



Anderson Park District

Youth Volleyball Bylaws – Recreational Leagues

COACH REQUIREMENTS: Coaches Application, Coaches Code of Ethics, Background Check Form, Concussion Training and Lindsay Law Certification. These forms are to be completed before the team's first practice. The APD recognizes only one head coach and one assistant coach per team.

PLAYER REQUIREMENTS: Registration Form, Release of Liability, and Full Payment. Players who are not on the official roster will not be allowed to play without proof of identification. Player information must match what was given to the Anderson Park District (APD) on the individual's registration form. Roster changes can only be made by the APD.

- **RELEASE OF LIABILITY** - Each player's parent or guardian must sign the release on the registration form before she is eligible to play.
- If a player is unable to regularly attend practices & games due to schedule conflicts, we will make an attempt before the regular season begins to find her a new team or refund the registration fee.
- **Substitutions (Subs for absent players):** There are no open substitutions in our recreational leagues.

UNIFORMS: Grades 3-6 must wear the uniform provided by the APD. All players must wear gym shoes and athletic shorts or volleyball shorts. Uniforms may not be altered in any way. Numbers must be visible on the front and back.

JEWELRY: All jewelry must be removed prior to each game and practice. For the safety of the players, earrings will not be allowed. Band-aids or other similar padding will also not be an acceptable means of protection for pierced ears.

EQUIPMENT: Game balls will be provided by the APD. The APD does not provide volleyballs or knee pads for players. See specific league rules/modifications for volleyball weight. The APD may have Volley-Lites available for purchase, while supplies last.

- **Hard Cast/Boot/Brace:** An injured player is not allowed to play in a game with a hard cast/boot/brace on any part of their body. Soft braces are allowed if there are no hard surfaces that may harm another player. This determination will be enforced at the official's discretion.

RECPLEX FACILITY REQUIREMENTS: The following COVID-19 facility requirements were established specifically for the Anderson Parks RecPlex by the Hamilton County Public Health Department. The following requirements are mandatory for everyone entering the Anderson Parks RecPlex.

- **Masks:** Everyone entering the RecPlex is required to wear a mask at all times. The only exception is for the players while they are on the court.
- **Spectators:** At games, each player may have two spectators. Spectators should be from the player's family 'bubble' and will be checked-in at the door. Siblings are not allowed unless they are one of the two spectators attending. ONLY coaches and players are allowed in the facility during practice.
- **Enter / Exit:** Everyone will enter the facility through the north double doors (Beechmont side) and exit through the gym doors facing Beech Acres Park. All doors are clearly marked with signage. Following the game/practice, everyone must exit the gym immediately. The entry doors will remain locked until the previous game/practice has been cleared from the gym and the spectator chairs have been sanitized. Please remain in your car until the entry doors are opened for your assigned game/practice.
- **Social Distancing:** Chairs will be set up in groups of two, 6 feet apart for spectators. Chairs for teams (players & coaches) will be set up individually 6 feet apart.

Please keep in mind that adjustments may be made to the requirements in an effort to continue the league. For example, the spectator requirement may become one spectator per player or no spectators allowed in the facility. Another adjustment would be to require players to wear masks at all times. If Hamilton County reaches 'purple', a level 4 public emergency, the APD will consider adjustments to facility requirements and/or league play.

COVID-19 REPORTING: For the safety of all players, coaches, spectators and personnel, please communicate immediately with your coach and/or the APD if your player becomes sick or tests positive. The APD will communicate with those effected by a positive case and make adjustments to the schedule accordingly. If your player has been quarantined by her school for contact with a positive COVID case, the player is not allowed to participate in the APD volleyball league until she's finished her quarantine.

RECPLEX CLOSURE: The Anderson Parks RecPlex facility will be closed and rentals/leagues will be suspended, postponed or canceled if the Forest Hills School District suspends in person learning and moves to virtual classes for all students. The APD may also suspended, postponed or canceled activities in the RecPlex if COVID-19 related concerns effect the APD's ability to safely operate in the facility (example – staff quarantine).

GAME SCHEDULES: The APD guarantees a minimum number of games based on the season. Games are to be played as scheduled. Games will only be rescheduled if bad weather causes less than the minimum number of games being played in a season. Game schedules will be emailed to the coaches following the coaches meeting.

PRACTICES: A practice schedule will be selected by the coach, from a group of prepared schedules, at the coaches meeting. Practice times run back to back so teams should plan on a 55 minute practice and be respectful of those scheduled before and after their practice. Team 'meetings' should take place before the hour is up or off the court on the back patio after practice so the next team can get started on time.

The recognized head and/or assistant coach must be present at all practices. If they are not able to attend, a replacement must be approved by the APD (background check competed).

CANCELLATIONS/POSTPONEMENTS: Should severe weather develop, call the Anderson Parks [Rainout Line at \(513\) 443-3003 x 105](tel:5134433003) on the day of the game or practice. The Rainout Line can also be accessed at AndersonParks.com. Park staff will try to update the Rainout Line an hour before games if possible. Canceled games will be made up at the discretion of the league supervisor.

SPORTSMANSHIP, EJECTIONS & PROTESTS: Good sportsmanship is a must and expected of all coaches, players and spectators! Derogatory remarks yelled at coaches, players, staff, officials, parents or other spectators by anyone during the season will not be tolerated. Those making such remarks will be asked to leave immediately by the referee or gym attendant. Ejected head coaches, assistant coaches, players or spectators have 5 minutes to leave the premises or the game may be forfeited. Any person ejected from a game is also suspended for the next game and cannot come to the gym. The APD staff or officials will file a written report within 24 hours.

- Officials are not perfect and will make mistakes, as even the professionals will at times. They are providing their service due to their unselfish interest in making the leagues enjoyable and rewarding to the children. We will not tolerate arguing of any kind.

APD STAFF & CONTRACTED SPORTS OFFICIALS: The APD will provide an official for the recreational leagues. Each team is responsible for providing a volunteer line judge. An APD staff person will be facility attending at the RecPlex.

LEAGUE RULES & MODIFICATIONS: There are rule modifications made to meet the recreational nature of each APD league. (See specific league modifications and rules for each grade level) All other rules will be governed by the National Federation of High School Volleyball Rules.

ANDERSON PARK DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY ANY OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS AS DEEMED NECESSARY.