

# **DVA League Rules and Procedures and Participant Code of Conduct**

## **DVA's MISSION STATEMENT:**

To promote the pursuit of competitive volleyball for the Arizona LGBT community and its supporters through a balance of athletic and social activities, including recruiting, coaching, mentoring, and development of leagues and tournaments to benefit all individuals.

## **LEAGUE PARTICIPATION:**

All participants must be paid and registered with the league and have signed the DVA waiver and release form. Unsportsmanlike or improper conduct will not be tolerated and will be subject to the appropriate penalty, including, but not limited to, warnings, suspension, or expulsion from the league. Final decisions rest with the DVA Board of Directors.

## **CAPTAIN'S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. The captain is responsible for knowing all of the league guidelines and rules which can be found on the website, [www.desertvolleyballalliance.org](http://www.desertvolleyballalliance.org).
2. The captain is responsible for having all of his/her team's contact information, and making sure that team members have his/hers.
3. The captain is responsible for attaining subs when one or more of his/her players will not be able to attend, (this means that his/her players are also responsible for letting the captain know, in advance when possible, that he/she will be unavailable.)
4. The captain is responsible for making sure that his/her team shows up on time to get warmed up and ready to play/officiate the matches for which their team is scheduled.
5. The captain is responsible for getting information and updates to his/her team.
6. The captain is responsible for recording scores and signing the score sheet after the game and making sure that the information on it is correct.
7. The captain is responsible for designating an "acting captain" if he/she is absent.
8. The captain is responsible for letting DVA have current contact information and e-mail addresses.

*Captains* - please get in the habit of checking the website and your e-mail often so that you and your team will be aware of any updated information, parties, and team standings that may be sent out or posted on the website.

## **MATCH RULES:**

1. Matches will start promptly at their scheduled time.
2. The 30-minute matches consist of a 5-minute warm-up and two games. (TIMED PLAY IS NOT IN EFFECT – WILL BE ONLY UTILIZED IF NECESSARY)
3. All games will begin at 1 and be played to 25 points with a cap of 27. All games will be rally scoring.
4. If two teams are tied at the end of the time allotted, then the next point scored will win the game.
5. Teams are granted two timeouts per game except the final two minutes of the allotted match time.
6. Teams may play with a minimum of four players on the court and can play with two permitted substitutions (see substitution policy). Teams with less than three “rostered” players must forfeit their game(s).
7. All Divisions – unless excluded by the League Director - will utilize the “ghost player” rule when less than six players are present on the court. (EFFECTIVE 2<sup>nd</sup> SESSION).
8. If an injury or emergency causes a team to have less than four players during a match, the team will not be penalized and the match will continue.
9. If a ball from another court enters the court and interrupts play, play must be immediately stopped and must be restarted with no penalty to either team.
10. Keeping the matches on-time with the provided time schedule and calling “TIME” when the allotted time expires.
11. No player or ball may cross onto adjacent court even if court is currently unoccupied.

## **DIVISIONS:**

Divisions for league play are defined as follows. DVA reserves the right to re-define divisions as needed based on player and team registrations.

	<b>Level</b>	<b>DVA/NAGVA Rating</b>	<b>Description</b>
Advanced / Upper Intermediate	Expert	AA	A player who consistently displays top caliber development and execution of all volleyball skills.
	Advanced	A	A player who consistently displays advanced development of the skills of passing, setting, or spiking to compete as a specialist or an all-around player with the ability to consistently execute the dynamics of power volleyball.
	Intermediate	BB	A player who consistently displays intermediate development of two or more "specialty" skills of serving, hitting (including rolling and dinking), setting, passing, or blocking. Comfortable with defensive positions, transitions, and various offensive schemes. Regularly uses plays, strategy, and teamwork.
	Upper B	B	Better and more consistent with the basic individual skills of serving, hitting, passing, setting, and blocking. Should fully understand the 6-2 offense and perimeter defense, and be familiar with a 5-1 offense. Starting to use teamwork and offensive and defensive strategy.
Intermediate / Recreational	Lower B	B	Competent but inconsistent with the basic individual skills of serving, hitting, passing, setting, and blocking. Learning positions in a 6-2 offense; basic defensive positioning.
	Beginner	C (rec)	Learning the basic individual skills: serving, hitting, passing, setting, and blocking. Learning positions in serve-receive and a center-set offense.
	Novice	C (rec)	New to the game, first experience with volleyball.

### **SUBSTITUTION POLICY:**

Any team that needs a substitute player can choose any available player from the posted substitution list. Teams cannot choose a player from a “higher” division. A team with six original team members present cannot substitute any players. If a team loses a player, they may find a suitable replacement to be added to their roster upon approval from the League Board.

It is the captain’s responsibility to bring any player issues to the League Board. Any exceptions to this rule will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

### **PROTEST POLICY:**

Any captain that wishes to make a protest during league play must do so in writing to the League Board within 24 hours of the incident in question. The scheduled match must be completed in the time frame allotted.

### **OPEN PLAY POLICY:**

The goal of open play is to ensure active participation for *all* members. Open play should adhere to the following guidelines:

- If others are waiting to play on the court, a team may only play a maximum of two games, and then rotate off the court, even if the team won the last game.
- To play on a court, a single representative from each team wishing to play must sign in courtside/in between courts to hold his/her team’s place in line.
- If you do not have a full team to play, you may still wait in line, and then pick up players once it is your turn to play.
- Any issues regarding open play should be brought to the attention of the league director(s).

### **PARTICIPANTS CODE OF CONDUCT:**

To ensure good sportsmanship on and off of the court, DVA has adopted the following participants' code of conduct to reinforce the rules contained in the current USAV indoor volleyball regulations:

- Participants must accept referees' decisions with sportsmanlike conduct, without disputing them. In case of doubt, clarification may be requested only through the team captain.
- Participants must refrain from actions or attitudes aimed at influencing the decisions of the referees or covering up faults committed by their team.
- Rude conduct (for example, yelling or expressing contempt), offensive conduct (for example, profanity), and aggression (actual or threatened) will be sanctioned according to USAV regulations.

- Kicking, throwing, or slamming a volleyball or any other object that risks injury to others will be sanctioned as rude conduct. Doing any of these actions in a manner directed at a specific individual will be sanctioned as aggression.
- The possession of illegal drugs or weapons at any DVA-sponsored event will result in the participant's removal from the venue and suspension from league play.
- The consumption of alcohol is prohibited at venues and is discouraged to the extent that it inhibits the participant's ability to participate safely and respectfully.
- *TOURNAMENT PLAY ONLY*: Referees, scorekeepers, and line judges shall not use a cell phone, iPod, or any similar device and they may not wear a “hoodie” in an effort to conceal these devices. Moreover, referees, scorekeepers, and line judges shall not hold conversations with bystanders or other team members while officiating a match. Please show the teams you are officiating the same respect and attention you would desire while on the court.