



ST. CHARLES PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2023 SAND VOLLEYBALL RULES

Wednesday COED League - Wapelhorst Park

6 Weeks of Regular Games followed by Week 7 of Playoffs for all teams.

Games Times: 6:15 - 8:30PM - Game times may vary by 15 minutes in season due to NO lights on the courts.

NEW - The Rainout Line phone number is 636-944-6001, EXTENSION #20.

If games are going to be cancelled due to weather/field conditions, the Rainout Line will be updated.

The Rainout Line will ONLY be updated when games are cancelled! No news is good news!

Please visit <http://rainoutline.com/search/dnis/6369446001> to enroll in email/text alerts or download the Rainout Line App on your Smart Phone. Rainouts are made up at the end of the schedule. Playoffs will be held on the week following the last scheduled regular season game after rainouts have been completed. We will only makeup 2 weeks of rainouts. A credit will be given per game you are not able to play due to field conditions.

IN CASE OF RAINOUT, GAME TIME CHANGES, ETC. YOU MUST VIEW UPDATED SCHEDULES AND CAN ALSO VIEW WEEKLY SCORES BY ACCESSING THE SCHEDULE VIA THIS LINK:

<https://webtrac.stcharlesparks.com/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/schedule.html?SessionID=cc762a7b-ecc5-c99a-2714-335200190252&fromprogram=search&action=leaguedetails&FMID=17518287>

OR YOU CAN USE THIS LINK AND THEN CLICK "VIEW SCHEDULE STANDINGS":

<http://www.stcharlesparks.com/programs/adult-sportsprograms/sand-volleyball-leagues/>

1. An official St. Charles Parks & Recreation Coed sand volleyball team is composed of six (6) players, three men and three women. A team may start and/or finish a game with 4 players (minimum of 2 women). The number of men on the court must be equal to the women at all times, but women can exceed men any time. Teams may have a **maximum** of twelve people on their roster 16 years of age or older. Team rosters must be turned in to the Parks and Recreation Department or Referee after the first scheduled match. It is the manager's responsibility to make sure the Parks Department and/or its representative has received an official roster.

2. Eligibility: All players must be at least 16 years or older at the time they play and must be listed on your roster to be eligible to play. If your team uses a non-rostered player, your team will forfeit that particular game, with the Parks & Recreation Department reserving the right to further disciplinary action. Players may only play on one roster per league.

NOTE & EXCEPTION: If a team cannot field enough players at game time, they may, with the permission of the opposing team, pick up enough non-rostered players (16 years or older) to equal enough players to play the game following the guidelines from above. The official must be informed of this agreement between the teams and the game becomes official. A team which allows non-rostered players to play may not protest eligibility after that point.

3. If you feel that the opposing team is using a non-rostered player you must identify the player to, and lodge a protest with the official prior to that player's second time to serve in that game. That individual must present valid photo I.D. to the official to verify their identity. If that player cannot produce a valid photo I.D. the player may not continue in that game or any following games for that evening. Any action from the first serve and previous play stands. The official will make note of the protested player and the game will continue. Parks & Recreation staff will verify whether or not the player is eligible before the next game is played. If the player is ineligible, the game in which the ineligibility was discovered will be ruled a forfeit for the offending team and will be reflected in the standings as such. If there is not a record of the roster (or any changes) and a protest situation arises, the team in question automatically loses the protest. The roster and player changes will have to be on file prior to the game in question.

4. Game Play - One match, consisting of three (3) games will be played each night. Each match is limited to sixty (60) minutes total. Each game is played to 23 points; win by 2 rally point style. In case of rain, a match is only official if all three games are recorded as played. Any match with less than 3 games will be played over in its entirety. **Rally scoring is no side out and every serve results in a point.**

3. Playoff Information - **The 7th week of play will consist of a league playoffs. The league playoff schedule will not show online until I email it to team managers later in the season. The date for the league playoffs, without any rainouts, will be held on Week 7. Rainouts will be made up prior to the playoffs week. Once the playoff schedule has been determined after week 6 of play, I will email it to team managers.** League Winner will be determined by playoffs.

5. USA Volleyball Outdoor rules will be followed for play with modifications adopted by the St. Charles Parks and Recreation league as stated in these rules.

6. A team forfeits the first game of a match if a minimum of 4 players (2 of which must be women) are not present at the scheduled start of a match. The second game is forfeited after 10 minutes after the scheduled time and the third game is forfeited 15 minutes after the scheduled time.

7. All communications with the official are to be made by the team managers only.

8. A flip of the coin will determine first service for the first game. Winner has choice of serve or court. Rotate 2nd game and rotate back the 3rd game. Please note that during the 3rd game, after one team reaches 8 points teams switch courts.

9. Each team will receive two 30-second time outs per game.

10. **Rotation:** Each team must rotate its players clockwise when the serve is awarded to them. This includes the first service of each game. After the start of the game, the serving order must remain the same throughout the game. Rotation in can be made from the serving or middle back positions.

11. Highlighted Rule Violations:

- Back row player spiking the ball between the net and 10 foot spiking line (official's judgment).
- Blocking a serve. (You can NOT block a serve)
- Player out of position when ball is served.
- Player's foot completely crossing center line (official's judgment).
- Player spikes ball above opponent's playing area.
- Failure of player to BUMP or SET the serve. Player must BUMP or SET the serve.

PLAYER CONDUCT

1. Absolutely NO glass bottles are allowed by the sand volleyball pits. Alcoholic beverages in any shape or form are prohibited ON/IN the SAND volleyball pits. Any violation of this rule will make a player ineligible for play and possible forfeiture of the game by that players' team.

2. Officials **will not tolerate** arguments, vulgar or foul language or any other unsportsmanlike behavior.

3. **Only team managers** may communicate with officials. Any attempt to argue with the official is not permitted. Only rule interpretations can be questioned by a manager. Judgment calls may not be questioned. Protest of a rule interpretation can be submitted by doing the following:

- Inform the official that the game is under protest at the time of the dispute. Make sure it is recorded in writing.
- Notify the St. Charles Parks and Recreation Department in writing within 48 hours of the end of the game of the protest. Note the rule being protested and the situation surrounding the protest. Include with the protest a \$50 protest fee. The fee will be refunded only if your protest is upheld. Do not give written protest or money to the official.

4. Failure to abide by the stated rules can result in a suspension from the league and league fees forfeited. Managers are responsible for informing team members of all rules. Offenses may result in a warning, penalty, expulsion, or disqualification if the referees issue the following:

- **Warning-Yellow Card** (verbal warning): For minor unsporting offenses, such as arguing with opponents or officials.
- **Warning-Red Card** (verbal warning): For rude behavior or a second minor offense. If serving team is carded they will lose the serve. If receiving team is carded a point is awarded to the opponent.

RULES PACKET SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT AS DEEMED NECESSARY. QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? PLEASE CONTACT ST. CHARLES PARKS AND RECREATION, (636)949-3372.