



MANHATTAN PARKS AND RECREATION
Summer Sand Volleyball
League Bylaws

As of: 9/12/18

1. **Rosters:** Players must sign a team roster to be legally eligible to participate. Blank roster forms are available at the Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department office.
2. **Multiple Leagues:** There are two leagues available in the 2018 program – Co-Rec and Women’s. Individuals may play on only one team in each league. Teams found to be using illegal or ineligible players will forfeit all matches in which the ineligible or illegal player participated, and any such player will be suspended from play for the remainder of the season.
3. **Co-Rec Play:** For Co-Rec play, the team line-up must abide by the following stipulations:

One Player: a team cannot play with one player	Two Players: must be 1 female / 1 male
Three Players: must be 2 females / 1 male	Four Players: either 3 females/1 male, or 2 females/2males

If the ball is played more than once by a team, a female must make at least one of the contacts. A block does not count as a contact.
4. **Forfeits:** A team must have at least 2 players present at the scheduled match time (in accordance to rule #3 above), or the first set will be forfeited. If, after ten minutes past the scheduled match starting time, a team does not have at least 2 players present (in accordance with rule #3), then the rest of the match will be forfeited. The sand volleyball court supervisor will be the timekeeper in matters involving match starting times.
5. **Matches:** Sand volleyball matches will consist of three sets, each to 21 points. There will be no scoring cap, and each set must be decided by at least two points (no cap, win by two). **RALLY SCORING WILL BE USED.**
6. **First Serve / Choice of Court:** Prior to starting the match, the two team managers will do “paper-rock-scissors”. The winner will choose to either serve/receive, or side of court. The opposing manager will be given the remaining choice.
7. **Officiating:** There are no officials in sand volleyball. Teams will call their own matches. Discrepancies will result in a “do-over”. Honesty is appreciated by all! The sand volleyball court supervisor has the authority to make rulings and decisions as needed in cases where teams cannot agree.
8. **Open handed tips:** In accordance with USA Volleyball Beach Regulations, it is an attack hit fault if:

***A player completes an attack-hit using an open- handed finger action;
or, if using fingertips that are not rigid and together.***

USAV defines an attack hit as follows: “All actions which direct the ball toward the opponent, with the exception of service and block, are considered as attack hits.
9. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Rude behavior and foul language will not be tolerated. Offending individuals will be asked to leave the sand court area. If offending individuals are involved in some way with a particular team (either as a player or spectator), then his/her team may be subject to forfeiture of games.
10. **Results:** Team captains are responsible for reporting match results to the sand volleyball supervisor on site. League standings will be kept at the Manhattan Parks and Recreation office. “League Champion” t-shirts will be awarded to the champion in each division of each league.
11. **Rain-outs:** Weather decisions will be made by 4:00 p.m. on weekdays, and 1:00 pm on weekends. Alerts will be sent out via **TEXTCASTER** at the time the decision is made. **PLEASE ENCOURAGE ALL TEAM MEMBERS TO SUBSCRIBE TO TEXTCASTER ALERTS!**
12. **Pets:** Manhattan city ordinances prohibit pets in city sports parks. This includes the sand court area of City Park.
13. **Children:** Children and other guests are most welcome to come and watch, but children must be supervised. The sand volleyball court supervisor is not responsible for monitoring children.
14. There is **NO** alcohol permitted in any City of Manhattan parks.

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