

Novi Parks Grass Volleyball League Rules 2020



Recreational Supervisor

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General Information:

League Months: September - October

Location: All games at ITC Community Sports Park

Game Times: 3:30-5:30 pm

Tournament Play: Everyone plays in bracket play

Note: Updated schedules, standings and league rules will be located on Website: cityofnovi.org

Registration and Player Eligibility:

1. Signed player rosters are due before the start of the first game of the season. Can be turned in at Novi Parks or emailed to gmorris@cityofnovi.org, or given to site supervisor on site.
2. Maximum number of 20 players on roster.
3. Players may be added throughout the regular season by completing and signing the official team roster with the official prior to the game.
4. Only those players who are legally affixed to the proper roster and *played* in at least one regular season game are eligible for play-offs.

Basic Rules:

1. Match consists of three (3) games. Standings will be computed by games, not matches.
2. **All games are Rally Scoring:** A game is won when a team reaches 25 points with at least a two (2) point advantage. The cap is 27. If a game is at 26-26, the next point wins.
3. *Game time is forfeit time* for all games. The game must be started if a team has two players by 3:30 pm.
4. During playoffs, the third game will be played to 15 points only with NO cap and the time limit will not apply.
5. Minimum of TWO PLAYERS to start a game. Players coming to the game late can join their team immediately.
 - a. **Coed restrictions:** Maximum of 2 men on the court.
6. Score card must be signed by both teams with the official at the completion of each game.

Service:

1. One representative from each team shall go over the ground rules with the site supervisor and participate in the **coin toss** prior to the start of each game. Representative is responsible for informing his/her players of all ground rules and special situations. The winner of the coin toss can choose to serve/receive **OR** pick a side to start on.

2. The ball may be served from any point behind the end line and between the sidelines.
3. Server may not step on or touch the end line until contact has been made with the ball.
4. If a service hits the net and goes into the opponent's court, it is a legal serve.
5. Server may **NOT** catch or let their serve toss drop for a re-serve.

Ball Contact:

1. The ball may contact any part of the body.
2. A block does not count as a contact in 4's.
3. When dinking the ball:
 - a. The ball must be clearly hit with the heel or palm of the hand.
 - b. Closed, knuckled or straight locked fingertips.
4. One hand placement or redirection of the ball with the fingers is a fault.
5. All 'hand' sets over the net will result in a fault, even if square to the net.
6. It is **illegal** to receive a served ball using the fingers in a setting action.
7. It is **legal** to receive any other ball using the fingers in a setting action.

Other Rules and Information to Note:

1. Teams will make their own calls.
2. Ball is ruled 'in' if side or end line visibly moves.
3. All games will be played with the provided Wilson balls, unless both teams agree on another ball.
4. Ball must cross over the net between the poles. **Note:** No antennas.
5. Players are free to position themselves anywhere within the court. There are no position faults, although players must serve in rotation.
6. Each team is allowed **two (2) 30 second time-outs** total per match.
7. Unlimited substitutions are allowed as long as one player does not occupy more than one position in the service order during a single game.
8. 'Rotating In' is allowed after a side out. Once you start rotating in, you must continue, unless an injury occurs. Men can rotate in for men and women for women.
9. During play, going into another court OR the grass to play a ball, results in your opponent getting the serve and a point. If play on the other court is affected, this will result in a replay on that court.
10. All net contacts are illegal except for the incidental hair or hat hitting the net.
11. Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department reserve the right to suspend play and resume at a later time/date due to inclement weather. Site Supervisors will meet with the coach/manager of both teams to record on the official game score sheet the point at which the game will be resumed. Weather decisions will be made by 12 pm. Please call 248-347-0473 for the weather hotline.
12. Players may be ejected from the game for: Foul language directed towards an official or opposing team member, or face-to-face confrontation. Intentional misuse of the equipment or grounds will result in immediate ejection from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct.
13. All teams will participate in playoffs and be seeded based on regular season.

Tie Breakers:

The following tie breaking rules shall be in-effect for final playoff seeding:

- a. Win-Loss record in head-to-head games between tied teams, if the tie still remains.
- b. Total points scored in games between teams that are tied if tie still exists.
- c. Total points allowed in games between teams that are tied.