



## **SEFAA Volleyball Tournament Rules of Play**

**Tournament Location: South Beach Park in Fort Lauderdale  
1100 Seabreeze Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316**

1. Each match will consist of three (3) sets (best two of three sets) to eight (8) points (the winning team must be ahead by a two point margin to win).
2. There will be a fifteen (15) minute time limit per match. If the teams are tied when the time expires, there will be a one (1) minute rest. A coin toss will determine the first team to serve, with each team serving at least once. If the time runs out during the 3<sup>rd</sup> set, the team that is ahead will be granted the win.
3. On the second set, the team that did not start serving will serve first and sides will be switched.
4. Teams will switch sides at point eight (8) of the third set.
5. Only Team Captains may dispute a call to the referee.
6. No obvious carries, i.e. no underhand hitting of the ball or use of the fist. No kicking or using the head to hit the ball.
7. Three (3) hits per side. Recovery off block does not count as a hit. Overhand or underhand serves. Absolutely no touching of nets by players.
8. Serving must be done beyond end line. Ball cannot hit the net on serve. 2 on 2 beach volleyball it counts, not 6 on 6.
9. Player can cross center line as long as there is no interference of play. Exception: Server cannot break center line.
10. The game balls will be AVP's by Spalding or equivalent.
11. Each player is responsible for being aware of boundary lines, safety zones and out of play calls. You must let the ball hit the ground if you think it is out of play.
12. Each team will be allowed one (1) thirty (30) second time out (included in the time limit) per match. Substitutions may only be made during a dead ball.
13. We will use USVBA rules with modifications as specified in the following: Referees will call each set based on the caliber of teams playing. It is strongly advised that all players wear protective footwear.
14. The championship match (and possibly the semifinals) will have two (2) net referees along with two (2) line judges.
15. Each team must have at least two (2) female players on the court at all times during play or they will forfeit the match.
16. It is the responsibility of the winning team's captain to report their score to the Tournament Coordinator at the scoring tent.

17. Each team captain is responsible for knowing what court their next match is on. The team will have 5 minutes to report to the designated court when called or will be disqualified. If unsure, please check with the Tournament Coordinator at the scoring tent or use the Tournament Bracket online for reference.