

SPIAA JUNIORS VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE RULES

The following area towns are considered the pilot group for this new league. All changes and adaptations to the rules will need to be ratified by the recreation directors of this group: Spearville, Ashland, Bucklin, South Central, Minneola, and Montezuma.

Other area towns that join will need to follow the initial rules set by the four founding communities. Any changes will need to be discussed before the season begins and voted on by the members of the league.

Governing Rules and Adaptations as Agreed Upon by the participating Communities

1. All play will be under the rules and jurisdictions set by the NFHS and the KSHSAA
2. Adaptations of these rules are as follows:
 - a. All girls will play in every game at every position (circumstances determined because of numbers may influence this)
 - b. This league is open for all 3rd-6th grade girls (2nd may move up if numbers are low)
 - c. Games will be played to a score of 25 and must win by 2. In case of a 3rd game, a score of 15 is needed and must win by 2. The winner of the match must win 2 games.
 - d. Games will be officiated by at least 1 official in the stand. Line judges may be used if needed.
 - e. Free substitution is allowed so there is no need for a scorekeeper or coaches to submit a lineup card to the official.
 - f. Schools should be able to provide balls for the girls to warm up with at each site. ****Each team is responsible for taking both Volley Lite balls as well as regular volleyballs for warm up each week.**
 - g. This year teams will not be switching sides after each set.
 - h. **If a 5th or 6th grader is moved down to play, she can only serve underhand and from the back serving line. If more than one moves down, only 1 can play at a time, and the other can only come in for the older girl. All 3/4 grade must play at that level and cannot be subbed for by an older girl.**
 - i. Warm up time will not exceed 10 minutes in order to stay on schedule.
 - j. Each team is allowed 1 timeout per set (does not include injuries)
3. Serving
 - a. Serving the ball will occur outside the end line, using a method that will be the most successful for the player (excluding kicking).
 - b. 3rd/4th grade players may move up inside the end line a maximum of 10 feet in order to serve. Host site may put a piece of tape on the floor as a marker of the new serving line.
 - c. 5th/6th will serve outside the end line (with mixed teams, the coach will be responsible for monitoring the serving line so as to not gain an advantage)

- d. A maximum of 5 points will be scored by any one server. After 5 consecutive points the team must rotate.
- e. **Prior to the game, if a coach knows some of their players may need to move up more than the allowed 10 feet, he/she should confer with the opposing coach and official to let them know. Success is still our main focus.**

4. Officiating

- a. Officials should have a basic understanding of the game, its rules, and mechanics
- b. A clinic will be made available to all officials if the site requests it
- c. There should be some leniency on calls, depending on the age group.
- d. Officials should understand this is a learning process for the lower age and officiate the game so the play determines the point as much as possible
- e. Officials should call the game a little stricter with upper age. These girls will be playing competitive and need to understand the proper techniques of the game.
- f. There is no test for an official to take, but they should know the game.

5. The Court

- a. The court size will remain the same as for JH and HS except for moving the serving line up 10 feet for 3rd/4th grade players.
- b. The net shall remain the same height as for JH and HS play.
- c. The ball shall be the same size as used in JH and HS for 5/6 grade, **but the Volley Lite ball will be used for 3/4 grade.**

6. Jewelry

- a. According to KSHSAA, bobby pins and barrettes are legal, as long as they are not over 2 inches in length.
- b. Head bands are legal up to a width of 3 inches
- c. Bandannas are not legal head wear
- d. **No jewelry will be allowed. This includes necklaces, earrings, rings, bracelets and any piercings unless it is a MedicAlert bracelet**

7. Court administration

- a. Host sites will be responsible for the boundaries of their game sites.
- b. Rec Directors should be available for crowd assistance if needed.

8. COVID Related Items

- a. All teams need to make sure and provide their own water bottles – water fountains are turned off at the schools.
- b. Temperature checks need to be done by all coaches.
- c. All benches need to be disinfected between matches.
- d. Teams will provide warm-up balls for both age groups.
- e. Teams will NOT be switching between sets.
- f. Visiting team will automatically get first serve.