

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Information Sheet

Fall 2017

This information sheet is intended to provide basic information and rules for this activity. Please refer to the “Policies” link on the home page of the intramural web page for detailed information about policies and procedures of the Intramural Activities Program.

ENTRIES OPEN

Online appointment time sign-ups will begin at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, September 5 @ insignup.byu.edu
A net ID and password are required to register for an appointment time. Schedule sales will begin on Wednesday, September 6. Those who make an appointment will have first priority. **(Entries are limited)**

ENTRY FEE

A \$30.00 non-refundable entry fee will be required at registration for each team.

CAPTAINS MEETING

Meetings for team captains (or a representative from each team) will be held **Thursday, September 7 at 4:00 PM in 271 RB and Monday, September 11 at 4:00 PM in 271 RB**. Intramural policies and procedures will be discussed so it is important that all teams be represented at *one* of these meetings.

ELIGIBILITY

Fall 2017 full-time BYU students (12 credits), and faculty/staff are eligible. Part-time students, deferred students, non-students, and spouses of students must pay an intramural activity fee for each semester in which they participate. **Non-BYU students must be active members of a Provo young single adult (YSA) or married student ward**. Their membership records must reside in the YSA or married student ward they attend.

The intramural activity fee is paid at the Information Center in 112 Richards Building. The cost is \$25.00 per semester during fall/winter and \$20.00 for spring/summer. A BYU ID or BYU Net ID with valid picture ID is required at time of payment. This fee will enable a participant to compete in any intramural activity during the appropriate semester/term.

To participate in a team sport, each player must be added to his online team roster by 3:00 PM for weekday games and by 3:00 PM on Friday for Saturday games. Team rosters are limited to **fifteen** players. Each participant may play for only **one Volleyball** team.

RELEASE AGREEMENT

All Intramural participants must complete an online [release agreement](#) before they can be added to a team roster. Release agreements are valid for one academic school year – fall semester through summer term.

DAYS, TIMES, AND LOCATION

Games will be played Tuesday through Friday 6:15 PM to 10:00 PM and Saturday 8:15 AM to 1:00 PM. All matches will take place in gyms 138 and 144 of the Richards Building.

CHECK-IN

It is recommended that participants check-in with the activity supervisor at least ten minutes prior to game time. *All participants must show a valid (government or school issued) picture ID before every game.* Picture ID printouts are not acceptable. Participants, whose privileges list “Fee Needed”, must show their paid receipt for the intramural activity fee before they can check in.

FORFEITS

Teams are encouraged to arrive ten minutes before game time. **FORFEIT TIME IS GAME TIME!** A forfeit is given to teams with less than **four** legal players at game time. Teams receiving their second forfeit may be dropped from regular season and elimination tournament play. *Refunds will not be given for forfeited schedules.*

EQUIPMENT

Each team must provide volleyballs. The Office of Intramural Activities will **not** supply balls for game play.

UNIFORMS

An appropriate, modest athletic uniform is permissible. Shirts and shoes must be worn. Sleeveless shirts are not allowed.

OFFICIALS

The Office of Intramural Activities will provide officials. **Each team must provide one line judge;** certification is not required. **Any team that does not provide a line judge by game time will be given a forfeit.** Officials and supervisors assigned to your match have the authority to make decisions on any point not specifically covered by rules of the game or by intramural policies.

LIABILITY

All participants play at their own risk and must acquire their own insurance.

SPIRIT OF SPORTSMANSHIP

“Athletics are explosive, as any of us know who have participated in them. The problem therefore, is to do everything that is fair and honorable to win, and also to know the line where sportsmanship stops and mockery starts. Stop short of winning if integrity is to be impaired.... Sportsmanship is the spirituality in athletics” (The Teachings of Ezra Taft Benson).

Sportsmanship is everyone's responsibility. We hope everyone will conduct himself in a mature and friendly manner. The BYU Intramural Activities program has identified the following principles as our “Spirit of Sportsmanship” guidelines. We encourage all employees, participants, and spectators to incorporate these principles on and off the playing field.

1. **Stand as a Witness:** *We are to stand as witnesses of God at all times and in all things, and in all places* (Mosiah 18:9). Be consistent with who you are in all situations. “Never check your religion at the door. That kind of discipleship cannot be – it is not discipleship at all.” (Elder Jeffrey R. Holland – Israel, Israel, God is Calling. September 2012)
2. **Live with Integrity:** *We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men...* (Thirteenth Article of Faith). Honesty applies equally in sports as it does in all other areas of life. Never lower your standards because “it’s just a game.”
3. **Play by the Rules:** Do not push limits or escalate the level of physical play to match the style of enforcement. This style of play endangers other players. Intentional disregard for the rules of the game is unsportsmanlike. Play hard, but honor the rules.
4. **Be Accountable:** Although we are free to choose our actions, we are not free to choose the consequences. Others cannot determine our feelings or thoughts. We are each accountable for what we do and say and should never blame others for our behavior.

5. **Live the Golden Rule:** *And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise* (Luke 6:31). Sportsmanship is the Golden Rule in action. Treat others—officials, opponents, spectators, teammates—with honor and respect.
6. **Be Meek:** If you begin to feel unsettled or agitated, take a personal timeout. Step back to gain composure and perspective. Retaliation does not solve conflict, it only compounds the situation. Demonstrate humility in victory and dignity in defeat.
7. **Be Gracious:** Compliment your opponent after a good play. Focus on the good. Build people up, do not tear people down. Be genuine when you congratulate your opponent.
8. **Have Fun:** *Men are, that they might have joy* (2 Nephi 2:25). Be safe, play fair, and enjoy the experience.

YELLOW/RED CARD SYSTEM

A yellow/red card system is used to monitor unsportsmanlike behavior and improper conduct. A participant who receives a yellow card will be required to sit out for two minutes of game time. A participant who receives a red card will be ejected from the game and must leave the court before play resumes. A team with a carded player must play with one less player until the penalty time has expired (Yellow = 2 minutes & Red = 4 minutes).

The following are examples of yellow/red card offenses:

Yellow Card: Non-directional profanity; arguing; rough play; taunting.

Red Card: Illegal participation; directional profanity; flagrant contact; fighting; threatening behavior.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

There will be one women's division (open) and two men's divisions (beginner and intermediate) for regular season play. Each activity has a classification process that is intended to place similarly skilled teams against each other for tournament competition. Teams will be given a ranking between 1 and 5 (5 being the highest) for each regular season game they play. To receive a 5 ranking, a team must be proficient in each of the following five criteria:

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| 1. Serving and receiving serve | 4. Blocking |
| 2. Setting | 5. Defensive quickness |
| 3. Hitting | |

At the conclusion of regular season play an overall average of each team's rankings will be computed and eligible teams will be placed in the tournament division that best fits their ability. Important tournament dates are listed below.

Men's and Women's Tournament

- Tournament classification rankings will be posted by 12:00 PM on Wednesday, September 27.
- Teams will have until **4:00 PM on Thursday, September 28** to challenge classification rankings.
- Tournament brackets will be posted by 4:00 PM Friday, September 29.
- Tournament play begins Tuesday, October 3.

Tournament brackets may be viewed on the intramural web page or in the glass cases located next to the Intramural Office (145 Richards Building). **Posted game times will not be changed for personal conflicts.** Team captains should notify the Intramural Office **in advance** to avoid potential scheduling conflicts for their team(s). This can be done through the use of a schedule request form, which is

available in the Intramural Office. This form must be submitted by 4:00 PM on Thursday for the following week's schedule.

RULES

Intramural volleyball abides by the 2017-2018 National Federation of State High School Associations Rules with the following exceptions or points of emphasis:

1. *Team Composition:* Teams may consist of four (minimum) to six (maximum) players on the court. Team rosters are limited to fifteen participants. Liberos are not permitted.
2. *Game Duration:* Matches will consist of the best two out of three games. The first two games will be played to 25 points (rally scoring), cap at 29. The winning team must win by two points. The third game will be played to 15 points, win by two with a cap at 21.
3. *Substitution:* Free substitutions may be made but only at the service position.
4. *Timeouts:* A team may have one time-out per game. Unused time-outs cannot be carried over to another game.
5. *Ball in Play:* When games are in progress on an adjoining court, players may not step into that court to play a ball. However, they may reach into the court to bring the ball back into play. Balls that hit any part of the ceiling on your side of the net are still in play.
6. *Service:* One step into the court is permissible.
7. *Blocking:* Blocking the serve is not permitted.
8. *Equipment:* Participants are required to provide their own volleyballs for the match.
9. *Net Violation:* Physical contact with the net is not permitted.

***If you have any questions contact Trevor in 145 RB (801-422-7597) or access our web page.
<http://intramurals.byu.edu/> Have a fun season!***