# IM Volleyball Rules

## **Checklist:**

## Arrival:

- Gather equipment from the closet (volleyball, net, volleyball poles, turn on scoreboard, etc.)
  - Net height: Men/co-rec → 8' Women → 7'42.5"
- Check in players with IDs
- Call for captains to do a coin toss (winner receives choice of side or serve)
- Check for illegal equipment (jewelry, etc.)
- Confirm all players are wearing athletic shoes
- Set the clock to count down (50 minutes, clock does NOT stop)
  - 1 minute intermission between sets
  - If game is tied at the end of 50 minutes, 1 point overtime will be played

## General rules:

## Team set-up

- An official team consists of six players
  - Four players need to be present to start the game
- Co-rec modifications: six players
  - Maximum of three girls and three guys, minimum of one player of each gender to start the game

## Rally scoring

- First two sets played to 25 sets, third to 15
- Need to win by two (game 1-2 capped at 30, game 3 does not have a cap)
- Points scored on every volley

## Timeouts

One timeout per set, 30 seconds each (official timeouts or injury timeouts)

## Substitutions

- Can only substitute for the server position, only when your team gets the serve back
- o Substitution must occur **before** the person coming out has served
- Women substitute for women, men substitute for men

#### Positioning

All players (without server) must be within the boundaries, maintain serving order

## Serving

- Within 10 seconds of the refs whistle
- Cannot touch the end line or any area outside service area
- o Ball can hit the net
- Ball cannot be hit with two hands, must be released from holding hand before it is hit
- Receiving team cannot block or attack a serve

 Re-serve: may occur once per service rotation as long as it hit the ground after the toss

## A live ball becomes dead when...

- Touches or passes outside the antenna
- Hits the walls or dividing curtain
- Hits the ceiling or an extension of the ceiling

## Contacting the ball:

- Three hits per side
- A block does not count as the teams first hit
- May be played off the head or foot if it is stationary and remains in contact with the ground (ex. Bounces off stationary foot)
- No double hits
- No scooping, lifting, pushing, carrying

## Net play:

- A ball may be played out of the net
- A blocker may reach over the net, but cannot block a ball unless the other team has a chance to attack
- Players are not allowed to cross the center line.
- Players cannot touch the net at any time

## Protests

- Participants have the right to protest
- o Can only protest rule interpretations, not judgment calls
- Captain must call a timeout immediately after questionable call and say "I want to protest"
- If the ball hits the line... it is IN!!

## Violations/Penalties:

- No double hits- 3 hits per side
- No lifting, scooping, pushing, or carrying the ball
- Players can NOT touch the net (hands, body parts, etc.)
- Players feet cannot completely cross the line under the net
- Back row players cannot block or attack in front of the 10' line
- Net play
  - o Legal moves:







o Illegal moves:







- Serving violations
  - o Foot can not step on or over the line onto the court until after they hit the ball
- Yellow card- use as a warning
  - Ex: arguing with your judgment call
- Red card- point and serve to the other team or ejection
  - o Must stop the game, get supervisors help and complete paperwork

# Hand signals:

- Important/common hand signals to know:
  - Motion to the team that gets a point
  - o Sweeping motion towards a player when they are allowed to substitute in
  - Whistle is blown to indicate both teams are ready to serve and the server can start
  - Whistle will also be blown immediately before pointing to which team got the point to stop the play and indicate that the score board should be changed

