

## BEACH VOLLEYBALL SUMMER Summary of League Rules & Format - 2024

Summer League Start Date: Week of May 27

Summer League End Date: Week of Aug 26

### Mixed 6s Pool Set-up and Schedule

- Mixed 6s pools consists of four to seven teams per pool.
- Mixed 6s team entry teams may have unlimited players on their roster as long as all players appear on their registration form by the Roster Closing Date of June 30<sup>th</sup>. No additions or changes can be made after that date.
- Mixed 6s league assembled teams are capped at 8 players to allow for absences throughout the season. Extra players may sub in from either side on the serve rotation.
- Generally, one hour timeslots are allocated per pool and slightly longer for pools of seven teams. Four games are played per team per week, 12-14 minutes each.
- Mixed 6's teams will be grouped into 3 pools (A, B and C).
- The season will be divided into three segments, (Segment 1, 2 & 3).
- Teams will be randomly assigned to pools for the first segment and re-grouped in subsequent segments according to skill level and based on seeding in the standings (refer to **Re-Grouping of Pools** below).
- The game schedule is available at [www.basl.ca/schedules.html](http://www.basl.ca/schedules.html) and shows which pools play at what times on each evening.
- For an equitable allocation of playing time for all teams and players throughout the season each pool will play in each time slot for 2 weeks and then rotate to the next time slot.

### Pool Rotation Example:

	<b>Week 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Week 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>Week 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>Week 7 &amp; 8</b>
<b>7:15 pm</b>	Pool A	Mixed 4s	Pool C	Pool B
<b>8:15 pm</b>	Pool B	Pool A	Mixed 4s	Pool C
<b>9:15 pm</b>	Pool C	Pool B	Pool A	Mixed 4s
<b>10:15 pm</b>	Mixed 4s	Pool C	Pool B	Pool A

### Game Schedule

- All teams play four games per night against different teams, 12-14 minutes each.
- Matches are as evenly distributed as possible using a Court Rotation process.

### Standings, Scoring and Seeding

- As some teams may play slightly more or less games than others over time seeding is calculated by the win/loss ratio expressed as a percentage (PCT).  
Example: 3 Wins (W) & 1 Loss (L) = 0.750 (PCT)
- All teams will be seeded from highest PCT to lowest PCT.
- Standings ties are broken by most wins, followed by least losses.

### Playoffs

- All qualified teams will participate in the playoffs during the final week of the program.
- Teams that forfeit three or more weeks of play during the regular season will not qualify to participate in the playoffs.
- Playoffs will be a double knock-out format. Teams must lose twice to be eliminated.
- Playoff dates for each pool level are TBD.

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#### **Re-Grouping of Pools**

- At the start of the second and third segments, (see game schedule for pool change dates) teams are re-grouped into pools based on their relative skill level and ranking in the standings.
- Typically the top teams in each Pool will move up a level.
  - o The top 1 or 2 teams in Pool C will move up to Pool B
  - o The top 1 or 2 teams in Pool B will move up to Pool A
- Likewise, the bottom teams in each Pool will move down a level.
  - o The bottom 1 or 2 teams from Pool A will move down to Pool B
  - o The bottom 1 or 2 teams from Pool B will move down to Pool C
- On-Site Hosts will make this determination and reserve the right to move one team, two or more teams, or zero teams if necessary.
- All teams will start with zero points at the beginning of each new segment.
- This is to allow for greater competition in the new pools as all teams are starting equally to compete for the top spots in their pool.

#### **Referees**

- All games are self-refereed with an emphasis on fair play and sportsmanship.
- Standard volleyball rules apply: Exceptions Include:
  - o intentional foot contact is prohibited.
  - o open hand tipping is disallowed.
- Team captains must determine and agree in advance of each game if there are any other exemptions they wish to introduce for their specific game.
- If there is disagreement about a call during a game, a re-serve shall be called.

#### **Basic Rules:**

- No intentional kicking of the ball.
- Teams may borrow sideline players to avoid a forfeit ONLY IF these players are preregistered with B.A.S.L. and are participants on another registered team.
- Teams MAY NOT borrow players in the playoffs and must use only players on their roster.
- Teams may include as many players on their roster as they wish however all rosters will be closed effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. No further additions or changes will be accepted after this date.
- Avoid crossing the middle "line" to prevent injury.
- 5 serve maximum applies. After the 5<sup>th</sup> serve the team must rotate to the next server
- Service contact must be made with hand or arm only.
- Service can be initiated anywhere behind the end line within the sidelines.
- A ball that hits the net on the serve and goes over is live and playable.
- Blocking a serve is prohibited.

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#### **Basic Rules (Continued):**

- No open hand tips allowed.
- A legal tip or soft shot must be made with:
  - o a closed hand fist (hard contact with the ball).
  - o knuckle or heel of the hand or the back of the hand.
- 4s Only - If the ball touches the block it DOES count as the 1st contact.
- The blocker has the right to play the 2nd contact.
- Any net touch is a fault.
- Blocking a ball across the net is legal provided that the blocker doesn't interfere with the opponents attack and the opponent has completed all of their three hits.
- 4s Only - All players are considered front row participants and can spike or block at any time.

#### **Minimum Gender - 4's Sessions**

- Mixed 4's teams may play with as few as two players to avoid a forfeit.
- A minimum of one of each gender must be on the courts at all times.
- When two or more of either gender are present, a minimum of two of that gender must be on the courts at all times. (Example: 3M & 2F present – 2 of each gender must play at all times).
- No rotation is required except when ensuring proper service rotation.

#### **Minimum Gender - 6's Sessions**

- Mixed 6's teams may play with as few as four players to avoid a forfeit.
- Mixed 6's teams require a minimum of 2 male AND 2 female players on the courts at all times.

#### **Equipment**

- Four BASL game balls are provided for league play, (one per court plus one extra).
- If a ball goes over the fence, an individual from the team that hit it over must retrieve it.
- The convener must be advised where the ball exited in order to receive a replacement to continue the game.
- Players are required to bring their own warm up balls to practice with.

#### **Inclement Weather**

- Play is temporarily suspended during heavy rain or if lightning is present in the vicinity.
- Depending on the severity, the decision to cancel games may be made in advance by BASL or if a storm moves in during play, it may be made by the convener on site.
- On inclement weather days, weather updates can be viewed at [www.basl.ca](http://www.basl.ca).

#### **Weekly Attendance:**

- If less than three (3) teams show up to play for any given session, the session will be cancelled for the evening.
- Attending teams may participate in exhibition games for that session.
- No game results will be recorded.

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### **Sponsoring Restaurant – QBs Sports Bar Grill Games**

- All teams are invited to frequent our sponsoring restaurant weekly directly following all games.
- [QB's Sports Bar Grill Games](#) at 4460 Fairview Street and Appleby Line is excited to host all players and teams with weekly specials and league specific benefits. Examples include:
  - Teams are offered a free pizza once their orders per table exceed \$100.
  - Teams are also offered a 10% rebate at the end of the season on their seasonal expenditures.
    - Teams must keep and consolidate all weekly receipts.
    - Teams must write BASL on the back of each receipt.
    - Teams must submit all receipts to QBs management at the end of the season to receive their 10% rebate.

### **On-Site Alcohol Policy:**

- Facility Management at 5065 Benson Drive strictly prohibits ANY alcohol possession and consumption anywhere on their premises.
- Individuals that violate this restriction may be asked to leave the premises immediately.
- Repeat offenders may be banned from the property indefinitely.