

SFTS -Volleyball tournament

1. FIVB published rules for beach volleyball would be followed. This mentions some and any variations to the standard rules.
2. The tournament will be divided into two major rounds - a round-robin among all participating teams and a final round. The top two winning teams in the round-robin will play the finals for 1st and 2nd place.
3. Members interested in playing in volleyball tournament are requested to register in SFTS web site <http://www.sfts.org>. SFTS encourages team registration. If you are not in any specific team SFTS coordinators will assign you a team on the day of the tournament
4. Following are important in team formation:
 - a. A team cannot have more than 8 players in its roster
 - b. Once when the match has begun, players in the roster cannot be changed without the permission from the coordinators. Coordinators would take decision on case-to-case basis. A decision taken by the coordinators on one case cannot be cited in another case
5. Every team will field a maximum of 6 players on the court to play
6. Substitution of players are only allowed before the start of a serve. Only the rear-center player can be substituted.
7. In every game, a side is allowed a maximum of 2 timeouts
8. Every match would be played for best of 3 games. The 3rd game is the deciding game
9. The rally point system is adopted. The first two games will be played for 25 points. A team that first scores 25 points with a 2 point difference (no cap on scores) would be declared winner of the game
10. The deciding game will be played for 15 points. A team that first scores 15 points with a 2 point difference (no cap on scores) would be declared winner of the match
11. Except for the first serve of a game, every serve run should begin after rotating the position of the players. This is mandatory and need to be performed as shown in the figure.
12. Facing the net the serve should always be performed by the player occupying the rear right-most position.
13. A player can take another turn to serve only after every member of his team has served once in the serve rotation
14. Before the start of every serve all players on either side should take their original position (position after the rotation was performed)
15. At the time of playing the ball, no part of the body should come in contact with the net. Doing so is fault.
16. While serving, the ball has to be tossed before it is played. Not tossing the ball will be deemed as a fault. Holding the ball in one hand and playing it with the other hand is fault.
17. During serve, missing a tossed ball from playing is fault.
While playing, stepping into opponent court is not a foul. However, while doing so, if such action prevents an opponent player from playing then it is a fault
19. Every participant must sign a waiver form. This is mandatory
20. Please remember that the tournament is conducted to have fun. Every player are expected to treat their fellow members with respect and dignity. In case of any unpleasant incident the coordinators and/or organizers can halt the games. The team or individual causing the unpleasant incident can be taken off the game. Do not forget that a team, as a whole, cannot absolve itself of its responsibilities
21. The coordinators have the final say in any disputes
22. All participants are requested to strictly follow the rules. Rules will not be changed during the course of the games. Ignorance of rule is not an excuse.
23. Tie in final team scores will be resolved as follows:
Head-to-head
 - a. Win-to-lose rate calculated in the following order:
 - i. $\frac{\text{number of games won}}{\text{number of games played}}$
 - ii. $\frac{\text{number of points won}}{\text{total number of points played}}$
 - b. Play another match (between the tied teams) to resolve the tie

24. Changing sides

- (i) In the initial rounds (round-robin) switch sides at the end of every game
- (ii) In the knock-out rounds change sides at the end of every 8 points played and, at the end of every game
- (iii) In the tie breaker game change sides at the end of every 8 points played. Valid for all rounds

