**RULES & REGULATIONS**

When you enter a team or participate in our leagues you are agreeing to comply with these rules. On entering every team must provide us with an email and cell phone contact.  \*If this contact person changes, please let us know.

**STANDARD MATCHPLAY RULES**

Standard volleyball rules apply. The main rules to be aware of when refereeing is:

* A player cannot touch the ball twice in a row.
* Blocks that connect with the ball do not count as a first touch.
* It is a net foul if a player touches any part of the net during game play (unless the oppositions ball propels the net into the player).
* A player must not carry (or catch & throw) the ball during play.
* Defending teams cannot block a player that is setting the ball on the other side of the net, unless that player is taking an attacking shot (one that would go over the net if not intercepted) or unless a part of the ball has crossed the plane of the net.
* A ball that hits the line is ‘in’.

**LOCAL RULES**

* It is a foul if a player’s whole foot is **on or over** the centre line. (This is a modification of the rules to prevent nasty injuries at a social level).
* Sets are played to 25 points exactly (teams do not need to win by two points).
* Games are played to time (meaning the last set is often incomplete).
* If the ball contacts the roof and does not pass over the net, play can continue.
* Serves must be made from behind the blue line marked on the Court.
* Games run for 40 minutes. (20mins halves)
* Teams are encouraged to wear a team uniform but not required.

## ****PARTICIPATION RULES****

* **Teams that fail to provide at least four of their regular players technically default their game 3-0.**In this situation teams are encouraged to play a friendly game with their remaining available players and fill in players as required. If your team needs to default, please contact Lisa Te Moananui or Simon Maposua.
* **Teams that use 1 or 2 (max) fill-in players and wish to avoid a default, must use players from the same grade or lower.** Teams using players from a higher grade can still play but will have their game defaulted.
* It is each team’s responsibility to check the draw regularly and to turn up on time for games.

### [**Fees**](http://beta.volleyball.co.nz/?page_id=286#collapseOne)

* Every team must pay the entry fee before their first game

### [**Referees**](http://beta.volleyball.co.nz/?page_id=286#collapseTwo)Duties

* Each team will be required to provide a referee for their own game. This requires only 1 player (to referee/ score).
* If you do not wish to find a referee, to hire a referee will cost $20 per game. This needs to be organised prior to the night with the YMCA. (Contact Lisa or Simon). Teams that fail to provide a referee concede 2 competition points and we reserve the right to eject the team if duties are continuously missed.

### [**Draws**](http://beta.volleyball.co.nz/?page_id=286#collapseFour)

* Draws and results are posted regularly to our website.  From time to time we will need to amend the draws because of unforeseen circumstances. When this happens, the new draw will be uploaded onto the website and an email will be sent to the contact person in your team.  If you have a legitimate preference, then let us know.  However, we cannot always cater for your preferences and this is not guaranteed.
* Semi finals and finals will be played in the last two weeks of our league. Every team will be playing on these nights regardless of position.

### **Results**

* Results are posted on the website after each round.  The scoring system is: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, plus total sets won. (incomplete sets where one team has reached at least 8 are scored at 0.5).

### [**Prizes**](http://beta.volleyball.co.nz/?page_id=286#collapseFive)

* Teams that have the highest total score in each grade will win the Whanau Volley Cup.

### [**Fair Play**](http://beta.volleyball.co.nz/?page_id=286#collapseSix)

* Please treat other teams and players with respect and courtesy. Our leagues are about having fun! Teams that do not abide by this very reasonable rule may be asked to leave our competition.