

# MUD VOLLEYBALL RULES

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All participants play at their own risk. Every effort to insure safety has been made, but a mud pit carries an obvious risk. Gym shoes will be required. No spike shoes or sandals are allowed. This is a two day tournament, beginning at 8 AM. **Please note: Due to COVID-19, all players and attendees are subject to a temperature check if symptoms such as coughing and shortness of breath are seen. Please do not attend or play if you are sick, or have been in close contact with someone that was recently diagnosed with COVID-19. We reserve the right to ask anyone in attendance to leave for the safety of our players and guests.**

1. Coed teams: Must have a minimum of two girls on the court at all times. Minimum of six to maximum of 8 players on the court. If you cannot meet team requirements for a match, the match will result in a forfeit. Teams will not be reimbursed for forfeited matches. Tournament format is double elimination.
2. Each team captain must check in at least 1 hour before their first game with a complete roster and waiver sheet. Players on a roster can only play on one team. After a roster has been turned in, you cannot add players. There is a maximum of 10 players on a roster.
3. Teams must be present 30 minutes prior to their next game. Games will last until a score of 21 and win by two (Rally Score, every serve and side-out counts as score) , first team to 24 points, or 20 minute rule on game. If a match ends early, the next match will begin within 5 minutes. If a team is not present prior to a match ending early, then the team without a full team will forfeit their match.
4. Line calls will be called by honor system. If there is a disputed call, then the official appointed to your court will make the call.
5. The tournament supervisor may eject any player who displays un sportsman-like conduct . Any player arguing with an official will be asked to leave the game and immediate vicinity. Failure to leave will result in forfeiture. Players removed from match will not be allowed to participate in future matches.
6. A female player does not have to hit the ball before it goes over the net.
7. Ropes will line up on edge of court pits. Any ball that hits the line is counted in.
8. You cannot spike the ball with two hands.
9. Players may step on or outside the ropes to play a ball.
10. Servers must start out with the back side of their foot touching the court side of the ropes. The servers are allowed one step off of the ropes.
11. Any players remaining on the sideline, must substitute in at the server position. Only exception, is if there is an injury, then substitute at the position of injury.
12. Players may not purposely add mud to the ball. PENALTY: SIDE OUT/POINT TO OTHER TEAM.
13. Winner of coin toss chooses serve or side.
14. Each team is allowed one 60 second timeout per game. Only team captain may call timeout.
15. Games may not be protested.
16. You may not block or attack a serve.

17. All serves will be underhand, this game is recreational format.
18. Intentional delay of game will result in point for opposing team, as determined by official.
19. Spectators and substitute players must remain 10' from court.
20. Matches will continue in the rain. In the event lightning is sighted, the tournament director reserves the right to suspend play, alter, and/or cancel matches at his/her discretion.
21. If your team decides to drop out, please notify registration table.
22. Keep children (and other non-participants) out of the mud at all times!!
23. Team t-shirts will be distributed, once team fee is paid and waivers turned in.
24. **Alcohol will NOT be allowed outside of beer garden.** ID's will be required to purchase alcohol. Please leave all ID bracelets on for purchasing alcohol.
25. Winning score will be reported to Registration Table by the winning team captain, that is where the tournament bracket will be. Need the score of both teams.
26. The server at the beginning of each service must call out the score. Failure to do so results in side-out and point awarded to other team.
27. Crossing under the net is permitted unless it interferes with the play of the opposing team or is ruled flagrant.
28. All net violations will be called.
29. Open hand hits are permitted providing the ball is not caught, thrown, or otherwise directed.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

1. Bring duct tape, helps seal up shoes and other clothing that you don't want mud to get into. Taping shorts to tucked in shirts prevents shorts from falling.
2. No glass or grills allowed.
3. Wear appropriate clothing, remember wet clothing becomes see through, anything we consider inappropriate, we will ask you to change clothing or leave the event.
4. No jewelry allowed include facial piercing. These are extremely dangerous during this event.
5. Wearing swimsuits under clothes makes showering easier.
6. Contact lenses are not recommended.
7. Swim goggles may be helpful.
8. Bring plenty of towels.
9. A spray bottle filled with water helps clean your face off.
10. A bucket of water helps for quick clean ups.
11. Bring a cover for your vehicle's seat.
12. HAVE FUN AND ENJOY A MUD BATH!!