

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
UTAH AREA SPORTS



2009-10 Volleyball Tournament Rules

- RULES:** The 2009-2011 USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations rules will be used with the adaptations as described herein.
- UNIFORMS:** Each participating player shall have a shirt with legal numbers (Rule:USAV 4.3.3) on the front and back and the entire team shall wear shirts that match in color. Shorts should be modest, clean, neat, worn properly and appropriate for the occasion. It is forbidden to wear hats, jewelry, cast (even if padded), or objects that may cause injury. (Rule:USAV 4.5.1)
- PLAYING TIME:** In tournament play the first team to win two sets wins the match. Sets #1 and #2 will be to 25 points, set #3 to 15 points. All sets are rally scoring, must win by two points, with no scoring cap. (Rule:USAV 6.3.a) The interval between sets last 3 minutes. (Rule:18.1) Posted match time is forfeit of set #1. Forfeit for match is 10 minutes after posted match time. (Rule:USAV 7.3.1) Pool play will be 2 sets to 25 points, rally score, point cap at 25 points.
- PLAYOFF GAME:** If necessary, when the loser's bracket team defeats the winner's bracket team, there will be a tournament play-off game. A playoff game is considered a match, and only one set will be played. The match is won by the team that scores 25 points with a two-point advantage. Teams change sides when one team has scored 13 points. (Rule:USAV 6.3.b)
- SPORTSMANSHIP:** Good sportsmanship is expected of all participants in the church sports program. Honor calls are desirable in that participants are encouraged to acknowledge rule infractions when appropriate. Officials will be expected to encourage such calls, but the official must make the final decision. (see Church Handbook of Instructions: Bk.2, sec.10, p.275)
- GROUND RULES:** Establish unique facility ground rules prior to beginning play. The service zone shall have a minimum depth of 2 m (6'6 ¾"). (Rule:USAV 1.4.2) For more information on facilities, playing area, and equipment refer to Chapter 1 in the USA Volleyball: Domestic Competition Regulations.
- SUBSTITUTION:** Substitution and entry may occur essentially without limits. However, rotation order as determined by the starting line-up must be maintained throughout the set. (Rule:7.6.1)
- REQUESTS FOR TIME OUTS, INFORMATION, ETC.:** Either the team captain or coach may request time outs, line-up checks, etc. Each team is allowed 2 time outs (30 seconds) per set. (Rule:15.1 & 15.4.1)
- SERVED BALL TOUCHING THE NET:** the net serve is now an integral part of the game. (Rule:10.2)
- LIBERO PLAYER:** We **will not** use the Libero player (Rule:19) in any area-sponsored competition.
- ROSTERS:** Eligibility Declaration and Team Rosters of participants should be completely filled out and submitted, together with any rule waiver request, to the stake sports specialist prior to the beginning of stake play. (see Church Handbook of Instructions: Bk.2, sec.10, p.275)
- WAIVERS:** Waivers should be prepared and submitted to the stake sports specialist prior to stake play.
- MULTIPLE TEAM PARTICIPATION:** Individuals may only participate on one church sports team in the same sport season. The only exception to this rule applies to co-ed play.
- AGE:** Youth who turn fourteen, sixteen or eighteen, during a sports season may finish the sport in which they are currently playing or move up immediately to the team of their new age group. **Bishops may, in special circumstances, allow Young Men and Young Women eighteen years of age to participate in the youth sports.** However, participation in sports should not delay worthy eighteen-year-old young men from receiving the Melchizedek Priesthood and being ordained elders (See General Handbook of Instructions, p. 4-2). Eighteen-year old young men who are ordained Elders may complete the sport in which they are currently participating or move up to the adult sport program. They may not, however, participate in both youth and adult play during the same season. **Note:** At the conclusion of that sports season, eighteen-year old Elders **MUST** participate in the adult program. All young men nineteen and older are to be affiliated with the Elders quorum as ordained Elders or as prospective Elders (See General Handbook of Instructions, p 4-2). All young women nineteen and older are to be affiliated with the relief Society. On their nineteenth birthday, they may choose to finish that sport in the youth program or advance to the adult sports program. They must however, advance to the adult program at the start of the next sport season.
- SCHOOL TEAM PLAYERS:** Players who have the opportunity to participate in school programs under the jurisdiction of the High School Activities Association, or players who are members of officially sponsored junior college, college or university teams, will be asked to make a participation choice between that and the church sports program for that sport. Once a player has participated with the school team in a scheduled game, the decision is firm and he/she is not thereafter eligible to rejoin the ward team as a player for that season or for tournament play. Prior to that first scheduled game, if the player leaves the school squad, he/she would be eligible to participate with the ward team for the remainder of stake play and thereafter any tournament play for which they qualify. (see Church Handbook of Instructions: Bk.2, sec.10, p.275-276)