

- Each team must have **6** players on the court at all times.
- Teams are co-ed and **1** female players must be on the court at all times.
- All team members **must** sign the waiver/roster. Team forfeits games if waiver/roster is not on file.
- Additions to a team are accepted only **AFTER** they are added to the waiver/roster.
- Legal identification will be required to purchase alcohol at the event (must be 21 years or older to purchase or consume alcohol).

## REFEREEING:

- All judgment calls will be the decision of the scorekeepers. Tournament assistants will handle disputes. All decisions are final.
- **There will not be corner line judges, only scorekeepers that are volunteers. Please keep in mind that we are here to have a good time and support a great cause.**
- **Dead Ball in or out**, if the ball hits the ground in any way shape or form it is a dead ball and is no longer playable. If it hits the edge and rolls down into the water, then in will be in...and if it rolls up and out onto the ground it will be out. If it bounces off the corner and into the air, then it is the same scenario...dead ball and if it comes to rest in the water, it is in and if it comes to rest on land, it is out. There is no easy way to judge this, and we have discussed it many times over the years, but this is the best solution we have for this exciting type of play.

## REPORTING MATCH RESULTS:

- All game results will be reported to the Tournament assistants by the referee volunteers.

## SERVICE:

- Only underhand serves allowed. You must serve from the back corner and do your best to have one foot against or on the side wall. This is to ensure that we are serving from the back area...as we get tired we tend to just serve from where we are standing and that can get to be really far from the back.
- Male and female players must properly rotate on the court and in at the service position only and must play all six rotations. Remaining players may rotate in at the service position and must remain in for 6 positions. Please stay in the same rotation from start to finish on the game. We do not have licensed referees to monitor this but are

asking that each team keep their players in the proper rotation and do not skip other players unless an injury occurs.

- No more than 3 players may be at the net at one time. Again, we are asking you to do your best to honor this as scorekeepers are not qualified to monitor this. But we do this in an effort to keep things as fair as possible.
- Please do not hold the ball for an extended period of time before serving. We do understand that runway balls are common but once it's back in the pit we ask that you quickly get to the back and serve. Deliberate holding or delay of game will result in a side out and point for the other team and awarding of the ball. Delay of game is at the discretion of the scorekeeper and a warning will be given and if not corrected then they may call the action.

## **BALL IN PLAY:**

- A block doesn't count as one of the three hits. No blocking is permitted on the serve.
- Crossing under the net is permitted unless it interferes with the play of the opposing team or is ruled flagrant. Due to the nature of the pits this will happen from time to time therefore it will not be called unless it interferes with the other teams play.
- All net violations will be called to the best of the volunteer's ability.
- Open hand hits are permitted providing that the ball is not caught, thrown, or otherwise directed.
- Blocking or attacking (hitting) the serve is not legal and will result in side-out.

## **WEATHER POLICY:**

- Upon the consultation of the MUD hosts, the tournament may be delayed or cancelled due to dangerous weather conditions. In the case of cancellation, the tournament winner is determined by:
  1. Still in the play-off
  2. Win/lose record from round robin play
  3. Net points of matches finished

## **OTHER TOURNAMENT RULES / POLICIES:**

- **No alcoholic beverages may be brought onto the grounds.** To ensure both the safety of our guests and to maintain our ability to serve alcohol, we **CAN NOT** allow any outside alcoholic beverages into the event grounds. Any teams that are spotted with outside alcoholic beverages on the grounds will be automatically forfeited and will be asked to leave the premises.
- **No glass, No grills, No open fires permitted.**
- **No dogs or other pets allowed.**
- **Please clean up your area before you leave!** Help us continue to keep our costs low and show our appreciation to our hosts, Slovacek Sausage, by cleaning up your area and ensuring all trash ends up in the appropriate trash receptacles.
- **No refunds.**