

“Volleyball Night at Brooklawn” 2010 – TOURNAMENT RULES

Each court will have a faculty or high school student referee, who will enforce the rules listed below. All referee decisions are final, with NO APPEALS allowed.

- 1. All seven players on the team will play in each game. There will be a seven player rotation (with six on the court and one on the sideline) that will rotate each time the service is received/won.*
- 2. All games will use “Rally Scoring”, where a team does not have to serve in order to score! Therefore team without the serve will get the point AND the serve when the other team commits an illegal hit, allows the ball to hit the floor in bounds, fails to serve legally, or otherwise loses the point.*
- 3. All games will be 15 points to win, and must be won by at least 2 points. Therefore, any game reaching a score of 15-14 will continue until one team goes ahead by 2 points. A “shutout rule” will instantly end any game reaching a score of 10-0.*
- 4. A team may not use more than three hits to return any volley or serve. The fourth hit by any team will result in a dead ball and either a point for the other team (if the offending team is not on serve) or a loss of serve (if on serve).*
- 5. The ball may not be “carried” or otherwise lifted on any hit. This will immediately result in a dead ball and either a point for the other team (if the offending team is not on serve) or a loss of serve (if on serve).*
- 6. While a team may return any volley or serve on the first hit, a serve may not be SPIKED back. Any live ball may be played off the net except for a serve, which will be ruled a dead ball upon hitting the net. Any ball that hits a ceiling obstruction is a dead ball, resulting in a point for the other team (if the offending team is not on serve) or a loss of serve (if on serve).*
- 7. Teams must rotate their players upon receiving the serve. There must be a setup of three players on the front line, with the other three playing in back. The seventh player will sit out until the next rotation takes place.*
- 8. This is a double loss elimination tournament. After a team loses its first game, they will be placed in the Losers’ Bracket to play against other teams that have also lost one game. A second loss eliminates any team from the tournament. The tournament championship will be a ONE GAME – WINNER TAKE ALL final. Tournament results will be announced, updated and displayed throughout the evening.*
- 9. There will be 4 courts set up in the large gym, allowing up to 8 teams to play at once. For the later round games we will use only two courts, allowing everyone to sit in the closed court areas to watch the games. Students may not wander around A-wing, which will be gated off.*
- 10. Absolutely no food or drinks may be brought into any of the gyms, regardless of the fact that food/drink will be on sale and the vending machines will be available for use. This rule will be strictly enforced by Faculty chaperones!*
- 11. All participants are encouraged to stay until the tournament ends, which should be around 9:30. Please instruct your parents to pick you up no later than 9:30 in the BACK of the building, not the front!*