

BHNCDSB Volleyball Tournament Rules

Teams must indicate if they are **NOT** participating by **Thursday, March 29th, 2018.**

Game Day rules will be addressed during the morning meeting. PLEASE MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO BE ON TIME SO YOUR TEAM IS A WELL INFORMED TEAM.

Game Rules

1. All regular Ontario Volleyball Association (OVA) rules are in effect with the exception of substitutions.
2. Each game will begin with a coin toss to determine SERVICE or SIDE.
3. Rally point will be in effect for all tournament games.
4. **Each preliminary match will consist of 2 sets. Each set to 15 points and capped at 17. (ex. If Team A and B split their match, it counts as a 1 win, 1 loss record for A and B)**
5. **Teams will switch sides after the first set and be allowed a ONE-minute break.**
6. Only one timeout during each set.
7. **SERVICE: Each player will be allowed a maximum of 5 serves for each rotation into service. The serving team must rotate after 5 serves if they continue to hold serve.**
8. Players must strike the ball on the initial toss on service. **Players may strike the ball with a closed fist. However, we encourage striking the ball with an open hand**
 - a. *Failure to do so (catching the ball or allowing it to hit the floor) results in the loss of point and service.*
 - b. *Service must be made within eight seconds of the official's signal to begin play.*
9. Players may serve from any location behind the baseline.
10. When spiking from the back row players must be positioned behind the attack line. Players may then cross the attack line after making contact.
11. Players may contact the ball with any part of the body.
12. **Players may Bump, Volley, head or use legs/feet when receiving a serve as long as it is not considered a lift or double hit.**
13. **PLAYERS MAY STEP ON THE CENTER LINE BUT ANY CONTACT WITH THE NET IS CONSIDERED A FOUL. Even if the contact does not interfere with the play.**
14. **Players may not "backhand" --send the ball over the net using the back of their hand**

15. Teams may keep their setters in position by performing a “switch”. Although it may appear that a team is out of rotation prior to a serve, as long as the players show their position prior to service and move back into position once the ball is contacted on the serve, it is allowed

Players

1. All players must wear team jerseys. Shorts are considered appropriate volleyball apparel.
2. Team captains should be designated with a “C” affixed to their jerseys.
3. Knee pads are highly recommended.
4. Jewelry of any kind is NOT permitted. Covering of jewelry with tape is not allowed.
5. **Students with recently pierced ears, noses, etc. will be required to remove studs prior to participating in a game. Failure to comply will mean that player will not be allowed to participate. It is highly recommended that you make all players aware of this rule prior to the tournament.**

Coaches

6. Coaches will be able to substitute a MAXIMUM of five times per game. This rule is in place to encourage maximum participation.
7. Coaches may **NOT** substitute on service or in such a way that allows one person to serve twice in a rotation.
8. The official must be informed of all substitutions.
9. Coaches are requested to not take advantage of this allowance on substitution.

Tie Breakers and Playoffs

10. In the case of a tie at the end of the preliminary rounds, the following procedures shall be used to determine the two finalists:
 - a. *Head to Head record.*
 - b. *If a tie still exists, point differential (plus/minus) from all preliminary games shall be used.*
 - c. *If a tie still exists, team with fewest points against*
 - d. *If a tie still exists, team with most points for*
 - e. *If a tie still exists, the two tied teams with play one game rally point playoff up to a maximum 11 points (**Don't have to win by 2 points**)*
11. Playoffs: Top 4 teams make the playoffs.
12. **All play-off matches will be best 2 out of 3. All playoff sets will be played to 21 points Cap of 23 points**

