

Rally Rumble Volleyball Tournament – Official Rules

1. Overall Rules

- Unless otherwise stated, general co-ed recreational volleyball rules apply. (Libero usage (allowed), substitutions, defense, etc) **DO NOT TRY AND BEND THE RULES JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT LISTED.**
- If you suspect a team is taking advantage of a rule incorrectly, stop the game **IMMEDIATELY** and advise the tournament director so they may address. If you lodge a complaint after the game, nothing can be reversed.
- If your team is found to be “cheating”, you will forfeit that entire game with a 25-0, 25-0 loss.

2. Player Eligibility

- All participants must be 16 years of age or older.
- All players must have a completed and signed waiver before stepping onto the court. For players under 18, a parent or guardian must sign the waiver, and this must be clearly noted on the form.
- Any player participating in playoff matches **must** have played in at least one (1) round robin match.
- Teams found violating eligibility rules will be immediately disqualified from the remainder of the tournament.
- Teams must always have two (2) female players on the court. Failure to meet this requirement will result in forfeiture of the match.
- If your team is missing a male player, you may play with 5 players, losing serve for the 6th player when the ‘phantom’ position comes to position 1. This also means that a team will have 3 rotations with only 2 players in the front row as the phantom position rotates through the front row. Opposing team may waive this rule if they desire.
- **In case of injury:**
 - Play may be paused to allow the injured player to safely leave the court.
 - Teams may substitute another player from their registered roster who is not currently on the court.
 - If no substitute is available, the team may continue with fewer players.
 - Teams must maintain **two (2) female players on the court**. If this requirement cannot be met due to **injury ONLY**, the team may continue play with **five (5) players**. Each time the missing female’s rotation position is reached, the opposing team will **automatically be awarded one (1) point and the serve**.
 - An injured player who leaves the match may not return during that match.
 - If an injury occurs during the final round robin match, after the round robin stage, or outside of the tournament, and a team has **no eligible roster substitutes available, no new players may be added.**
 - **In all leagues,**

3. Game Format

- Matches follow the schedule provided; teams must be ready to play at their assigned court and time.
- Best of 3 sets for all games except **Championship games which are BEST OF 5.**
- Sets are capped at 25 (15 for last set) and are based on time. **Games MUST stop and current points recorded when the buzzer goes.** (except for Championship games which will go until completed)
- **Teams are responsible for tracking their own score on sheets provided and turning them in ASAP.**
- A 10 minute buffer/warm-up time is included between games.
- Round robin tie breaker is determined by head to head and then points gained (3 for a Win in 2, 2 for a win in 3, 1 for a loss in 3, 0 for a loss in 2), then +/- percentage so all sets & points must be recorded.
- **If using a libero, you must follow the FIVB/VC libero rules. He/she is restricted to perform as a back row player and is not allowed to complete an attack hit from anywhere (including playing court and free zone) if at the moment of contact the ball is entirely higher than the top of the net. He/she may not serve, block or attempt to block. Libero replacements are not counted as substitutions. They are unlimited but there must be a completed rally between two Libero replacements**



4. Self-Officiating

- This is a **call-your-own-fouls** tournament. Players are expected to be honest and uphold the spirit of fair play.
- Fouls include (but are not limited to): net contact, lifts, doubles, centre-line violations, illegal back-row attacks, and touches on blocks or hits.
- If a player commits a fault, they must call it immediately

5. Disputes & Conflict Resolution

- Teams are expected to resolve disagreements respectfully on the court.
- If a dispute cannot be resolved between players, **RE-SERVE** the ball.
- Teams may request a **tournament staff member** for rule clarification.
- The tournament director's decision is **final**.

6. Sportsmanship Expectations

- Unsportsmanlike behaviour—including excessive arguing, harassment, or disrespect toward players or staff—will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the tournament.
- Alcohol is permitted only in designated areas and must not interfere with play or safety.

7. Substitutions & Roster Changes

- Substitutions may occur freely between points or during timeouts.
- Roster changes may be made during round robin in case of injury or unforeseen circumstances with the **approval of the tournament director**.
- New players **MUST** sign a waiver.
- **No new players may be added once playoffs begin.**

8. Equipment & Safety

- Proper non-marking court shoes must be worn.
- Jewelry should be removed or taped for safety based on player discretion.
- If a ball enters another court, call “BALL!” immediately and stop play.
- Any injuries should be reported to staff right away.

9. Penalties & Disqualification

Teams may be **disqualified without refund** for any of the following:

- Playing with an ineligible or unregistered player
- Using a player who has not completed a waiver
- Using a player in playoffs who did not participate in round robin play
- Refusing to follow tournament rules or staff instructions
- Repeated unsportsmanlike conduct

Disqualified teams will not be permitted to continue in any remaining matches.

10. Have Fun!

