

## Apple Valley Mid-Winter Fest Co-rec VB Tournament - Rules and Format 2020

- A. Pool Play is 2 games to 21 points, winning by 2 (unless 23-point cap is reached). There is a 35-minute time limit. Rally scoring will be used for all tournament games.
- B. A game affected by a time limit must continue until one team has scored at least 8 points and is ahead by at least 2 points.
- C. Three points will be awarded after each Pool Match: 1 point to each game winner & 1 point for the team who has a higher point total in the 2 games (if tied then each team receives 1 ½ points).
- D. **The two teams who have the highest match point totals in their pool advance to the playoffs.** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> place teams in Pool Play will advance to a separate play-off as well. **Tie-breaking order:** 1) Total Match Points in Head-to-Head matches against tied teams; 2) Total Games Won; 3) Total Point Differential – maximum of 10 per game, 20 per match; 4) Coin Flip. When possible teams will not be placed in the same play-off bracket as teams from their original pools.
- E. The playoff round will be single elimination, with teams playing the best 2 out of 3 game matches to 25 points (27-point cap.) The third game, if needed, will be up to 15 points (17-point cap). Time limit: Round 1- 50 minutes, Round 2- TL- 1 hour. ***The time limit will be waived for ALL championship matches.***
- F. The 1<sup>st</sup> place team (both Upper A & Upper B/C teams) will each receive tournament T-shirts and a restaurant gift card. (\$50) The 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams will receive a team Gift card. (\$35.00) Lower division champions \$25.00.
- G. **MRPA playing rules apply. Exceptions or points of emphasis are:**
- A grace period will only be given for each team's first match (5 minutes for game 1, 5 minutes for game 2). If there are four team members on the court at match time, or during the grace period, the match must begin. ***At all times of the tourney, a team cannot play with more men than women, but may play with more women than men.*** Teams may play with less than 6 players at any time.
  - Forfeited games are listed as 10-0.
  - **The referee will start matches ahead of schedule if both teams are ready to play. (Be ready to play, play-off games may be moved up 30 minutes from the scheduled times if a court and official are available for all play-off games your teams should be ready 30 minutes ahead of schedule if the previous game is complete. Let's keep games on or ahead of the scheduled start time!**
  - A five-minute warm-up will be given for the team's first match of the tournament.
  - Coin flip determines serve, receive and side for game one (and three if necessary in playoffs). **If a ball is hit more than once by a team, one of these hits must be a female member. (Blocking the ball is not considered a hit.)**
  - Teams are allowed one 30 second time out per game during Pool Play, and two 30 second time outs per game during Playoffs. **Time outs may not be called in the last two minutes of the match.**
  - **Teams are encouraged to wear similar colored jerseys.** Numbered jerseys are also recommended. Numbers taped on jerseys is not allowed / permanent markers are acceptable).
  - Blocking: If there is only one male in the front row, a male from the back row may come up to help block, but may not spike, attempt to spike, or fake a spike.
  - Teams may use a Libero player (back-row specialist), and the Libero may serve.
  - **It is not a fault if a player touches the net that is forced into them by a driven ball. Contact with the net by the player between the antennae during the action of playing the ball is a fault. The action of playing the ball includes (among others) take-off, hit, blocking or attempting to block, hitting (or attempting to hit) and landing. Hair touching the net is not a fault. However, the ball touching hair as it goes out of bounds is a touch.**

***In the best interest of the tournament, the Tournament Directors reserve the right to make decisions which may or may not be covered by one of the above.***