

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wentzville Parks and Recreation</b> <b>Girls' Volleyball House League Rules</b></p>
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**USVBA Rules Will Be Used Except Where Amended By House League.**

1. All teams will play one match, consisting of three games. There is only a 1 minute break between games in order to keep the match times on schedule. The league scoring system is rally scoring. League winners will be determined by an end of the season tournament.
2. Teams must have at least 4 players on the court at all times. **Players must all have equal playing time.**
3. Game time is forfeit time, for the first game of each match. If enough players have not arrived after 10 minutes, the entire match will be forfeited.
4. Awards will be given to the league champion at the end of the tournament.
5. The main purpose of officiating is to achieve as fair a match as possible. If there is a conflict in calls or any question concerning the call, the referee will direct a replay.
6. Teams are responsible for providing one volunteer line judge per game. **At no point should any coach, parent or participant approach the line judge for the purpose of arguing a call. All boundary/line calls are judgement calls and are final. If a coach has a concern about anything related to the line judge, said concerns should be directed to the referee.**
7. A served ball may be received with a set or bump. A served ball cannot be blocked or spiked on the serve. A served ball that is served and hits the net, but goes over, is in play. Server will only be allowed to serve five (5) consecutively. Once the (5) limit has been reached. The serving side will rotate, and move on to the next server.
8. Serves may be over-hand or under-hand, and the server must be in the designated area (12-17 behind the black line, 9-11 behind the orange line). A tossed ball for an overhand serve that is not good, can be re-tossed, if the server lets the ball hit the floor instead of catching it. One of these per serving turn.
9. If the ball comes into contact with the curtain, walls, backboards or track the following will apply:
  - a. **Walls/Ceiling** – Ruled out (side out or point)
  - b. **Curtain** - Ruled out (side out or point)
  - c. **Backboards, Track-** If your team hits the ball into these structures and it remains on your own playing court (and you have hits remaining), it is a live ball and should be played. If your team hits the ball into these structures and the ball goes onto the opposing teams playing court, it is a side out or point.

10. No deliberate carrying, throwing, lifting or double hitting. Officials will make judgment calls.
11. **Good sportsmanship must be shown at all times by players and guests.** Rules of Conduct that apply for the daily use of the facility also apply for all leagues. An individual, or team may be asked to leave the court or Recreation Center if their conduct is not acceptable.
12. Referees have the discretion to eject players at any time for inappropriate behavior. **The referee is always available to explain a rule. Arguing of judgement calls will not be tolerated.**
13. A game is complete when a team scores 21 points or is two points ahead when time runs out. **There is a 50 minute time limit.** During the end of the season tournament, if a team wins the first two games, then the third game will not be played. If a third game is needed, the game will be complete when a team scores 15 points. The team must win by two. Cap at 23 in a normal game and cap at 17 in playoff third set.
14. One time out is allowed per game. If the score is 21 – 21 an additional time out will be granted.
15. Team coaches will be notified of changes or cancellation of scheduled games for any reason and they are to notify the rest of their team members.
16. Wentzville Parks and Recreation facilities (a.k.a.), the weight room and track, are for members and paying guests. **League participants may not use them unless they pay the daily fees.**
17. Parents are responsible for their children while in the facility.

### **Players Eligibility**

1. Players must be 9-17 years of age at the time of the first league game.
2. An individual cannot play on more than 1 team within the same league including substituting.

