



# Anne Arundel County R&P

## 2024 Youth Volleyball Rule Modifications

Inclement weather: <http://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/cancellation-notice/index.html>

Please sign up for text and e-mail alerts regarding field closures.

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### **COACHES INFORMATION:**

**BACKGROUND CHECK:** As a prerequisite for participation (practice or games), ANY adult who has care, custody or control of youth participants in any youth program or activity is required to successfully complete a background check. Head coach must make sure that all assistant coaches have a current background check with Anne Arundel County Recreation and Park. <http://www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/volunteer-background-check>

**CONCUSSION AWARENESS:** All coaches should know the Symptoms of a Concussion and the Action Steps to take for a concussion. All players and parents must read and complete the A.A. County Recreation & Parks Concussion Awareness form. This form is to be signed by player and parent and kept on file with the Player's Team Organization. <http://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/recreation/sports>

**COACHES PLEDGE & TRAINING:** Prior to coaching, the head coaches must watch the (5) training modules and upload training certificates on their "My Info" page in the Team Sports Portal when completed. Assistant coaches must sign the Coach's Pledge and upload into the Team Sports Portal under "Manage My Team".

**POLICIES:** All teams, coaches and spectators must follow the Anne Arundel County Guidelines and Reference Manual, which can be found online.

[http://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/forms-and-publications/RecPark\\_Guidelines\\_Reference\\_Manual.pdf](http://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/forms-and-publications/RecPark_Guidelines_Reference_Manual.pdf)

**ROSTERS PACKETS: DUE SEPT 6, 2024** Team rosters must be uploaded into the Team Sports Portal under "Manage My Team". After submitting the roster, please email Players Contract for each player on the roster. Forms can be found: <http://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/recreation/sports/forms-and-publications>

### **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:**

<b><u>LEAGUES</u></b>	<b><u>ELIGIBILITY</u></b>	<b><u>DIVISIONS</u></b>
HIGH SCHOOL 14-17	17 BY SEPTEMBER 1 <sup>ST</sup>	Even
14 & UNDER	14 BY SEPTEMBER 1 <sup>ST</sup>	A & B
12 & UNDER	12 BY SEPTEMBER 1 <sup>ST</sup>	Even
10 & UNDER	10 BY SEPTEMBER 1 <sup>ST</sup>	Even

**Players can only play on one (1) team.** *An ineligible player and the coach are liable for suspension and disciplinary action.*

**Players playing on a public, private, and/or parochial High School interscholastic volleyball team at any level may not play in the County leagues.**

**ROSTERS, PLAYERS' CONTRACT AND COACHES PLEDGE:**

**Due: September 6, 2024**

*Max # of players on Roster is 12.*

**No new players after September 27, 2024.**

## **LEAGUE SEASON**

The fall youth volleyball league will begin on Sunday, September 8 and end on October 27, some leagues finish on Oct 20.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

Inclement weather hotline#: 410-222-7312 or check website:

<http://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/cancellation-notice/index.html>

*You may also sign up for text and e-mail alerts regarding inclement weather cancellations. Click on the cancellation link to register.*

Inclement weather decisions made by the County will be posted by 10am on Sundays.

If games have not been canceled (*there will **NOT** be an update*), go to the gym to play, unless you have been notified otherwise.

## **RESCHEDULING OF GAMES**

The county will **NOT** reschedule games cancelled by the coaches or organizations.

*Games cancelled by coaches or organizations without notification and acknowledgement by the County Sports Supervisor 48 hours prior to game time will result in full payment to the officials by the organization.*

**REFEREE FEES** – **Head Coach of each team** is required to have cash on the field to pay referee(s) for the games assigned by the County. Payment is due BEFORE game begins.

***Refs will not start the game until paid in full.***

**Each team will pay the officials' fee of \$ 25.00 prior to the start of the match.**

*Note: number of scheduled games played may be less than assigned, due to inclement weather and scheduling conflicts.*

## **MINIMUM PLAY**

Each player in uniform shall play a minimum of **50% of each game** for **ALL AGES/DIVISIONS**.

The mandatory participation guidelines are for all County-sponsored youth sports. The guidelines shall be used in league and tournament play except in cases of illness, injury or disciplinary action.

## **STANDINGS & SCHEDULES:**

The schedules and standings for volleyball will be available at:

<https://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/sports/adult-youth-sports/>

The schedules will be updated weekly with the game results that have been reported.

## **DISCIPLINE ACTION FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**

An ejected player, coach or parent will receive a minimum of an automatic two-game suspension; to be served during the next scheduled game, and probation for remainder of season. This punitive action may not be appealed. The ejected player, coach or adult must leave the immediate playing area and may not participate in the game in any manner.

The coach is responsible for the conduct of any person connected with his team at all times. This includes conduct towards the officials. Abuse to an official or an opposing player by a fan with no attempt by the management of the team to eliminate it will be dealt with by the Department of Recreation and Parks.

If a coach feels that a problem spectator(s) is not a team supporter, the coach should request the official to remove the spectator from the vicinity.

# **VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE PLAYING GUIDELINES**

2024 leagues are playing USAV rules (with the below exceptions) and are governed by the Recreation and Parks Guidelines and Reference Manual.

## **ALL LEAGUES**

1. All 3 sets are played to 25 points and team must win by two (2); if time does not allow, the 3rd set can be played to 15 points, if approved by the Gym Staff.
2. Must have five (5) players to start the game, no more than 12 players on the team.
3. Players can only play on one (1) team. Players cannot play down, but they can play up.
4. Co-Ed teams) must have no more than 3 males on the court at any time.
  - New Rule for 14-17 Co-Ed: Reverse Co-Ed Rules for 14-17 league only – with a maximum of 3 boys on the court
    - Maximum of 3 boys on the court, staggering the positions between boys and girls.
    - Boys can only attack from behind the attack line.
    - Boys can attack from above the height of the net in the front row, and direct the ball to the opponent's court as long as the ball has an upward trajectory immediately after contact.
    - No male player can participate in a block.
    - Female back-row players may be forward of the attack line for the purpose of blocking.
    - The net height for reverse co-ed will be 7'4-1/8".
5. Free substitution throughout the game. Player must complete full rotation before serving again.
6. Time to serve: 8 seconds
7. Reserve Rule is after each rally point
8. 1 serve per rotation.
9. 10U & 12U Mercy Rule: No more than 5 points may be scored per server.
10. Uniforms – do not need uniform numbers but must be identical in color. Libero must wear a uniform which clearly contrasts with the rest of the team.
11. Net Rule – it will be a fault to touch any part of the net or the antenna while in the act of playing the ball. Touching the net tape and mesh will be a fault. Touching the net outside the antenna will not be a fault.
12. Coaches are encouraged to use their designated captains for any questions to the officials. Comments or concerns should be made in writing to your specific Organization's Commissioner.
13. There will only be a maximum of three (3) coaches allowed on each team sideline at any time.

### **GAME BALL:**

Each team must provide 1 game ball for the game. Suggested balls are:

- Molten U12 leather ball or Tachikara Lite leather ball for 10U & 12U.
- Molten Super Touch leather ball or Tachikara SV-5W Gold leather ball for 14U.

### **SERVICE LINES AND NET HEIGHTS:**

10U League:	Service Line 20 ft line 30' End Line, Net Height 6'
12U League:	Service from 26 ft line 30' End Line, Net Height 7'
14U League:	Service and End Line 30 ft. line, Net Height 7'4-1/8"