

GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR THE A/E OUTDOOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE (June 2026)

SCHEDULES:

Schedules including net assignments are emailed to the captains and are posted on the web site.

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Rules are emailed with the initial schedules and are posted on the website. We use USA volleyball 6v6 indoor rules in addition to a few league specific rules. Hand passing free balls and doubles on second contacts *to your teammates* are allowed, and long contacts during setting are not allowed. Double contacts on any non-first-contact balls that go over the net or are legally contacted by a player on the other team are faults. We use 25-point rally scoring for all games, win by two with a cap at 27. Teams are guaranteed 5 games each night and each game counts one point in the standing.

(It is **NOT** best 3 out of 5)

CANCELTATIONS / RAIN MAKE-UPS:

What to do when it rains is the most difficult issue which captains must handle. We need to balance safety issues with the need to avoid canceling games prematurely. On days when there has been a great deal of rain and rain is forecasted to continue, the League Director will examine the available information including the DOT webcams, Park Dept. Field closure hotline **(206) 233-0055** and other weather data to determine if there shall be a blanket cancellation of all matches. Blanket cancellations will be emailed to the captains by the League Director. If no such notification has been received by 4:30 PM on the date of the match, the decision must be made by the majority vote of the captains (or their representative) present at 6:00 PM **at the actual fields** on whether the fields are too slippery for play. If the captains vote to cancel at the field, then the matches for that day will be rescheduled for the next available rain make up date. If the majority of the captains present vote that it is playable, teams that are absent forfeit all their games that night. (If both teams of a match are not present when the captains vote that it is playable, they both forfeit all their games for that night unless they can mutually agree upon a make-up date prior to August 20th that is not one of the official rain make-up dates shown on the schedule). Rain make-up dates that are not needed may be used for other purposes -- but hold rain make-up dates open until one week before to allow you to make-up SCHEDULED games that are rained out first before using them for other uses.

PERMIT:

Keep a copy of your permit with you at the field. It is your proof that you have paid for a field reservation and have first rights to the areas described below over others using the park. Usually, people will move if you just ask. When setting up the nets, make it clear to anyone set up or sitting nearby that they run the risk of being hit hard by a volleyball if they do not move. **If you experience any problems, call Park Security @ 206-252-0707, or 206-684-7088 (cell) or 206-684-7250 (pager).**

LOCATIONS:

Matches will rotate this year between Evan's Pool (north side of the Community Center Pool at Green Lake next to the children's play area), Lower Ravenna Park (June only- Ravenna Blvd & NE 55th St), Cowen Park (July & Aug only- Ravenna Blvd and Brooklyn NE) and Sandel Playground (1st NW & NW 90th in the Greenwood area - 2 blocks north of the Fred Meyer Store on NW 85th). Maps are available on our website.

NET RESPONSIBILITIES:

Setting up the net is a lot of work. In order to be fair, all teams shall have net duties. Teams with net duties for each week are indicated on the schedules Teams without equipment can arrange to borrow a net for each of their assigned nights but should make arrangements well in advance to borrow equipment from another team in the league. The league also has several nets available that can be rented in advance for the duration of the season with a \$150 refundable deposit. If you need to rent a net, please email aevolleyball@gmail.com. To be fair to your opponent on their "night off," please try not to ask them to set up the net. We recommend the Park and Sun Spectrum Classic (easy to set up, gets very good net tension, is very durable, and has a reasonable mid-range price).

TOURNAMENT:

The end of the year tournaments are on the last weekend in August that is BEFORE the Labor Day Weekend. Levels 1 and 2 will have their all day Annual Volleyball Tournament on the Saturday of that weekend and levels 3 and 4 will have it on Sunday. It will be held at Dahl Playfield. More information on the tournament will be

emailed around August 1st. All teams are expected to come to the tournament (the tournament cost was included in your league fee). Sorry – there are no refunds. For teams in merged levels, teams will be split based on records for the tournament. Depending on the number of no-shows and upon a team's record, some teams may be shifted to a different group for the tournament at the discretion of the League Director.

SCORING:

Throughout the season, Captains should keep track of their **game** record (each game won is worth 1 point – all 5 games count in standings) in the boxes provided on the electronic Excel schedule form sent to you. Results of your matches shall be emailed to the League Director 8 days before the tournament. You do not have to keep track of matches won or the individual points scored in each game.

SHOES / SAFETY:

To prevent injuries, ***make sure your players do not use indoor court or aerobic shoes with smooth soles.*** Trail running shoes with aggressive waffle soles or turf shoes with mini soft rubber spikes provide a lot more traction on grass. You may not use cleats with plastic or metal spikes. A pair of ankle braces are also highly recommended such as Active Ankle T-2 (information at www.activeankle.com). These braces minimize the possibility of spraining an ankle on the uneven terrain.

WAIVER FORMS

All players must fill out the [online waiver/registration form](#) prior to playing. A/E Volleyball Association is a registered 503c7 non-profit corporation and carries liability and participant accident insurance. The insurance is secondary to a player's personal health insurance, and a player is only covered if they have filled out the online [waiver/registration form](#). *Playing with players that have not registered on-line and completed the waiver form could result in games being forfeited. Teams that do not have a minimum of 3 registered players by June 13 will forfeit their games until the minimum players have been registered. You may add players at any time during the season up to August 18th by registering online. Picture ID will be required at the tournament.*

BALLS:

Each team shall have a ball available at game time. If captains cannot agree on a ball to use for a game, they should spin to determine which ball to use.

If you have any questions, e-mail: aevolleyball@gmail.net

Forms, maps and other information including links to equipment sites are available at www.aevolleyball.net