

Staff Appreciation Week Volleyball Gameplay Rules:

Eligibility

1. This is a staff event, please make staff a priority to play/compete
2. A maximum of 6 players on the court to compete
3. A minimum of 2 (out of 6) players MUST be female and competing at all times
4. Only 1 full time student employee may complete
5. Graduate students who are staff may participate

The Serve

1. When beginning a game, first serve is determined by coin toss or rock, paper, scissors
2. Server must serve from behind the end line until after contact
3. Ball may be served underhand or overhand
4. Served ball may graze the net and drop to the other side for point
5. Serve must be returned by a bump only
 - a. No setting a serve, attacking a serve, or blocking a serve

Scoring

1. Rally scoring will be used
2. There will be a point scored on every score of the ball
3. Offense will score on a defense miss or out of bounds hit
4. Defense will score on an offensive miss, out of bounds hit, or serve into the net
5. Game will be played 10-15 minutes (depending on teams); winning team being the team with the highest score
6. If game resulting in a tie, both teams will play for a sudden death point.
 - a. The serving team shall be the team that won the previous point.

Rotation

1. Team will rotate each time they win the serve (rotation before the first serve is optional)
2. Players shall rotate in a clockwise manner
3. Teams can complete with 4-6 players on each side
4. Substitutions will only be allowed between games.
 - a. Substitutions between volleys will ONLY be allowed for injuries

Playing the Game (Volley)

1. Maximum of 3 hits per side (a block is not considered a hit)
2. Player may not hit the ball twice in succession (a block is not considered a hit)
3. Ball may be played off the net during a volley and on serve
4. A ball touching a boundary line is good/fair
5. A legal hit is contact with the ball by a players body above and including the waist, which does not allow the ball to visibly come to a rest
6. If two or more players contact the ball simultaneously, it is considered one play and the players involved may not participate in the next play
7. A player must not block or attack a serve

Basic Violations

All violations will result in a point for the opposing team, who will also serve next. Violations include:

1. Stepping on/over the line on a serve
2. Failure to serve the ball over the net successfully
3. Hitting the ball illegally (e.g. carrying, double-touching, throwing)
4. Touching the net with any part of the body while the ball is in play. If the ball is driven into the net with such force that it causes the net to contact an opposing player, no foul will be called, and the ball shall continue to be in play.
5. Reaching under the net (if it interferes with the ball or opposing player)
6. Failure to serve in the correct order
7. Reaching over the net, except under these conditions:
 - a. Executing a follow-through
 - b. Blocking a ball which is in the opponents court but is being returned (the blocker must not contact the ball until after the opponent who is attempting to return the ball makes contact). Except to block the third party.