

**BORGER COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER (BCAC)
FALL 2018 ADULT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE RULES**

A. ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

1. The playing rules for league will adhere to playing rules of U.S.A. Volleyball, www.usavolleyball.org, except as amended by the BCAC league bylaws and policies. Anyone with questions as to policies, rules, or regulations should contact the Deby Judd at BCAC - (806) 457-4218.
2. Good sportsmanship will be required of all league participants. Teams that register for the volleyball league accept, as a condition of participation, the following bylaws and rules and are subject to discipline as outlined herein.
3. **No refunds will be given once scheduling has commenced. No personal checks are accepted;** however, we will accept company/sponsor checks.

B. ROSTER/LEAGUE INFORMATION

1. Players must be on an official league roster to be eligible to participate.
2. Official roster forms are available at the Borger Community Activity Center at 1301 W. Roosevelt, Borger, TX 79007 or coaches have the option of downloading the registration form and roster information online at <http://www.fpctx.edu/bcac> . Rosters are due at the time fees are paid. Rosters must list a minimum of four players; mixed league rosters must have two men and two women before it will be accepted.
3. **League fee is \$110 for indoor seasons and \$100 for outdoor seasons.** Entry fees and rosters will be accepted until the established deadline date, which is listed on the next to the last page of the Bylaws.
4. All leagues are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights.
5. All league rosters are allowed eight free roster slots. Once the eighth slot has been filled, a new team will need to be created.
6. Roster additions cannot be made during the last two weeks of regular season play. **Only coaches or designated assistant coaches are allowed to make roster changes.**
7. Teams will be divided into league divisions as equally as possible by the BCAC at the end of registration.
8. Matches will be played mostly at the Borger Community Activity Center gym, with some potential matches held elsewhere based on scheduling; this will be communicated in advance.
9. Each season consists of 9 total weeks of play with 1-2 week(s) of tournament play. T-shirts will be awarded to the first place team of each division bracket.
10. **All coaches must supply an email address as no phone calls will be made for schedule changes unless it is a necessary LAST MINUTE change.**
11. **No alcohol or tobacco use is allowed on the premises of any BCAC Gym or surrounding facilities. Any team or player found breaking this rule will be removed from the league for the remainder of the season and two complete seasons thereafter.**
12. All players who participate in the BCAC Volleyball Leagues waive and release for all time, all rights and claims for damages they may have against the BCAC for any and all injuries suffered by themselves as a result of participating in the Borger Community Activity Center Volleyball Leagues.

C. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Players may play on one team only each night of offered play.
2. Roster additions have to be made known and paid for by 5 p.m. the day of the game in order for new player(s) to be legal. Roster additions cannot be made at the courts.
3. Player transfers from one team to another are not allowed unless the current player's coach and the have both approved the transfer.
4. **ALL PLAYERS MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE VALID IDENTIFICATION WITH A PHOTO I.D.**
5. **All players must be 16 years of age with written permission from a parent, or 18 as of the date of the volleyball match to participate in any of the BCAC volleyball league(s).** Any player that is found

to be under the age of 18 without written consent from their parent or legal guardian giving them permission to play will cause that team to forfeit the in-progress game and the team coach will be suspended for three complete matches.

D. GAME INFORMATION/PLAYING RULES

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct toward any city official, referee, player or spectator, regardless of the situation, is not acceptable and, depending on severity, could be terms for suspension of the coach, player or team. Coaches and all team members are to control the tempers of their players and spectators. If not, the entire team may be punished for the actions of one or more players.
2. Any team, coach or player with a referee concern should email or physically bring their written constructive criticism to the BCAC front desk.
3. At any point if a team drops below four players, the match will be forfeited against that team.
4. Each match will consist of two 15-minute games or the first team to score 25 points. If first two games result in a split, a third 10-minute game to 15 will follow. Each game must be won by two points, unless time expires. The point cap is 27 on a game to 25 and 17 on a game to 15. If cap is reached, only one point is needed to win. For example: if the score is 26 to 26, the next point wins.
5. Rally point scoring system will be used the entire match. This means there will be one point scored every time the ball has been served. The offense will score on a defensive miss or out of bounds hit. The defense will score on an offensive miss or out of bounds hit.
6. Teams will rotate each time they win the serve. Rotation will be in a clockwise manner.
7. When rotating on the serve during mixed league play, teams must alternate male and female or vice-versa.
8. All league matches must start with a minimum of four players on each team and can have a maximum of six players on the court at one time. Women can have no men on their team at any time during the women's league.
9. For mixed leagues, teams must have a minimum two players of each sex at match time to be able to play. Mixed teams may have the following combinations:
 - a. 2 men, 2 women
 - b. 2 men, 3 women
 - c. 2 men, 4 women
 - d. 3 men, 3 women

At no time during mixed league play can any team have more men on the court than women.

10. **Substitution Rule:** Teams must choose before each game whether they will substitute by rotation or by "rule" (as allowed in the U.S.A. volleyball rulebook). In order to substitute by "rule", all players on the team must have numbered jerseys, in order for the referees to be able to track the substitutions. Teams substituting by rule will not be limited by the number of total substitutions, however, the substitutes and the starting players that they replaced can never play at the same time and those two players must substitute for each other for the entire game. Teams substituting by rotation can only substitute during their rotation and may never make direct substitutions or substitute by "rule" in that game, including during timeouts. Players may not drop any player from the rotation, except in the case of an injury. If a player is dropped out of the rotation due to an injury, that player may not return to participate for the rest of that game. If a player drops out of the rotation for any reason other than an injury, it is considered a rotation violation and it will be a side out and a point for the opposing team. Teams may only sub in one person on each rotation. The only exception to this rule is if the team started the game with four players and their two final players showed up late. These two players may then rotate in at the middle back and corner back positions. These two players may not rotate in to be the next to serve or the server. Another exception to the guidelines for substituting by rule is that if a player who is replacing a player for the duration of the game, jerseys are not required for that substitution. However, the replaced player cannot return to play during the rest of the game.
11. Teams should try to be at least 10 minutes early to each match in order to keep matches running on time.
12. **Team captains are required to sign the score sheet after each match has been completed in order to assure the correct scores have been recorded. Not signing the score sheet does remove the responsibility for verifying the score. No protests will be accepted about a game score entered on**

the score sheet. Coaches may call to question whether the score was entered corrected by the Athletic staff, but if the score was entered according to what was written on the score sheet, what is written on the score sheet will be considered correct and final. The score sheet determines the final decision on winner and loser of the game.

13. Jewelry cannot be worn during any volleyball match. This includes, but is not limited to, wedding bands, earrings, necklaces, bracelets and any facial piercings. **Taping over the jewelry item is not acceptable.** All rings with stones need to be removed before play so as not to damage game ball or cause injury to an opponent or team member.
14. An official game ball will be provided by the Borger Community Activity Center. If the teams have an alternate ball that both teams agree upon, they may use that ball.
15. The referee will make all calls that are possible. We do ask all players in all divisions to aid the referee by giving honor calls on such calls as: net touches, touching the ball and calling the line when it is not possible for the referee to make the call. If neither team can agree on the call nor the referee did not see the play in question, the referee may call for a “replay”.
16. A violation will be called anytime a referee sees a player(s) contacting the net or player(s) stepping over the center division in the Borger Community Activity Center volleyball leagues. Referees in the BCAC leagues will not rule on the relevance to the play of those calls as specified by U.S.A. Volleyball rulebook.
17. Any player, coach or referee who is bleeding or has blood on his/her uniform shall be prohibited from participating further in the game until proper treatment can be administered. If medical care can be administered in a reasonable length of time, the player may continue to play; otherwise, the game/match will need to continue. The length of time considered will be completely up to the referee’s discretion. If a substitution is available, apply the rules of the game regarding substitution.
18. Contacting the ball by any part of the body is legal, including kicking.
19. In mixed leagues, if a team contacts the ball more than once, at least one of those contacts must be made by a female player.
20. All players must be able to provide a valid photo I.D. upon request.
21. When a player is uncontrollable and questioning the official’s call, his/her team will be charged a timeout. If this happens and there are no timeouts left to charge, a point will then be awarded to the opposing team for each encounter.

E. PROTESTS

1. No protests will be allowed on any official judgment call or rule interpretation. The only protests that are allowed are for **illegal or ineligible player(s)**. If a player is suspected to be illegal/ineligible, the referee must be notified and the player must provide a photo I.D. to the referee.
 - a. Protests of any player who was playing at the beginning of the game/set or rotated in shortly after the set/game began must be made before either team reaches 15 points in the game/set. Any player who enters the game/set after either team has reached 10 points may be protested any time before the match is completed. No eligibility protests may occur after the game/set has been completed.
 - b. Team captains must make referee aware of illegal/ineligible player.
 - c. Referee must then capture suspected illegal/ineligible player photo I.D. and record the necessary information to field the protest and report the information to the BCAC the next business day. If the player in question cannot produce a photo I.D., that player will cause his/her team to forfeit that game/set.
 - d. An **illegal player** is deemed as any player who plays under an assumed name, is not on the official roster or a player who participates on two different teams on the same night/day. **If player is found to be illegal, the current games/matches player participated in will be forfeited and player will be suspended based on the number of incidents in which the player has been involved.**
 - e. An **ineligible player** is deemed as any player who is playing under the minimum age of 18 or any player(s) that fails to produce a valid photo I.D. when asked by a referee or BCAC official. **If the player is found to be ineligible, the current games/matches player participated in will be forfeited.**

F. FORFEITS and DISQUALIFICATION/EJECTIONS

1. Any team discovered using illegal/ineligible player(s) will forfeit the in-progress game. This includes eligible players who cannot produce a photo I.D.
2. Any team that does not have four players to start the first game at the scheduled starting time will lose the game by forfeit, 25 to 0.
 - a. If neither team has four players to start the game at the scheduled starting time, the game will then be a double forfeit, 0 to 0.
 - b. If the first game of the match was forfeited, the losing team(s) then has 10 minutes to get their four players to arrive and start the second game of the match.
 - c. If the forfeiting team(s) is not able to provide four players by the allowed 10 minutes, the second match will then be a forfeit as well, 25 to 0.
3. Any player or spectator who directs profane remarks, gestures or verbal abuse toward the referee, other player or spectator could automatically be disqualified from the game by the referee.
 - a. Any player/spectator who is disqualified must leave the gym premises immediately for the remainder of the night.
 - b. Team captains, coaches, managers and the entire team will be responsible for assuring that the player(s)/spectator(s) ejected leave the gym or the team will forfeit all remaining matches and possible further action could be taken.
4. Team captains will be asked by the referee to control actions of their fans that become too rowdy or insulting. If fans persist in this manner after the referee has warned the team captain, the gym will be cleared of the involved team and spectators. A forfeit will result if a team's fans refuse to leave the gym when asked.
5. **Yellow and red cards will be utilized when necessary.** A yellow card is a warning. A red card is a penalty point. A yellow and a red card together = ejection from in-progress game. A yellow card and a red card separately is an ejection from the entire match. Verbal warnings, penalties and ejections will also be allowed by the referee.
6. If, at any point, a player ejection/disqualification causes the penalized team to drop below the amount of required players to participate, that team will be required to forfeit the game/set or match. The final score for any forfeit is 25 to 0.
7. **If you know in advance that you will be forfeiting, please call the BCAC so the opposing team and referee(s) may be notified. Phone number is (806) 457-4218.**

G. GYM USAGE

1. **Please leave all valuables at home.** The Borger Community Activity Center will not be responsible for stolen or lost personal articles of any kind.
2. All participants are required to wear tennis shoes on gym floors. Any shoes that leave marks on the floor will not be allowed. Players may not participate without proper shoes.
3. All teams are asked to help keep the entire building clean: floor, restrooms, common areas, etc. **No smoking, alcoholic beverages or drugs are allowed on Frank Phillips College/BCAC premises. Water in closed plastic bottles or squeeze bottles are acceptable in the gymnasiums, however, please dispose of the bottle after the match. Soft drinks are not permitted in any type of container. Any beverage in a glass bottle, styrofoam cup or in a can are not permitted in the BCAC gymnasiums.**
4. Any person that is judged to be intoxicated or under the influence of drugs by referees, gym officials, or BCAC Officials will be asked to leave the premises immediately.
5. **Children attending the games with their parents are not allowed to be in any halls, locker rooms, common areas, etc. Penalty points will be awarded to the opposing team each time a game has to be stopped due to a team's unruly children. Referees will enforce this rule any time children are out of the gym area or disrupting the volleyball matches.**
6. Damage done to facilities will be grounds for a suspension of no less than three games not to exceed six, depending on severity, for all nights individual is participating in BCAC Community Sport Leagues.

Player(s) involved may not participate in any BCAC Community Sport Leagues until damages have been repaired. Once damages are repaired, the determined suspension will then be enforced. Depending on severity and type of damage, legal charges may be filed.

H. GAME CANCELLATIONS

1. **Indoor Play** – The rule of thumb for cancellation is as follows:
 - a. If the Frank Phillips College campus or Borger ISD is closed, there will be no matches.
 - b. If there is inclement weather (snow or ice), please view the BCAC Facebook page after 4:30 p.m. for any updates. You can also visit <http://www.fpctx.edu/bcac> after 4:30pm to see if there are cancellations.
2. Rescheduled games will be emailed out as soon as possible after the date of cancellation. All rescheduling information will be sent out via email to the coach listed on the official roster. If coaches have not received an email within a week, please contact the Borger Community Activity Center.

I. TEAM RANKING DEFINITIONS

1. **LEVEL A** – This is the most competitive level available. This level would be used for those players who are interested in practicing and developing their skills to a higher degree. Teams bump, set, and spike on a regular basis. If you play tournament volleyball, you should be in this level. The ball must be handled in an acceptable manner as defined by the current U.S.A. Volleyball playing standards or for those players who have very few **minor** ball handling issues but are interested in practicing and developing their skills to a higher degree. Referees will give minor latitude in ball-handling skills provided that the player is making an attempt to play the ball correctly. If you play tournament volleyball, you should be in this level or level 1. The teams in this level bump, set and spike on a regular basis. No latitude will be allowed in other ball handling areas.
2. **LEVEL B** – This is for middle-of-the-road teams. This rank is basically for players who have the desire to play volleyball but lack in certain skill areas. In this league players are trying to develop their skill levels and play. This league is also for teams looking to perfect the bump, set and spike skill. Referees will allow some latitude in ball handling.
3. Teams are asked to rank themselves; however, all teams will be looked at and put into as equally competitive rank as possible but can make no guarantees. Determining factors for rank placement are based on previous season standings and team roster information.

J. VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE DEADLINE and START DATES

1. No registrations will be accepted after the deadline date.
2. The 2018 Fall Season deadline date is Monday, September 17th 2017 and the league start date is September 25, 2018.

K. GAME TIME(S), STANDINGS and SCHEDULES

1. Game times are during the evening hours and are as follows: 7:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Possibility of some matches at 9:00 p.m. if needed. (Games that go into the 3rd set may run over the allotted time, we will do a rolling schedule in this instance and the following game will start immediately after the prior one has finished.)
2. **MATCH TIME IS FORFEIT TIME – NO EXCEPTIONS!**
3. All coaches should advise their players to show up 10 minutes prior to the start of each match. During the indoor seasons, the BCAC gyms should be open by 6:40 p.m.
4. **Plainsmen Athletic practice occupy the gym until 6:30 p.m. Please those with the early 6:45 p.m. game get ready in the lobby or in the dressing rooms prior to 6:40 p.m. to avoid interruption.**

5. Special scheduling is not available.
6. If necessary, games could possibly be scheduled to play on a night not normally the night of play for the league. Friday November 16, 2018 is designated day for any/all makeup games.
7. When the schedules are available, team coaches will receive an email. **Schedules will NOT be mailed out. Phone calls will NOT be made.**
8. Coaches are responsible for making all players aware of scheduled and rescheduled games.
9. Schedules and standing can be found by going to <http://www.fpctx.edu/bcac>, and on the left-hand menu bar find “**Community Rec Sports**” and scroll down to section titled “**Team Schedules & Standings**”, and choose your division/league.
10. Any ties in the final standings will be broken by the following methods in the order designated below:
 - 1st) Head – to – Head sets/games (whichever team won the most head-to-head matches when the teams tied played each other). If three or more teams are tied, the head-to head tiebreaker becomes head-to-head winning percentage as the number of time each team plays the other teams may not be exactly equal.
 - 2nd) If head-to-head sets/games or head-to head winning percentage is tied, the next tiebreaker will be head-to-head point differential among all teams still tied after the first tiebreaker.
 - 3rd) If still tied after the second tiebreaker, the next tiebreaker will be total season (all 28 sets/games) point differential among the teams that are still tied after the second tiebreaker.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS: Deby Judd at djudd@fpctx.edu or (806) 457-4218.

ONLINE REGISTRATION and OTHER INFORMATION: <http://www.fpctx.edu/bcac>

