

SUFFOLK VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Open Volleyball Tournament

House Rules

- **Basic Rules** - Assume the indoor 6v6 rules as the starting point; you can use your fingers to overhead pass a serve, you can tip, if volleying over the net it doesn't have to be in the direction you're facing and after a block you still have three touches to return the ball
- **Handling** - call any bad carries, let the small double touches when setting go
- **Centre line** - penalise any player whose whole foot crosses the centre line - we don't want any injuries!
- **Rotations**
 - o Server is only back court player, rest can hit and block front court
 - o Players must rotate clockwise when their team wins back serve
 - o Front court players must observe normal rotation rules
 - o Back court player must start with both feet behind all other players
 - o No penalty for teams with less than four players - all players considered front court
- **Substitutions** - each team must choose either:
 - o Roll-on, roll-off - each player comes off before serving and comes back on to serve
 - o Official substitutions - in any one set, once a player has come off, they can only return for the player who replaced them
- **Score sheets**
 - o Refs to collect scoresheet from organisers' table
 - o Winning team to return the scoresheet to the organisers. Lost sheets cannot be processed!

Planned Format

- Structures of both divisions may be changed during the day if weather intervenes
- Presentations will follow the Division 1, 2 and 3 finals.
- **Division 1** - See overleaf for format
- **Division 2 & 3** - Quick initial seeding round, single-set, first to fifteen in groups of four then top two from each group play in division 2 and bottom two play in division 3. Each division has a group stage followed by semi-finals, play-offs and finals
- **Mixed Final** - Assuming one of the teams required for the mixed final will be involved in the Division 2 final, this will be held after the division finals.

Enjoy the Day!

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Division One Round-Robin Criteria

- o For each of the formats listed below, the criteria used to determine placings in round-robin stages are as follows:
 - Most matches won
 - Greatest sets-difference (number of sets won less number of sets lost)
 - Greatest points-difference (total number of points won less total points lost)
 - Result between tied teams using criteria above
- o Paper-scissors-stone (single reveal, repeat if no winner)

Division One Format for Four Teams

- o When your team is refereeing, please provide a minimum of a first referee and a second referee / scorer; the referees will appreciate the assistance of line judges, so if you're not refereeing and available, please help.
- o All matches are best of three sets.
 - First two sets to 21, change ends at 11, No two clear points requirement.
 - Decider if necessary to 11, change ends at 6, must win by two, if no winner when first team reaches 12, change ends, again at 18 and so on.
- o Initial round robin.
- o After round robin 3rd v 4th for 3rd overall, refereed by 2nd.
- o Followed by 1st v 2nd in final, refereed by winners of 3rd place play off.

Division One Format for Five Teams

- o When not playing, your team will be required to referee on both other courts; two players refereeing each game.
- o Two sets to 21, change ends at 11, decider if necessary to 11, change ends at 6, no two clear points requirement.
- o Initial round robin
- o After round robin: 4th v 5th, refereed by 3rd.
- o Winners of above match play 1st in one semi-final for, losers ref on both courts. 2nd v 3rd in other semi-final
- o Final, refereed by losers of semi-final involving 1st and winners of 4th v 5th. If a deciding set is required in the final, this must be won by two clear points. If no winner when one team reaches 12, change ends, again at 18 and so on.

Division One Format for Six Teams

- o When your team is refereeing, please provide a minimum of a first referee and a second referee / scorer; the referees will appreciate the assistance of line judges, so if you're not refereeing and available, please help.
- o Round robin, two sets to 21 points, change ends at 11, no two-points clear requirement in any set. If total points level after two sets play one deciding point. Winner of previous point serves.
- o 1st v 2nd in the final. Same match duration except if each team wins one set, play decider to 11, changing ends at 6, this must be won by two clear points. If no winner when one team reaches 12, change ends, again at 18...

Division One Format for Seven Teams

- o When your team is refereeing, please provide a minimum of a first referee and a second referee / scorer; the referees will appreciate the assistance of line judges, so if you're not refereeing and available, please help.
- o Initial round robin: Two sets to 15, change ends at 8, decider if necessary to 11, change ends at 6, no two clear points requirement. If total points level after two sets play one deciding point. Winner of previous point serves.
- o Final between top two to be best of 3 sets, 2 sets to 15 change at 8, decider to 7 change at 4. 2 clear in deciding set only. If no winner when one team reaches 8, then again at 12...