

## DRAFT

### City of Huntington Beach BEACH VOLLEYBALL RULES

1. COURT USE:
  - All courts are first come, first serve. Note: see #5 regarding challenge courts.
  - To obtain a court, there must be a minimum of two people either playing or practicing volleyball.
  - A court cannot be “saved” by putting an article of clothing, chair, beach blanket, towel on court.
  - If all courts are full, the minimum player requirement increases to four and maximum play will be two hours.
2. NET ADJUSTMENT: The courts have adjustable nets and you are allowed to adjust nets to the pre-determined levels set on the poles.
3. AVAILABLE VOLLEYBALL COURTS: Generally, courts are available at the Pier, 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Beach Blvd, and adjacent to the beach concession stands. The number of courts available can vary based on time of year and other planned beach activities.
4. PORTABLE NETS: There are additional poles located at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Beach Blvd and public can bring own nets.
5. CHALLENGE COURTS: Specific courts are not set aside as “Challenge Courts” however, Groups may use a court for a period of time and have challenge games.
6. ETIQUETTE: Behavior, including verbal or physical abuse, abuse of nets or poles, excessive profanity, public drunkenness, or actions that interfere with the well-being, safety and enjoyment of other players will not be tolerated. For safety reasons personal items such as chairs, umbrellas, ice chests should not be placed in between courts. Players exhibiting unacceptable behavior may be removed from the courts by a City Lifeguard or Police.
7. RULES OF THE GAME: Rules shall be appropriate to the level of play. Where there are disparate levels of play, rules shall apply to the higher level (e.g. in hand setting). No referees are present. The policy is to call your own fouls and settle disputes with a replay.
8. PRACTICE: Practices (either team or individual) are allowable only if there are no players waiting for a court. Coaches or trainers who receive payment for training services are advised that they must secure the appropriate permits from Community Services before conducting such sessions or may be subject to civil action per city’s municipal code.
9. PERMITTED EVENTS: City-permitted events and city conducted programs and events have priority over first come, first serve for the defined number of courts within the permit.
10. ENFORCEMENT: These are guidelines. The City is asking for voluntary compliance so that everyone can enjoy their beach volleyball play in Huntington Beach.