



## VITENSE COED SIXES VOLLEYBALL RULES

**Quick Info. 4 or less players you only need 1 female on the court 5-6 players need minimum of 2 females. There is no gender rule when hitting the ball.**

### **MATCHES**

**Court/Leagues: 3 games will be played with RALLY SCORING to 21 points (win by 2) with a cap at 28 points. EVERY GAME COUNTS. Let Serves will be LEGAL/ALLOWED. This means that on a serve, if the ball HITS the net and goes over on the other side, it is a PLAYABLE ball.**

### **SCHEDULING**

The schedule consists of 14 weeks of play. There will not be a flex week – rainout & reschedules will have to be made up during other free time. If you are unsure of when this is, ask Ryan.

If a team drops out of league play anytime during the session, for any reason, teams scheduled to play that team will be awarded a bye and automatic 3 wins for the match, UNLESS the schedule can be reworked properly AND fairly to allow more playing time for every team.

Matches can be rescheduled anytime throughout the season during Vitense normal hours of operation, but not beyond 11pm, provided that BOTH team captains agree and a referee from the staff is present, and no other league play is scheduled for that time.

The regular season schedule will continue as laid out and make-up games will be played at a time & date other than regular season play. It is the team captains' responsibility to set the time in agreement with each other and referee and coordinator, Ryan.

### **PLAYOFFS**

There will be playoffs starting the the 14<sup>th</sup> Week of League play, there will be a mini-tournament for 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> place teams. This means that 1<sup>st</sup> place will play 4<sup>th</sup> place first, then 2<sup>nd</sup> place will play 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and then the winners of both these matches will play each other for the championship. The winner of this championship match will receive the 1<sup>st</sup> place bar tab.

Of course, all wins/losses count towards your team standings and will determine where you finish at the end of league play for the session (13<sup>th</sup> Week). Your place for playoffs is determined by the number of

wins you have in comparison with the other teams on your court. Any ties will be determined on the head to head match up from that session with the other team you are tied with.

### **FORFEITS**

One game is forfeited after 10 minutes, 2 games after 15 minutes and 3 games (match) after 25 minutes.

You **MUST** notify the staff at Vitense (608-271-1411) as early as possible, **AND** the captain of the team you are scheduled to play, if a forfeiture is imminent. If you would like to reschedule these matches, they can be made up **ONLY** if agreed to by **BOTH** captains, to be played at another time. It will be responsibility of the teams to set time & date of rematch, and *should* be witnessed by a staff referee.

If you have **NOT** contacted the opposing team captain and you do **NOT** show up, it will be considered a forfeit! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

### **TIME**

Games start at times posted for each night. Please note that start times *may* vary on different weeknights due to the number of teams that play that particular night of the week.

### **TIME OUTS**

Each team is allowed **ONE** time out per **GAME** but each time out is counted against match time.

### **TEAM MAKEUP**

Teams must consist of at least two players, one female and one male. A team **MAY** play **ONE** more male than female during regular season play. However, in playoffs, you **MUST** ask permission of the other team (they do have the ability to say **NO**). The female rule **DOES NOT APPLY**.

**Every regular team player & substitute must sign a player release liability.  
This also acts as your team roster. Any opposing team can question your roster at ANY time!**

### **SUBSTITUTION**

Rotation occurs when a team wins the serve. Rotation is to the middle back position.

### **UNSPORTSMANLIKE/DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

Unsportsmanlike/Disorderly conduct will **NOT** be tolerated at **ANY** time! It will be left to the discretion of the ref on how to discipline this type of behavior. Some examples of disciplinary action are: Warnings will be given first. Continuation of this type of behavior could result in loss of points, game and even the match.

If this behavior continues to get worse and doesn't subside throughout the session, a team could be kicked out of the league, and **NO** refunds would be offered!

### **MISCELLANEOUS MATCH RULES & INFORMATION**

- All lines are in and net boundaries are pole-to-pole.
- Ball serves may be made from any location behind the back line.
- The serving team **MUST** wait for the referee's whistle prior to the serve. One warning will be given **PER SESSION** and any subsequent violations will result in loss of serve. It is the captains' responsibility to make sure his substitute players know this rule.

- Setting the serve is LEGAL as long as it is CLEAN. This means the serve has to go forward or straight up in the air with little or no rotation (clean). A set serve may NOT go behind your head at anytime.
- Attacking and blocking the serve is ILLEGAL.
- Back row players *may* switch up to block at the net, but may NOT attack in front of the ten foot line.
- You cannot switch a back line male to block if two males already occupy the front row.
- You can NOT touch the net with ANY part of your body during and attack, set or block of the ball. Only incidental contact with the net away from the ball is acceptable.
- A block does NOT count as a hit.
- Each team may contact the ball three times per volley.
- THERE IS NO FEMALE RULE!!!
- Players may go under the net as long as they do NOT interfere with play of the ball by the opposing team.
- Players are allowed ONE step onto an adjacent court while trying to return a ball, as long as it does NOT interfere with play on the other court. If play is interfered with on adjacent court, then the point will be awarded to the other team. If a Re-Do is felt to be necessary, it is left to the discretion of your referee!
- Ball is playable off any part of the body AND players are ALLOWED to kick the ball.
- If questions arise during a match with any aspect of the match, ONLY captains should approach & discuss the matter with the referee.
- **The referee's decision is ALWAYS FINAL!**
- There will be one pitcher race winner per session that will receive a quarter barrel party to be booked at their convenience.
- You may drink towards the pitcher race ANY night of the week, not just the night you play on.
- Prizes for each night are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> Place wins an \$100 bar tab
- Any team wishing to use the voucher towards purchases of clothing may do so up to the value of the voucher.
- All vouchers are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Vitense is not responsible for any lost clothing, personal belongings or equipment.
- Vitense will have quality balls on site at all times.
- If any team or members choose to use personal equipment, the aforementioned rules will apply.
- In an effort to keep the season current, we will only call matches if severe weather conditions occur.
- Rain out decisions will be made one hour prior to the first match. If threatening weather (lightening, hail, etc) only lasts a short period of the evening, decisions on other games throughout the night will be made as the evening goes on. We don't like to cancel an ENTIRE evening, unless absolutely necessary & the weather is extreme.
- Rainout information can be obtained by calling Vitense at (608) 271-1411.
- Rainout makeup dates will be posted on the web site as well as on site and every effort will be made to accommodate any and all personal schedules.
- We would prefer to have all teams play the same amount of games and make every attempt to give several alternative make-up dates.
- If at any time during the year you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call Ryan @ 608-271-1411.