



## Pender County Parks and Recreation Spring Sand Volleyball League

### Season:

- The season is 8 weeks long with a championship on week 9, weather permitting.
- Tuesdays April 1<sup>st</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The final Tuesday of the season will be the championship with the four highest seeded teams playing to determine the 2024 Spring Sand Volleyball Champions.

### Playing Field and equipment:

- All games will be played at the sand volleyball courts at Hampstead Kiwanis Park.
- The regulation game ball will be provided by Pender County Parks and Recreation.

### Pender County Park Rules

- No pets
- No tobacco products of any kind (including e-cigs) except in the parking lot.
- No alcohol
- No foul language

### Players:

- All participants must be at least 14 years old prior to the first game.
- All players must be on the roster list before the season begins.

### Teams:

- Each team has a captain who will be the point of contact for Pender County staff.
- Each captain must provide a roster to Pender County Parks and Recreation before the first game. A roster must list a minimum of four but a maximum of 10 eligible players for the team.
- Teams can consist of four players on the court at once. Teams must have at least three players on the court at all times to avoid a forfeit.

### The Match:

- Each team will play at least one match every Tuesday. Each match will consist of a best 2 out of 3 game series.
- The match will have a time limit of 45 minutes.
- The first two games will be played to 21 rally scored with no cap.
- If a third game is required, it will be played to 15 rally scored.

### Game Rules:

- Bad mouthing and explicit language is strictly prohibited.
- A team is allowed a maximum of three contacts before the ball must be sent over the net.
- If two or more players contact the ball at the same time it is considered one hit and the players involved may not participate in the next hit.

- A player may not cause a ball to come to rest during contact. Carrying, palming, and throwing the ball are prohibited.
- A ball that touches the boundary line is fair.
- At the time of service all players must be inside the boundaries of the court.
- Players do not have to play in set positions or rotate.
- Players must maintain the same service order throughout the entire match.
- If a player is a substitution, they must return to the same spot in the service order.

**Service:**

- A legal serve will take place from behind the team's rear boundary line.
- Serving player must remain behind the rear line until the ball has been served. If the player serves in the air, they can land on or inside the line.
- A legal serve must cross over the net. The serve can touch the net on the way over.

**Play at Net:**

- Player contact with the net is prohibited.
- In blocking, a player may touch the ball beyond the net provided that they do not interfere with opponent's play or touch the net.
- Blocking a spike at the net is not considered a hit.
- Attacking the serve is prohibited.

**Common Violations:**

- Double Hit: When a player touches the ball twice in a row, or if the ball touches two parts of the players body in succession.
- A player stepping over the rear boundary line on a serve.
- A return volley of three hits without at least one hit from a female player and one hit from a male player.
- Contacting the ball illegally (carrying, throwing, palming).
- Failure to serve in the correct order.
- Failure to serve the ball over the net legally.

**Pender County management is empowered to resolve all issues and problems at their discretion. Pender County reserves the right to refuse services to any party for any reasonable cause.**