



# VOLLEYBALL

## (GIRLS)

### 2014 RULES

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#### Team Requirements

- There will be one age group: School Years 7, 8 & 9
- Each team shall consist of 5 players with 4 playing at any one time.
- A Local Authority area can enter one or two volleyball teams.
- Each team member must wear their Devon Games to Inspire T-Shirt.

#### Team Eligibility

- All team members must be in School Years 7, 8 & 9
- No club/school teams can enter, i.e. open LA trials should be held.
- Players must not have competed at County, Regional or National level in the 12 months prior to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

#### Competition Format

- The competition will take the form of a round robin tournament pools to determine seeding, knock out with all teams (depending on entry) playing down to finals.
- Points will be *awarded as follows: 5 points for a win, 3 points for a draw, and 2 point if scoring more than 50% of the winning score and 1 point for a loss.*
- The winning team will be the one with the highest number of points scored.
- In the event of a tied position at the end of all matches the first criteria to be used will be: Games Won, Sets Ratio, Points Difference, Winner of the game between any drawing team.
- Team players will be expected to be able to score, second ref and line judge. Teams may need to referee or assist with refereeing with games.

#### Sports Rules

The competition will be played to EVA rules and includes the following:

- The court size will be: 12m x 6m
- The height of the net will be approximately 2.15m
- The type of ball used will be: Lightweight Ball (size 5)
- The event will be run using a timed game format, the length of each game will be determined by the number of teams entered.
- If a team is not present at the time to start play then the other teams if possible will continue to play to keep the tournament running smoothly. If a team is not present they may have to forfeit their match.
- Teams will be expected, and must be encouraged to play as many points as possible within the time span.

- If teams are in the middle of playing a point when the game ends, they will be allowed to finish playing that point.
- Continuous rotations
- Players must not step into the opposition's court.

### Serving

- The referee must blow the whistle to start the serve and indicate with a movement of the arm to serve the ball.
- If the referee has not blown their whistle to start play when the ball was served and the other team was not ready, then a let can be played.
- The serve must take place from behind the back court line.
- The serve is made by an underarm serve. There is no over-arm/ over-head serving allowed.
- Only one attempt to serve is allowed

### Scoring System

- If a team wins a rally they score a point and serves again (regardless of which team is serving).
- A player continues to serve until the team fails to win a point on their serve. The serve then passes to the other team.
- Every time a team wins the serve from the other team, all players rotate their position on court - clockwise.
- If a team lose the serve the team does not rotate.
- If a team keeps the serve the team does not rotate.
- The winning captain (both in case of a draw) must take the result slip to the scorer's table at the end of the match.

### Ball in play

- The ball must be kept off the floor at all times.
- The ball must be played to one of your team for the second touch before it can be played over the net.
- A team has a minimum of two touches and a maximum of three touches before the ball must be played over the net. Any more is a fault.
- The defending team can block all balls at the net, apart from the serve.
- The ball may touch any part of the body except the feet.
- The ball must NOT be caught and/or thrown.
- The ball is "in" if it touches the floor of the playing court including the boundary lines.
- The ball is "out" when:
  - i) the part of the ball which contacts the floor is completely outside the boundary lines
  - ii) it touches an object outside the court, or a person out of play (non-player)
  - iii) it crosses completely under the lower space of the net
- Once the ball has landed on the floor the rally is over.
- If a ball is touched or caught and dropped by a player, before it lands on the floor then the ball goes to the other side.
- If a ball is going out then the ball must be left so the referee can make a decision when they see the ball bounce.
- continuous rotation and 2 touch rule:

### Net touches

- The ball may touch the net when the ball goes over the net at any time, even from a serve, play continues. If the ball goes under the net then it is a fault serve.
- A person may not touch the net with any part of their body, however players may brush the net or touch the net when it is not part of the play. A net touch is when a player touches the top net band.

### Scoring a point

- A team scores a point:
  - i) by successfully grounding the ball on the opponent's court
  - ii) when the opponent team commits a fault
  - iii) when the opponent team receives a penalty

### Faults

- A fault is made by making a playing action contrary to the rules (or violating) them in some other way). The referee judges all faults and determines the consequence according to the rules.
  - A fault could be:
    - i) a service fault
    - ii) a player playing the ball twice in succession
    - iii) The team touch the ball more than 3 times before playing the ball across the net.  
(The block is excluded as counting as a touch)
    - iv) a player touches or comes in contact with the net.

### **Official's Decision**

- In all matters relating to the competition the Event Co-ordinators decision shall be final and binding.