

2009 THRILLER VOLLEYBALL TOURNEY RULES & CLASSIFICATIONS

Sorry. No children at the gym please. (exception: infants in baby carriers ok)

Team Roster	Limited to 8 maximum. Individuals must sign the roster to be eligible and are limited to playing for one team on Saturday. Rosters are available to sign at the gym before the tourney begins. To be eligible for afternoon playoffs, players must have signed the roster and played in at least 2 morning pool play matches with their team. Players that have participated in USAV Tournaments or have played at the collegiate level in the past 7 years are only eligible for B Major or OPEN. (except for Masters players), See classification guidelines below.
Player Age	Players in adult divisions must be at least 18 yrs. old (Exceptions only with completed & signed waiver form & prior approval from the tourney director.) Players in the teen division may be 12 - 19 years old.
Uniforms/ Equipment	Numbered matching jerseys are NOT required.
Scoring System	Rally Scoring throughout the tourney. Formal scoresheets are NOT used, just flip scoreboards.
Number of Players	Team must field 6 players at all times with a maximum of three men on the court. The following combinations fit these criteria (3w/3m; 4w/2m; 5w/1m; 6w/0m). If you fail to have six players during a game, the opponent will be award 6 points. The "woman contact" rule is in effect for all games.
Extra players / substitutes	During each game, you may use the standard volleyball substitution with no limits OR a "city-league" rotation system to put extra players into the game.
Grace Period	None
Timeouts	2, 30 second timeouts per team, per game.
Announcing the Score	The server MUST announce the score LOUDLY & CLEARLY prior to serving the ball.
Service Order	You must alternate women/men in the service order whenever possible.
Service Toss	Once the ball is released for service, it may be caught or allowed to drop for a re-serve. Only one re-serve per player per term of service.
Playing the Serve	The serve may NOT be blocked or attacked if the ball is entirely above the height of the net when contacted.
Libero	No liberos in this tournament!
Back Row Blocker	When only one male player is in the front row at time of service, one male back-row player may be forward of the 10 ft. line to block. The remaining male back row player must be behind the attack line until the ball has been contacted by the blocker(s) or until it has been hit in such a manner that no block is possible. * Please note that in the C Major Division of this tourney, back row blockers are not allowed. If you're that sophisticated, you should be playing B or above!
Contact Net & Net Cables	Contact with the net or net cables is a fault unless it is incidental contact by loose hair.
Center Line	Player can touch the opponent's court with feet or hands, providing some part of the extremity are on or above the center line.
Woman Contact Rule	When the ball is played more than once by a team, a female player shall make at least one of the contacts. Blocks do not count as contacts.
Legal Contact	The ball may touch any part of the body. The ball must be hit, not caught or thrown. It can rebound in any direction. The ball may contact various parts of the body, provided that the contacts take place simultaneously.
Double Contact	During the team's first hit, multiple contacts with various parts of the body are

Exception	permitted in a single action of playing the ball. These contacts include "finger action" on the ball and/or contact with the foot. The ball, however, cannot be caught and/or thrown (no prolonged contact). The 'first hit' of the team includes reception of: a) The serve, b) an attack hit (hard or soft) by the opposing team and c) a ball blocked by an opponent.
Ground Rules	Will be reviewed at your assigned gym by the tourney director.
Officiating	Teams will be assigned reffing responsibilities during morning pool play and the first rounds of afternoon playoffs. Certified officials, however, will be provided by Parks & Recreation to ref all semi-finals and finals. Generally during morning pool play, when a team is assigned to "ref", they are only responsible for calling lines and flipping the scoreboard. Players call their own faults in pool play. Any concerns about a team or individuals "honor calls" will be addressed by the on-site tourney director. Teams given a reffing assignment during afternoon playoffs must also supply an "up" ref, in addition to linesmen. Parks & Recreation will provide a certified official to be "up" ref in all semi-finals and finals.
Forbidden People	Children are not allowed. (Exception: Infants in carriers okay). Other spectators are welcome if they remain courtside, on your team's courtside. This rule is in effect for the safety of the kids & players, & the sanity of the tourney director.
Forbidden Objects	No tobacco, alcohol or firearms on school grounds! Penalty is expulsion with no refund.
Forbidden Words	Foul language isn't appropriate and is subject to sanction by the official, gym supervisor, or tourney director.

The Tournament Director has final authority on situations not specified in these rules. This is a recreational event and unsportsmanlike conduct by players, fans, or spectators will be sanctioned, without refund, at the discretion of the Tournament Director

2009 THRILLER CLASSIFICATION CHARACTERISTICS & GUIDELINES

TEEN DIVISION: For teams consisting of players that are 19 and under.

OPEN DIVISION – Unlimited players with USAV club experience are allowed. These teams may employ a double-block defense and/or a more complex offense scheme with very strong hitting & blocking. These teams usually consist of players that have a wide background in competitive volleyball (H.S., College or USAV Club –type play)

B Major - May have up to 3 players (2 men & 1 woman; or 2 women and 1 man) with USAV Club, College experience or a similar skill level. These teams usually consist of players that compete in the top division of the local city league. These teams are generally familiar with offensive and defensive schemes and may tactically employ a backrow setter or a backrow blocker. Hitting and blocking are consistent.

B - No players with USAV Club or College level experience. (unless 40 or older) These teams consist of mostly skilled & experienced city-league players. Usually these teams have one or two strong hitters and generally employ a single-block defense and use front row switching on offense.
No jump serves in B.

C MAJOR- No players with USAV Club or College level experience. These teams generally consist of players from the Recreational or lower levels of your city-league. These teams generally use a simple & basic offense and defense strategies. Generally they do not employ double blocks or back-row setters.

No jump serves are allowed. No blockers from the back court are allowed.

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