



CHICOPEE BEACH VOLLEYBALL RULES & REGULATIONS: 2016

2016 Captains Meeting: *Thursday, May 19th, 2016 @ 6:00pm (Wednesday League) and @7:00pm (Thursday League) in the Silvertip Lounge*

LEAGUE FORMAT:

- a. **14 week session: 14 weeks + 2 weeks of playoffs**
- **Wednesday League- June 1st to August 31st**
 - **Thursday League- June 2nd to September 1st**

EQUIPMENT: Nets, Antennas, Lines, Balls, Flip Scoring

Chicopee will supply each league with balls, nets, lines, antennas, and a scoring flip chart. Balls that become old and not useable will be replaced. Each night teams will receive four balls and they will be replaced accordingly throughout the season. "CHICOPEE" will be written on each ball, so there should be no mistake as to which balls belong to the facility. Please advise staff of any damages or needed up-keep.

SCORING SYSTEM: Rally Point Scoring

Rally point scoring is a format of scoring where points can be won by either the serving or receiving team. Score is kept until the buzzer sounds. Once the buzzer sounds, if the ball is still in play, teams will continue play until the point is finished. Tie games after the buzzer are final. At the end of each game, please report all score to the hillside hut.

The first two games to 21 capped. The third game to 15 capped.

PLAYERS AT THE NET:

Reaching beyond the net

- a. A blocker may touch the ball beyond the net, provided that he/she does not interfere with the opponent's play, before or during the opponents attacking hit (3rd contact).
- b. A player is allowed to pass his/her hand beyond the net after his/her attacking hit.

- c. Therefore, the attacking player must touch the ball before it is blocked by the opponent for the block to be legal.

Contact with the Net

- a. Contact with the net by a player is not necessarily a fault. If it is made during the action of playing the ball or it interferes with play – it is a fault.
- b. Once the player has hit the ball, he/she may touch the post, rope or any other object outside the full length of the net provided that this does not interfere with play.
- c. The ball can contact any part of the net and its supporting ropes and cables, but not the poles, antennas or eye hooks, during play.
- d. A serve hitting the net and clearing the net is considered **IN PLAY**.

PLAYING THE BALL:

- a. Each team is entitled to a maximum of **3** hits (in addition to blocking) to return the ball.
- b. Players must play the ball off any part of their body, including feet. Note: Kicking the ball is allowed.**
- c. Open handed tips are allowed.
- d. Overhand, underhand and jump serves are all allowed.
- e. A touch on the block does not count as one of the three contacts allowed per team (block +3 touches)
- f. The ball can be played back to one's side of the net if it has crossed past the imaginary extension of the net on the sides of the court or under the net as long as a team has one or more contacts left.
- g. Spiking the ball is allowed.
- h. You may **NOT** spike or block the ball on a serve.

SERVING:

- a. Rotate new players in before your teams starts a new server
- b. A server may serve the ball from anywhere along the baseline
- c. Net serves are allowed (the ball is allowed to contact the net on a serve)

- d. **A maximum of 5 serves per player. After 5 serves a team rotates but still has serve, the other team just has the option to rotate their position as well.**

REFEREES:

There are no referees, all games are self-officiated. Teams are required to call their own violations to ensure sportsmanlike play of the league. Any disagreements in judgment calls result in a replay

PLAYING THE GAME:

- a. Games are 40 minutes in length.
- b. Each match will consist of a max of 3 sets (time permitted). Games are played to 21 points capped.
- c. Teams will receive 2 points for every set they win, 1 point for every tie and 0 points for a loss.
- d. A forfeit loss will result in a 21-0 win for the opposing team.
- e. Once the buzzer sounds to end the game, the buzzer will automatically reset, and within 5 minutes, the next set of games will begin.
- f. For both Wednesday and Thursday night leagues, teams must have at least 2 men and 2 women on the court at all times.
- g. **A team member from each opposing team is required to walk into the 'Hillside Hut' and physically write down the score on the score sheet following each game, as well as initial in the appropriate location. If teams do not report scores on game night and fail to notify the Beach Volleyball Coordinator of their game score by 12:00pm (noon) on the following day they will as a result forfeit that match. (brennan@chicopee.ca)**

HARASSMENT/VIOLENCE:

Chicopee Ski and Summer Resort will maintain a "zero tolerance" policy at all times for all of our programs we offer. If the Beach Volleyball Coordinator feels the need to step in and implement a warning to a team or individual player, the following actions will take place:

First Warning: Verbal

Second Warning: Team forfeits match and receive a written report

Third Warning: Team is removed from league without a refund.

WAIVERS AND LIABILITY:

All players are required to sign and hand in a Chicopee release waiver. The Chicopee Beach Volleyball coordinator will provide waivers at the Hillside Hut for all team captains to pick up on their first night of play, have their players sign, and return BEFORE each team's first match of the season. **Please arrive early on your first night of play to sign your waiver.** Failure to sign a waiver will result in those player's names not being added to the official "rosters" list which will make them ineligible to participate in playoffs.

BEVERAGES:

Alcoholic beverages are allowed only on the paved area surrounding the chalet and must be purchased from Chicopee. All drinks MUST be put in plastic cups. Please respect our rules surrounding alcoholic beverages as Chicopee must adhere to current regulations and liquor laws.

RAINOUTS and STAT HOLIDAYS: (with new league format, it leaves no room for make ups at the end of the season)

All games will be played rain or shine. If the court conditions are unplayable and/or if there is lightning, then games will be called. If a game is cancelled for any reason prior to game time, the **Beach Volleyball Coordinator will email the captain and inform them that the game is cancelled.** **As weather can change very quickly, unless you here from your team captain regarding cancelation, we ask that all players come to league night in any weather conditions ready to play. Games that are cancelled can now be rescheduled due to our new lights.**

Please inform all players that they are to call their respective team CAPTAINS to inquire about rainouts. Notifications of cancelled games will also appear on our website, www.discoverchicopee.com just after 4:00pm, as well as sent to all captains through email. Any games that are cancelled or rained out will NOT be made up

GAME CANCELLATIONS and DEPOSITS – Teams will NOT be able to re-schedule their games to a later date if your team can not attend a scheduled game, please notify Chicopee's Guests Services before 12:00pm on the day of your scheduled match so that we can notify the appropriate team. A default will be given if notice is not given by 12:00pm

\$100.00 Deposit:

- 1st Default - Verbal Warning

- 2nd Default - \$50.00
- 3rd Default = Deposit Lost

Default = 10 minutes late or No Show

Note** If team is 10 minutes late, captains can agree to play for fun or have the game count towards league standings

PLAYOFF ELIGIBILITY: Only players that are registered with the team by the official start of play will be eligible to play in the playoffs. Players must have participated in at least 50% of games to be eligible for the playoffs.

CHICOPEE BEACH ONLINE

Team Captains as well as other players can go online at www.discoverchicopee.com under the 'Volleyball' tab to find out:

- Game Times
- League Schedules
- Scores
- Standings

**All scores and league updates will occur on Fridays by end of day for every Chicopee Beach Volleyball League.

The above information will be available directly on the Chicopee website and will be up on the Chicopee website 1 week prior to leagues starting.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL COORDINATOR:

The Chicopee beach volleyball coordinator will be working each night the Chicopee beach leagues are running. The coordinator will assist any team or captain in rule clarification, conflicts, and score reporting. If the coordinator feels as though a team or player is in violation of the above harassment/violence guidelines, they have the right to ask the team to forfeit that game, potentially future games, and leave the property.

CHICOPEE HILLSIDE SUMMER SMASH TOURNAMENT: JULY 15TH 2016

This is a one day tournament offered to every team that has signed up Chicopee's 2016 Beach Volleyball League. The format of the tournament will depend on how many teams sign up, but we can guarantee every team at least 2 games. This tournament is free with registration so we encourage everyone to sign up by June 15th! The tournament will be opened up to the public if draw space is available.

BEST ACTION SHOT AWARD

Take an action shot of a teammate playing volleyball at Chicopee, post it to <http://www.facebook.com/discoverchicopee> and whichever picture has the most "Likes" by the end of the season, the person who took the picture will win a **2016/17 FULL DAY WINTER LIFT TICKET** for their entire team!