



SEFAA Volleyball Tournament Rules of Play

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

- 1. The Management bracket will be round robin play (Guaranteed 3 matches minimum). The Supplier bracket will be double elimination.**
- 2. Each match will consist of three (3) sets (best two of three sets) to fifteen (15) points using rally scoring (the winning team must be ahead by a two-point margin to win) unless the match reaches time limit.**
- 3. There will be a fifteen (15) minute time limit per match. If the teams are tied when the time expires, there will be a coin toss to determine who will serve first, or which side the team would like to play on. If the time runs out during the 3rd set, the team that is ahead will be granted the win, regardless of whether they are up two points or not.**
- 4. On the second set, the team that did not start serving will serve first and sides will be switched.**
- 5. If a third set is needed when the time limit is reached, after the coin toss, play will start right away. The third set will be played as sudden death, the first team to score using side-out rules. Once a team scores once while serving, and not simply from gaining the serve from winning a rally, the team will be declared the winner of the match. On the occasion where a third set is played within the time limit, there will be a switch at 8 points.**
- 6. Only Team Captains may dispute a call to the referee. Each team will elect a representative to stand by the referee to ensure the correct score is kept on VolleyLife (bracketing and scoring system). At the completion of the match, the score can be submitted directly from the court of play by both teams and the referee for verification purposes.**
- 7. 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.**
- 8. Three (3) hits per side during a rally. As a reminder of beach volleyball rules, deflections off a block attempt that remain on your side, do count as one of your three hits (Unlike indoor volleyball). Overhand or underhand serves are permitted. Absolutely no touching of nets by players when playing the ball or attempting a block.**
- 9. 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.**
- 10. Player can cross center line as long as there is no interference of play. Exception: Server cannot break center line.**
- 11. The game balls will be AVP's by Spalding or equivalent.**
- 12. 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.**
- 13. 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.**

- 14. 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.**
- 15. The championship match for each bracket (and possibly the semifinals) will have two (2) referees along with two (2) line judges. The championship match will be played till completion and will not be on a time limit.**
- 16. Championship match will not be a time limit match. Teams will be granted the opportunity to play the full extent of the match.**
- 17. Each team must have at least two (2) female players on the court at all times during play or they will forfeit the match.**
- 18. It is the responsibility of the winning team's captain to ensure the correct score is reported for the result of the match. If there is a discrepancy, please make sure to visit the Tournament Coordinator at the scoring tent for further assistance.**
- 19. Each team captain must be easily accessible and be able to receive messaging on their cell phone. 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.**
- 20. Rotations for alignment are REQUIRED, similar to 6v6 gameplay. Players are not permitted to be either in the back or front row for more than three rotations. Rotations will determine the serving order for a team throughout the match.**