

**Norwalk Recreation and Parks Department
2021 Adult Co-ed Beach Volleyball By-Laws**

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Norwalk Coed Volleyball Program is to provide a fun recreational activity for Norwalk area residents interested in participating in an organized volleyball program, while promoting clean competition and good sportsmanship.

FEES/REGISTRATION

- Online registration only on nwlk.norwalkct.org
- Captains registration: nwlk.norwalkct.org
- Registration fee for spring/summer session: \$450
- Registration fee is due in full at Captains Registration.
- Late registration must include an additional \$100 fee.
- Player registration will be required for electronic signing of waivers.
- Rosters and waivers must accompany entrance fee.
- Fees cover trophies, supervisor fees, supplies/equipment and maintenance.
- Both teams to pay referee \$20 in cash prior to each match.
- If a team forfeits, that team will pay a double fee to the referee covering both team's fees, and payment must be made prior to next match.
- Parking - Non-residents must pay a \$50 parking fee to their team captain. Team captains will need to submit one check for all non-resident players, made payable to the City of Norwalk, and submit to the field supervisor on the first scheduled game night for the nights scheduled to play.

ROSTER

1. Maximum number of players on roster is 20.
2. There is no resident rule.
3. All players must be 18 years old by May 1 for the spring/summer league.
4. All players must be 18 years old by September 1 for the fall league.
5. Teams will be allowed to add and drop players until 5:00pm on April 25 for the spring/summer league and August 24 for the fall league. After that date, rosters will remain frozen for the remainder of the season, except in extenuating circumstances as approved by the Superintendent of Recreation and league supervisor.
6. An add-on form must be filled out properly in order for a player to be allowed to join a team. The Superintendent of Recreation will verify add/drop requests.
7. The team manager may add a player by emailing the Superintendent of Recreation at skorkatzis@norwalkct.org with player's photo identification and signed team waiver form. The action will be effective upon confirmation by the Superintendent.
8. The team manager may drop a player by emailing the Superintendent of Recreation at skorkatzis@norwalkct.org. The action will be effective upon confirmation by the Superintendent.
9. Once the season begins, new players must be added to a team at minimum one business day before the team's next match.
10. A team may add a maximum of two players from another team in the program.
11. A player may change teams once per season.
12. If a player wishes to change teams and a manager will not release a player, the player may request a hearing with the rules committee, which will make the final decision.
13. A player may participate on one team per week.
14. Teams must start games with a minimum of five players and maximum of six. At least two women must be on the court at all times. Teams may continue with fewer than five players under the following conditions:
 - a. A player is injured and is removed from the game and the team has no replacement.
 - b. A player becomes ill or must leave because of an emergency.
 - i. When a vacancy occurs in the above situations, the team losing the player must keep three players on the front line at all times.

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15. If a player is ejected from a game by a referee and the team does not have at least five players including two women on the court, that team will forfeit that game and any remaining games.
16. A team playing with an illegal player may be suspended from the league for a period of up to one year beginning with the date of the protested game. The team may be dropped from the league and lose the right to play the following year. All fees will be forfeited.

LEAGUE PLAY

1. All games will be played at Calf Pasture Beach in Norwalk.
2. Each regular season match will consist of three games. Playoff matches are best of three.
3. Each team will play at least one match per week, and may play more than one match per night.
4. There will be a 10-minute grace period on weekday 6:00 pm games only.
5. Each team will be responsible for providing one leather volleyball for each match.
6. Rules governing this program will be 1) National Federation of High School Volleyball and 2) Norwalk Recreation and Parks By-laws. The city's by-laws will take priority.
7. Each game will be played until a team reaches 21 points. A team wins by one point. In the case of inclement weather, games may be played to 15 points.
8. Substitution is in the middle back position.
9. A team forfeiting two games during the season may be dropped from the league if deemed appropriate by the Superintendent of Recreation.
10. Teams tied for first place at the end of the regular season will play a playoff match, best two out of three. If there is a 3-way tie, a lottery will determine which team gets a bye.
11. Team trophies will be awarded to the tournament champion and runner-up of each league.

SCHEDULES

1. There will be two sessions for the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday leagues:
 - 1) the Spring/Summer League session runs April 26 through August 20
 - 2) the Fall League session runs September 7 through November 1
2. The Super League will play on Monday nights in the fall only.
3. Schedules will be available on April 16 for the Spring/Summer league and August 20 for the fall league.
4. Any schedule changes will be made by the Superintendent of Recreation and supervisor only.
5. Cancelled games will be posted on the quick scores app [Norwalk CT Parks and Recreation - QuickScores.com](https://www.quick-scores.com/) before 5:00 pm. Cancellations should be emailed to skorkatzis@norwalkct.org by 5 p.m.
6. Make-ups will be played after the regular season games end. Teams will make up their games on their respective nights, i.e., Tuesday Night League makeup games will be made up on Tuesday, Wednesday Night League makeup games will be played on Wednesday, etc.

CONDUCT

1. Managers are to control their players at all times.
2. Drinking of alcoholic beverages before or during the match is prohibited.
3. Glass bottles are not allowed at the beach and are subject to fines.
4. If players are ejected from a game, they must leave the site immediately. If they do not leave immediately, the referee will award the match to the opposing team and the match will be a forfeit.
5. Players may be suspended from play for varying lengths of time for the following offenses:
 - A. Fighting or abusive language.
 - B. Any act of aggression with intent to physically harm another person.
 - C. Any unsportsmanlike act or gesture that is not in the spirit of the program.

PROTESTS

1. The Superintendent of Recreation will handle protests.
2. Judgement calls are not subject to protest.
3. A protests must be typed, with time and date of game, rule in question, and relevant details.

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4. A protest concerning a rule interpretation must be communicated to the referee before the ball is put into play. The manager must request a time out and inform the referee politely which specific rule is in question.
5. A protest must be filed with the Recreation Department within 48 hours of the scheduled time of the contest in question. Saturdays and Sundays are excluded from this period.
6. A protest concerning player ineligibility may be filed by any team in the league against any player in the league through the last game of the season, including playoffs.
7. A protest must include a \$50 payment, which will be returned only if the protesting team wins the protest.
8. It is the protesting team's responsibility to produce all appropriate documentation concerning their protest, except when the protest concerns the age rule. If a player's age is questioned, that player must provide proof of birth to the Superintendent of Recreation within five days of notification. If the player fails to comply, a forfeit will be ruled against that player's team.
9. All decisions made by the Superintendent of Recreation relative to protests will be final.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Superintendent of Recreation will handle rule changes, disciplinary problems, and administrative issues.
2. All team members should be given an opportunity to play.
3. Managers should contact the Superintendent of Recreation concerning any problems.
4. Players are responsible for their own insurance and personal articles.

PARKING

All using city parks or participating in a recreation program are to park in designated parking areas only. This rule applies to players, coaches and spectators. Vehicles are not to be driven or parked on the grass. It is the intention of the Mayor, City Council, and Recreation and Parks Department to preserve our parks and to prosecute those persons who damage our parks. If anyone affiliated with a team in the volleyball program violates the parking rules, that team will be dropped from the program and forfeit all fees after one written warning has been issued by the Superintendent of Recreation to the team manager.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS!

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For all volleyball-related information: NORWALKCT.ORG/LEAGUES