

## 2015-2016 GCCYS BOYS VOLLEYBALL RULES (version 1.0)

1. You must be a member of a participating parish or attend the school to play on a GCCYS team/league. Each member's sports coordinator/director must insure that all rosters are submitted and GCCYS liability waivers completed before the first game. Players may be added to the roster before the sixth game. Players may only play on one GCCYS team.
2. Please pay the officials before the game after they have signed your scorebook. Officials for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> receive \$17. The 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> receives \$20. Officials have been instructed not to take abuse from coaches. They will ask you to leave or forfeit. Let's all demonstrate good sportsmanship. If you do not show up for your match it will be considered a forfeit and your school/parish will be subject to a \$50 fee. If a team only has 5 players or obtains a substitute player the match may be played, but will count as a forfeit. The referees will be paid, their normal fee, at the start of the match and there will not be any forfeit fees to the school/parish. Forfeit fees should be sent to the GCCYS and we will take care of paying the officials. If these fees are not paid, you are ineligible for the post-season tournament. **All games are to be played as scheduled. The GCCYS is the only one able to change games and games will only be changed for parish/school-sponsored events that are mandatory. The GCCYS office must have 10 days' notice of any game changes unless a catastrophic reason.**
3. All leagues will play by the National Federation Volleyball Rules with GCCYS modification:
  - a. You will play 10 matches
  - b. No A-B-C teams prior to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Grades 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> are to be evenly divided (balanced).
  - c. All teams in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> recreation teams must play each player one full set from start to finish. Coaches should strive for roughly even playing time or what is determined by your school/parish. Exception is if a player is injured or sick. You must play all your players regardless of the opposing team's size. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

grade competitive teams have NO required playing time. **This rule is in effect for the regular season as well as the post-season tournament. The scorekeeper must sit at the scorer's table. It is the scorekeeper's responsibility to keep track of playing time.**

- d. 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades:
  - 1. Scoring is rally scoring. First two sets to 25 (no cap) and third game to 15 (no cap).
  - 2. Net serves **ARE allowed**.
  - 3. Legal contact is a touch of the ball by any part of a player's body that does not allow the ball to come visibly to rest or involve prolonged contact with a player's body.
  - 4. Timeouts – 2 timeouts per game regardless of score
- e. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade may only serve four (4) consecutive points; offensive team must rotate at this time.
- f. Serving lines for 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades may move into the court 15 feet. Serving lines for 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> may move in the court 10 feet. **PLAYERS SERVE FROM SERVING LINES AVAILABLE AS NO OTHER LINES WILL BE ALLOWED FOR SUSTITION.**
- g. All grades are allowed to rotate up to 8 players. Teams are permitted to rotate in 1 or 2 players. These players are listed in serving order at the beginning of each set. Players waiting to rotate onto the court may NOT touch the ball when it is hit at them. Every effort must be made to move away from the ball, judgment will be left up to the referee.
- h. **SUBSTITUTION RULE:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade 18 substitutions per set. The first line-up DOES NOT count as an entry.
- i. The net height from the floor to the top of the net is as follows:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> ----- 6 feet 6 inches
  - 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> -----7 feet
  - 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> ----- 7 feet 4 1/8 inches
- j. Prior to a match teams are permitted 5 minutes warm-up time. No match will start prior to match time. Grace period for the 1<sup>st</sup> set is 10 minutes. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> set will be 5 minutes.

- k. Teams **MUST** start with 6 players. You may start with 5 but that set is a forfeit. If 6<sup>th</sup> player arrives after the start of the set, they may not enter the set until it is completed. The second and third set will then count. Teams can start with 6 players and then immediately pull a player and play with 5. This will result in a GHOST player. Every time the ghost player is in the serving position it will be an automatic side out to the other team.
  - l. Game ball will be the referee's choice (color ball may be used) – best ball available. 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade will use Volley Lite balls or any similar lightweight ball designed for 12 and under play.
  - m. **No jewelry may be worn – including earrings (band aids may not cover them). No face paint, hair paint or glitter. No hard beads or plastic headbands will be permitted. Bobby pins and flat hair clips are permitted as well as any soft headband. Jersey may only be tied back to compensate for size of shirt.**
  - n. Division winners are determined by total number of sets won not by the number of matches won. All sets must be played every match.
  - o. Every team is automatically entered in the GCCYS postseason tournament. Teams that play in the A leagues will play in the GCCYS Division I City tournament and will be seeded. The tournament pairings will be based on records after the 8<sup>th</sup> match. **If you do not wish to be entered in the tournament you must notify GCCYS a minimum of two weeks prior to the end of the regular season.**
4. Winning team must report scores within 48 hours of the match. Teams with the most wins will be declared the winner.