

MLS BOOSTER CLUB VOLLEYBALL RULES 2010

Open to all WELS and ELS members. No “pick- ups” will be allowed that are not members or in fellowship with the WELS. This is meant to be a Christian fellowship athletic event within our congregations. Good sportsmanship shall be displayed by all teams on and off the court.

The tournament will consist of a round-robin pool play format. Pool play matches will normally consist of two games to 21 points with a cap also at 21 points. Depending on the number of teams in a pool, the point limit may be changed by the tournament director. The top two teams of each pool will advance to a seeded **winner’s bracket** and the remaining teams will advance to a **consolation bracket** with a maximum of 8 teams eligible in each bracket. Bracket play matches will be single elimination & consist of “best of three games” format to 21 points with a 23 point cap. **Depending on the amount of teams entered or time, tournament format may change.**

All games will be rally scoring (point scored by either serving or receiving team). Games will also allow for let/net serves (a served ball that makes contact with the net). Any part of the body may contact the ball and be considered a legal contact as long as the ball does not come to rest. One time-out is allowed per team per game. Injuries will be a time-out by the head ref. All other regular high school volleyball rules apply.

In the **Co-ed Tournament**, there **should** be an equal mix of men and women on a team. Men and women should position themselves on the floor so they can alternate serves in the rotation. However, if a team has more men **than** women and the team cannot alternate serves, they must forfeit the serve and a point each time it is a woman’s turn to serve and they are unable to do so. Also, in the **Co-ed Tournament**, when a team has two or more contacts, at least one of them must be made by a female team member before the ball is returned over the net. For the **men’s & women’s tournaments**, no “ghost” rules apply and a team must have from 4 to 6 players on the court. For both tournaments, team substitution’s may be by rotation method or by direct player for player (must be same two players substituting for each other for entire game except for injuries). Players from teams eliminated will not be allowed to play for other teams.

In case of ties in pool play, the winner will be determined by the greatest point difference (+/-) in their head-to-head match. If two teams are still tied, the greatest (+/-) point differences in all their games played. If the teams are still tied, a play-off game will be played. All teams should report to MLS after pool play to find out the location and time of their next match.

The tournament director has final say in all matters and may have to change the tournament format due to unforeseen circumstances the day of the event.