

BNA Volleyball

The Primary reason the Branlyn Neighbourhood Association (BNA) provides a volleyball league is for everyone involved to have some fun and organized recreation with their neighbours through playing volleyball. Participants will come from varying backgrounds and experience and the BNA hopes all participants will find part of the fun will be sharing their experiences with others and when there is an opportunity, will help others benefit from their experience.

Important Dates:

October 14th 2018 – League start date
November 18th & December 30th – No games
February 8th & 9th 2019 – Charity Tournament
February 17th 2019 – No games
March 10th 2019 – No games
April 12th & 13th 2019 – Year-end Tournament
April 13th 2018 - Banquet

Effective January 6, 2019, The Division now known as B2 will be designated as the C Division. All other things such as team names, points, standings etc. will remain unchanged. This change is being made to avoid further confusion between the Divisions of B and B2. The schedule and scoresheets will be revised to reflect this change.

Revised Rules

The Rules have been reviewed and some have been slightly changed to allow participants to have as full a volleyball experience as possible for the 75-minute matches. We employ referees who understand this mission and who will encourage fair and fun play for everyone while officiating the matches.

1. All teams are to appoint a team Captain and Assistant Captain. It is the responsibility of the team captain or assistant captain to inform each player on their team of all league rules, dates, and general information.
2. The league is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
3. If Children are brought to the league games. they must be fully supervised. They must remain in the gym that the parent is playing in. Our contract with the city does not permit children to be unsupervised anywhere in the community centre. If you have an alternative to bringing children, it would probably be more fun for the children AND parents/guardians to not have to worry about the children while at Branlyn.
4. A year-end tournament will be played at the end of the season. Please make sure that your team is aware of the date. There is a year-end banquet that is included in your registration fee.
5. Each team may add a single player to their roster from a team from the **same Division or lower** if they are short **making sure there can be no more than 3 males on the court during play**. The substitute player's name must be entered on the game sheet and their 'home' team noted beside their name. Substitute player must be wearing their 'home' team shirt.

6. Teams will be allowed to play using a "Ghost Player" if they are short players and cannot field a full team. Captains may clarify with the referee, if necessary, how the Ghost rule will be applied with respect to rotation and serving. The essence of the Ghost Rule is to allow a team to play with only 5 players provided there are no more than 3 males on the court at any time. Team Captains are encouraged to create an environment on their teams which welcomes every player on their team to participate in as many matches as they are able so the use of the Ghost Rule is minimal.
7. Captains should encourage every team member to wear league assigned shirts to every match to show appreciation to the sponsors who support our BNA League activities. Shirts cannot be altered in any way. Players with altered shirts will be requested to purchase a new shirt at their own expense. However, if a team has any players playing, who for any reason are not wearing a sponsor shirt, our referees have been instructed to discourage this practice by penalizing such a team by awarding the opposing team 5 points at the beginning of each set in the match.
8. Each team should have 6 players on the court. If a player becomes injured, the team with the injured player may continue to play by substituting the injured player with a registered team player **OR** borrowing a player from the same or lower division **OR** play using the Ghost Rule. Regardless of their choice, the **maximum number of males allowed on the court will be 3**. If none of those options are feasible and the injured player cannot return to play within three (3) minutes, the subsequent sets will result in a forfeit.
9. Teams will play 5 sets per night, with 1 point awarded for each set won.
10. All matches will be played on Sundays at Branlyn Community Centre. Start times will be allocated once registration is complete and the number of teams enrolled is known. The first set must start immediately or either team not being able, defaults the first set. A 15-minute grace period is allowed before each of the remaining sets becomes a default (total of 1 hour). A maximum 1 hour and 15-minute time limit will apply for all 5 sets.
11. The first four sets will be played to 25 points with a 2-point margin for victory and 27- point maximum. The final set will be played to 15 points with a 2-point margin and a 17-point cap.
12. A team captain may request one 30 second time out in each of the first four sets or the first 60 minutes of the match (whichever comes first). No time outs will be permitted during the 5th set. Exception may be made at any point in the match for an injury where the time out is called by the ref. An injured player has up to three (3) minutes to resume playing (as per VC Rulebook) or leave the court.
13. All matches are to begin and finish promptly with no exceptions. If a set is not finished when the 1 hour and 15-minute time limit is up, the team ahead at that time wins. The referee's decision is final regarding the starting and finishing times. The referee will announce the time left during game play (ex. 5 min, 3 min, 1 min, last serve). In the event of a tied set with one minute or less remaining, the referee will announce "last serve" and the winner of this rally will win the set.
14. Ball handling is NEVER open for discussion with a referee, nor protest.
15. Floor captains ONLY will address a referee during a match.
16. Referees have the authority to eject a player from a match for unsportsmanlike conduct or using profanity after 1 warning. BNA Neighborhood Association Executive members and Volleyball Committee members also have this authority. If a player does not leave when asked, their team will forfeit all subsequent sets to be played that evening. The player(s) removed, will be issued a Breach of Code of Conduct letter and will have to meet with the volleyball committee before being allowed to play again.
17. All referees' decisions are final.
18. For safety reasons, no hats, hard splints or casts are permitted.
19. Teams are responsible for set-up (First teams in each gym) and take down (Last teams to play). Both teams playing are responsible and should be sure a few team members help and not rely on one team to set-up or take down.

20. Only players registered with the BNA can legally play. If a team is found to be playing with illegal players more than once, the League Executive will investigate and discuss the problem with the team and players and render a decision.
21. There is a 5-serve maximum in our league in order to encourage all layers to have an opportunity to fully participate. After 5 consecutive serves by the same player, that team must rotate before continuing to serve.
22. All teams will fill out a game sheet before their match and submit it to the referee. Only those players who dress and play for any of the sets may be put on the game sheet. If a player arrives late for a match, he or she may be added to the game sheet at time of arrival. A player arriving in the gym during a match may play in a set in progress. He/she must be added to the lineup and play in all subsequent sets.
23. After the match, both team captains and the referee, will sign the game sheet to confirm all the information is accurate. Once signed, the information on the game sheet is final. Failure to comply may result in a forfeit of the match. **Please print clearly.**
24. Players may substitute players into a set. Unlimited substitutions are allowed between the same two players in each set. Alternately, each player in the rotation may consistently exit and re-enter the court in a continuous sequence. All teams will decide which method they will use at the beginning of each set. When exceptional substitution is necessary due to an injury, VC rules will apply. In the event of an injury substitution, the player coming off is not allowed to re-enter that match. Regardless of any of the above, a team may not have more than 3 males on the court at one time. There is no maximum number of females who can be on the court at one time.
25. Each team should supply an extra person to call lines. Line judges are secondary refs to the 1st ref and may or may not be consulted at any given time regarding a ball being in, out or touched. The 1st referee may overrule a line judge.
26. Any team which must be warned about not playing within the spirit of the league, may not be invited to play in subsequent years.
27. All players are responsible for cleaning up their garbage after their matches. Do not rely on the teams following you to clean up after you. If you are cleaning up after a team whom played prior to you the convener needs to be advised so the issue can be addressed

As a final reminder we expect all players, coaches, parents or spectator to remember to maintain a positive attitude toward other players, referees, league executive and facility staff always. There is a Zero Tolerance policy for any and all forms of harassment or intimidation. Behaviour which is contrary to the basic principles and purpose of the Branlyn Neighbourhood Association may result in expulsion from the gym or the facility by a referee or League Executive member and immediate suspension of League privileges. In order to return, such person will be required to file an appeal, in writing to the League Convener or their designate, within 48 hours of receiving a written "Notice of Breach of Conduct" and appear before the sports committee at a mutually agreeable time and location. The sports committee shall have final authority for re-instatement.