Branlyn Neighbourhood Association
Volleyball League

THIS IS A NEIGHBOURHOOD LEAGUE RUN SOLEY BY VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE REMEMBER, WE ARE FIRST A NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION AND A VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE SECONDLY. PLEASE CONDUCT YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

Any player, captain, or spectator who harasses or attempts to intimidate a referee or an Executive Member of the Branlyn Neighbourhood Association, or who conducts themselves in a manner which is contrary to the basic principle of the Association to make the league both fun and recreational, or who is ejected from the game by either a Referee or League Executive Member, shall receive an IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION from the league. 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.

VC Rulebook will be followed with following exceptions:

1. All teams are to appoint a team, Captain. It is the responsibility of the team captain to inform each player of all league rules, dates and general information.

2. All Players must be registered with the league and can only be registered with one team in the BNA. Players must be 18 years old before the end of the season to play in the league.

3. In the event you do not have enough players, teams may borrow up to 2 players (to bring borrowing team to a maximum of 6). You may pull from any division. Gender does not matter as long as the team has no more than 3 males on the court at one time. Borrowed player(s) must be indicated on the roster including which team they are borrowed from. The borrowed player must wear their current "home" team shirt when playing for another team. PLAYERS CANNOT BE BORROWED FOR END OF YEAR TOURNAMENT.

4. All players must wear current team shirt once issued by league. Player(s) not wearing team shirt may play but team starts EACH SET (game) at 0-5. Shirts may not be altered in any way. Players with altered shirts will be requested to purchase a new one at their own expense.

5. Team rosters must be filled out and submitted to the Referee by team captains before each match. Players arriving late may NOT play in a set in progress. He/she may be added to the roster and play in all remaining sets.

6. Sets must start on time as per schedule. Defaults occur each 15 minutes following the scheduled start time if a team is short. Matches must finish on time. Referee will advise teams when time is winding down. Referee's decision is final regarding last service if time is expired.

7. Each team can have up to 6 players on the court with a maximum of 3 men.

8. Each team will be allowed to use a "Ghost Player" as many times as required through out the season as well as for tournaments. If a team playing with a ghost has a player that becomes injured and no substitutions are available, the team will have to forfeit the remainder of the match or tournament.

9. For safety reasons, no hats/toques, hard splints or casts are permitted while playing.

10. Unlimited substitutions are allowed between the same two players each game. Alternately, each player in the rotation may consistently exit and re-enter the court in a continuous sequence. When a team chooses this method, only men will come on the court for another man and only women will come on the court for another woman. All teams will decide which method they will use at the beginning of each SET. Exceptional substitution rules will apply in the case of an injury. In the event of an injury substitution, the player coming off is not allowed to re-enter that set.

11. Winner of coin toss may choose side, serve or receive. The other team has the remaining choice.

12. Teams will play 5 sets per night, with 1 point awarded for each set won. 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. There are not time outs permitted in league play with the exception of an injury where the time is call by the ref. An injured player has up to three (3) minutes to resume playing (as per VC Rulebook) or leave court.

13. There is a five serve maximum. When a player has served 5 times and it is still the teams turn to serve, the team will rotate.

14. Server must keep at least one food behind the yellow/baseline when serving.

15. Floor captains only should address a referee during a match. Referees may use discretion regarding this in the case of a "teaching opportunity".

16. Each team is expected to provide an extra player to do lines whenever possible. This player is allowed to substitute into the game. Line judges are secondary to the referee and may or may not be consulted at any given time regarding a ball being in or out.

17. Following the match both captains and the referee will sign the game sheet indicating agreement with what is on the game sheet. Once signed the information on the game sheet is FINAL.

18. Judgement calls by referees including all ball handling is never open to discussion or protest.

19. Referee's decision with respect to ALL matters in a set is FINAL.

20. Referees have the authority to eject a player for unsportsmanlike conduct or using profanity after 1 warning. Branlyn 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 removed will be issued a Breach of Code Conduct letter and will have to meet with the volleyball committee before being allowed to play again.

21. Any team which has been warned about not playing within the spirit of the league, may not be invited to play in subsequent years.

22. All players are responsible for cleaning up their garbage after their games.

23. The league is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

24. If children are brought to league games, they are the parent's responsibility and MUST be supervised at all times. They must remain in the gym that the parent is playing in. Children are not allowed to run and play in the hall or washroom areas. Facility staff and or Branlyn Executive may request that unsupervised children leave the facility immediately.

25. A forfeit fee deposit of $105.00 per team is due upon registration. In the event a team forfeits $35.00 will be deducted form their deposit. At the end of the season this deposit will be refunded if there were no forfeits. This will be prorated should the team forfeit throughout the season.

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