

2025 MUD VOLLEYBALL RULES

Saturday May 17, 2025

1. Referees decisions are final. There are NO protests. Any player arguing with or abusing an official will be asked to leave the game & immediate vicinity. Failure to leave will cause his/her team to forfeit the match & possibly result in the removal of your team from the remainder of the tournament. A player ejected from a match will not be allowed to participate in any further matches.
2. Each team will be guaranteed two matches. A match will consist of best two out of three games. A game consists of 15 points, & a team must win by two points. If a third game is necessary, that game will be played to 15 points, also winning by two points.
3. The ball must be served from inside the pit from the right back corner & may be hit in any manner with the hand. Prior to service, the ball may not be loaded with mud.
4. It is a foul for players to touch the net.
5. All scoring will be rally scoring.
6. Players of the serving team must rotate clockwise when receiving the ball to serve, & the right back must serve.
7. Holding or throwing the ball while it is in play is a foul. The play must be a distinct striking of the ball.
8. Three hits to a side. A player may not hit the ball twice in succession. A block is not considered a hit.
9. A ball may be played by any part of the body above the waist.
10. It is a violation to spike with two hands. Only the front line is permitted to spike.
11. Everyone participating must wear tennis shoes. Protective eyewear is recommended. NO METAL CLEATS ARE ALLOWED.
12. Officials will be provided & rules are subject to referee's interpretation.
13. A team may only have a maximum of eight players on the court at one time.
14. At least two females & two males must be on the court from each team at all times.
15. Substituting will only be allowed from the serving team, except in case of injury. Substitution may occur at center back only. If a player is removed due to injury, then they may not play for the remainder of that game.
16. The court shall consist of a net & genuine Pasadena mud, 60'x30'.
17. A team representative MUST attend the registration meeting on **Wednesday, May 14th at 6:00pm** at the Pasadena Fairgrounds near the MVB pits, or that team will forfeit their entry.
18. The tournament is limited to 80 teams.
19. No time outs allowed except in case of injury.
20. Any ball hitting the water & making a splash is considered in. In bounds area to be interpreted by individual referees prior to each match.
21. No phone-in entries.
22. Must be at least 18 years old to play.
23. **No food, beverage, or ice chests of any kind may be brought on to the grounds. Any team with a cooler, other than one for valid medical reasons, will be immediately expelled from the tournament. ALSO, NO TAILGATING OR TENTS IN PARKING LOT. NO GLASS BOTTLES ARE ALLOWED IN THE MVB AREA**
24. Teams will be assigned to one court, & all their games will be played on that court until playoffs begin.
25. All first matches have designated start times. All other matches have approximate starting times. Each team captain is responsible for keeping up with their court's bracket & their next match. Matches MAY begin early. If not present, your team will forfeit.
26. No Team Jumping. Players may only participate with their original team roster. Photo identification must be provided upon request.
27. All roster changes must be made BEFORE your first match of the day. No changes may be made after that time.