

2008 Referee Rules – Spike on the Pike

1. All players must wear shoes. **Spikes and/or cleats will NOT BE ALLOWED!**
2. A team may have a maximum of 6 players (2 women) on the court at one time. A team may drop down to four players but there still must be two women on the court. If a team loses a female player and does not have a female substitute, they may continue to play with a vacant position as long as the opposing team does not object.
3. The tournament will begin with round-robin play within each pool of teams. After pool play has finished, teams will be divided into a “competitive” division (top 2 of each pool) and a “recreational” division (others).
4. Pool play will use rally scoring... playing three games to 15 points. (Must win by two and play all three games during pool play.)
*When rally scoring is used, a point is scored with every serve.
5. Tournament play will be single elimination, best 2 out of 3 to 25 points winning by 2 - rally scoring.
6. A five-minute grace period will be allowed for teams to show on the court after they have been called. If no-show, then team forfeits.
7. Flip of a coin before each match will allow teams to pick side or service. Team that does not serve first game serves second game. **If** third game is necessary, loser of first game serves first in the third game.
8. Teams must rotate sides after each game and at 8 for pool play /13 for tournament of the 3rd game.
9. Each team will be allowed one 30 second time-out per game. **No Stalling!**
10. After the referee signals for service, the server will serve the ball within 5 seconds. Failure to do so will result in a point for other team.
11. The ball is put into play by serving it from behind the right rear out-of-bounds line, and may be hit in any manner with the hand / foot. A serve that hits the net but goes over is “in play”.
12. Players may not attack or block the serve.
13. Substitution will **only** be allowed from the serving position, except in case of injury. An injury, requiring substitution is any injury that will delay the play more than 30 seconds. The injured player can only substitute back in for the player that replaced him/her.
14. Paint will be used to mark out of bounds. If the ball hits on the line it is in. If paint fades, there will only be a do-over if it affects outcome of the point.
15. It is a foul for players to touch the net. Point will be given to other team.
16. Holding or throwing the ball while it is in play is a foul. The play must be distinct batting of the ball.
17. Three hits are allowed for each side. A player may not hit the ball twice in succession.
A block is not considered a hit.
18. It is a violation to spike with two hands. **ONLY THE FRONT LINE PLAYERS ARE PERMITTED TO SPIKE!**
19. Rules are subject to referees’ interpretation. **ONLY THE TEAM CAPTAIN MAY TALK WITH THE REFEREE OR OFFICIAL. REFEREES’ DECISIONS ARE FINAL. PROTESTS ARE NOT ALLOWED. Zero tolerance for profanity or hostile behavior!**
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21. All players’ signature must appear on the roster/release form.
22. Captain of winning team takes the score sheet to the scorer’s table directly after match is over.
23. In case of severe weather/ lightning, play will be delayed. In this case, players, spectators, and volunteers will be asked to take shelter in their cars or up in the main building. Play will resume as weather permits. Please do not jeopardize staff by not abiding by these guidelines... since they will be at risk out in the weather to make sure **YOU** take shelter.
24. Every effort will be made to resume play in the event for extreme weather and/or delay, as the YMCA of East Tennessee is unable to refund entry fees. We appreciate you participation and support.
25. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products are strictly prohibited on YMCA property.

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