

St. Mary's SportsFest – Rules and Guidelines

Women's VOLLEYBALL

Team Registrations – 6 aside Tournament

- Each Team will play with only 6 players. Rotating substitutions will apply during all matches.
- Only players registered will be permitted to participate i.e.; a **total of 12 players per team. ONLY 2 A-LEAGUE PLAYERS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE ENTIRE SQUAD.** In the event of any serious injuries and the player cannot continue with the tournament, Replacements will be considered with prior **written notice** given to the organizing team. (Minimum 1 week before the team's next game).
- There will be **NO REFUND OF FEES** for teams that confirm participation and then cancel their participation when the tournament starts. **REFUND OF FEES** will be provided to those teams that **DO NOT GET AN ENTRY INTO THE TOURNAMENT.**

All teams have to submit the registration forms duly signed by the Captain / Manager team for the entry to the tournament to be complete.

- A general **TEAM BRIEFING** will be held toward the end of August and will be notified.
- It is **MANDATORY FOR THE TEAM MANAGER AND CAPTAIN** to attend the briefing.
- **REGISTRATIONS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED AT THE SPORTS FEST OFFICE**

Before Game time

- Teams must report **15 mins** before their scheduled game; The Referee will call each team onto the pitch **only twice**, any team not adhering to the rules and failure to be on the court will result in forfeit of the game i.e. the opponent will be given a walk over. **3 points** will be awarded to the team that is present. **The game will not be rescheduled.** All fixtures will start as per the scheduled timings.
- **All team discussions should be conducted before entering the court, There will be a collective group prayer after which the match will commence.**
- A minimum of **4 players** per team are compulsory to be on the ground in order to start the game. No additional time will be considered.
Match fixtures with timings will be posted online for Sports Fest (No change in schedule will be entertained) along with the detailed games rules and guidelines. Last minute changes (i.e. less than 3 days to Match Day) will be informed via Email/Personal Txt to the Captain/Team Representative.
- **Only team Captain and/or team manager (STRICTLY)** will be allowed to talk to the referee. Team Players and/or their supporters caught smoking / littering / speaking foul language / hand gestures etc. **will be fined AED 100/- and the Team will forgo the match** (or as decided by the referee/organizing committee). **Team Managers / Captains will be held accountable for the behavior and conduct of their respective teams as well as supporters.**
- Team members must come in uniform for all the games. In the event of a clash between the playing teams, the organizers will provide you with reflectors or bibs. This will be based on a toss between the 2 teams. **There will be no dressing/un-dressing on the field before or after the game. Players caught in violation of this will not be allowed to play the game/next game.**

- **All Jerseys will have clearly visible and printed numbers on the jerseys. No paper stickers or pen written numbers will be allowed.**

- **Team sheets will contain the original names of the players as per Emirates ID. NO NICKNAMES ALLOWED.**
- No food or snacks will be allowed on the grounds. Water provided will be consumed at the entry gate. Please make sure to throw your waste in the bins provided.
- **Players have to carry their original Emirates ID for all games and will be checked for entry to the ground.**

During Game time

THE SERVE:

- Server must serve from behind the restraining Line (end Line) until after contact on serve.
- Serve may be served UNDERHAND or OVERHAND.
- Ball must be clearly visible to opponents before serve.
- Served ball may Graze the net and drop to the other side for a point.
- First game Serve is determined by a volley, each subsequent game shall be served by the previous game loser.
- Serve must be returned by a bump only. No setting or attacking a serve.
- For the first service after breaking a point, a re-serve would be given if the ball touches the shamiana (Upper ceiling on the court).
- A repeat would result in a point for the opponent.
- **The captain has to be in control of their team on field at all times and make sure the rules are followed.**

SCORING

- **Rally scoring will be used.**
- There will be a point scored on every score of the ball.
- Offense will score on a defense miss or out of bounds hit.
- **It will be a BEST OF 3 SETS MATCH. WINNER NEEDS TO WIN 2 SETS to win the game**
- **Game will be played to 21 Points for the first to 2sets**
- **If game goes to third set, the third set will be played to 15 points**
- Must win by 2 points.
- **Incase of arguments onfield. No substitutes will be allowed to talk to the referee. Only team Captain and/or team manager (STRICTLY) will be allowed to talk to the referee.**

Teams that cause excess problems on field and off field will be disbarred from the tournament the next year.

Any debatable fouls will be discussed between the referees and game officials and decisions will be taken.

Playing the game (VOLLEY)

Maximum of 3 hits per side.

Player may not hit the ball twice in succession (A Block is not considered a hit).

Ball may be played off the net during a volley and on serve.

A Ball touching the boundary line is good.

A legal hit is contact with the ball by a player's body above and including the waist which does not allow the ball to visibly come to a rest.

If 2 or more players contact the ball simultaneously, it is considered one play and the players involved may not participate in the next play.

A player must not Attack or Block a serve.

Switching positions will only be allowed between front line players (After the serve only).

If the ball touches the shamiana (Upper ceiling on the court) in the teams own half, they can continue with the remaining number of permitted hits (Max 3 hits).

If the ball touches the shamiana (Upper ceiling on the court) in the opponents court. They win a point.

BASIC VIOLATIONS:

Stepping on or over the line on a serve.

Failure to serve the ball over the net successfully.

Hitting the ball illegally. (Carrying, Palming, Throwing etc.).

Touching of the net with any part of the body while the ball is in play.

If the ball is driven into the net with such force that it causes the net to contact an opposing player, No foul will be called and the ball shall continue to be in play.

Reaches under the net. (If it interferes with the ball or the opposing player).

Failure to serve in the correct order.

Blocks or spikes from a position which is clearly not behind the 10-foot line while in a back row position.

Reaching over the net, except under these conditions :-

1. When executing a follow-through.
2. When blocking a ball which is in the opponents court but is being returned (the blocker must not contact the ball until after the opponent who is attempting to return the ball makes contact. Except to block the third play.

SCORING AND RANKING

The system of play shall be a league system.

Each team playing each other once in the league in the same group.

Points will be awarded as follows **WIN – 3 POINTS, LOSS – 0 POINTS**

The rankings of the teams in each group shall be determined in the following manner:

1. Greatest number of points obtained in all group matches
2. Match point difference in all group matches
3. between the teams with equal points, which team won head to head will qualify.

Top two teams from each group would qualify for the Semi Finals (If it's a double pool Game)

Top 4 teams qualify if it's a single pool game.

NOTE

The organizing committee, reserves the right to **DISQUALIFY/ REFUSE ENTRY** to **ANY TEAM/PLAYER** for previous transgressions that fails to up-hold the spirit of the game and abuses the sanctity of the premise they are playing within. If a team player/members' continuously argue with the referee, display inappropriate behavior or use any abusive language within the premise they are playing in, the entire team will be disqualified.

DO NOT PLAY THE GAME WITH INTENT TO HARM OR INJURE. PLAY WITH SPORTSMANSHIP AND RESPECT FOR YOUR OPPONENT PLAY THE BEAUTIFUL GAME, FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME.

Incase of Any further enquiries regarding the games please contact the below persons.

Sport	Contact Person / Number
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Cricket	Delison 056 1741408
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