

WISE COUNTY YOUTH VOLLEYBALL, INC.

LEAGUE RULES

Failure to comply with any and all League rules will result in ejection for the game until compliance is achieved.

1. Knee pads are required. No knee pads, No Play.
2. A team may play with 5 players however, a side out will occur on the missing players serve. Any less than 5 will go in the books as a forfeit but the teams are encouraged to play for extra practice.
3. Team Rosters are to be checked at the beginning of each game. If an athlete's name and number does not appear on the team's roster, that athlete is ineligible. If it is discovered that an ineligible player competes in a match, that match will be ruled a forfeit, the team will be removed from the court, the coach will receive a warning and an inquiry will be opened. The warning is to be delivered by a member of the Board of Directors to the Head Coach when possible. In the event of the Head Coach's absence, the Assistant Coach or other responsible team representative will be given the notice. Each team will receive only one warning. In the event that the Coach, Assistant Coach or other valid team representative has previously received a warning and the issue occurs again, the Coach/Assistant Coach/Representative will be removed from the league for the remainder of the current season. An inquiry a) will be a review of the roster of any and all previous games at the League's discretion, b) may include interviews with officials, line judges, players, parent/fans, or any other witnessing parties, c) will be performed by the Board, and d) will be voted on by the Board.
4. Net height is 7' 00" for all grades. We do not have the ability to adjust net height at some facilities
5. Best two out of three games. Games one and two will be played to 25 points, win by 2 points with a 27 point cap. If a third game is necessary, it will be played to 15 points, with a 17 point cap.
6. Two 60 second time outs per game.
7. Rally scoring rules are in effect. If the ball hits the net and goes over, you play the ball.
8. Most *UIL* rules apply. Modification to the serving line for all 4th grade athletes and 5th grade *GIRLS* are exceptions. 3rd & 4th grade Girls can move up to the 3-point line UNLESS they are serving overhand. In the case of an overhand serve, players will move back to the free throw line. 3rd & 4th grade boys and 5th grade Girls may move up to the free throw line, regardless of which type of serve. 5th Boys serve from the normal serving line (the out of bounds line). The server must follow the curvature of the line when serving from the 3-point line.
9. 5-point rule. A team may only score 5 consecutive points by any one server. After the 5th point, the ball is given to the other team. This is not a side out so no point is awarded.
10. **If a coach, player, parent, or spectator is being offensive with language or actions, the referee will issue a warning. Persistent offensive behavior will result in ejection from that game, facilities, and possible ejection for the League for the remainder of the season.**

11. The games will be kept running in a timely manner. Teams must be ready to play within 10 minutes of the coin toss.
12. If a team has less than 5 players at game time (10 minutes after the coin toss) they will forfeit the first game of the match; the team will be given 10 minutes more. At the end of the second 10 minutes, if they still do not have 5 or more players they forfeit the match.
13. The visiting team calls the toss in the air, even in the event of a third game.
14. Please be here 15 minutes prior to your time scheduled in case we are running ahead of schedule.
15. REMEMBER: no lifting, pushing, slapping, or resting of the ball. These will be called as a lift and will result in a side out.
16. When overhand serving, the player is allowed one re-toss, making a total of two tosses per service point. If the player drops the second toss, the result is a side out and point for the other team as an illegal serve.
17. All players of each team are played equal. This is achieved by free substitution on every rotation. The substitution will occur by the last server exiting the court and the next substitute entering into the middle back (6) position. The only exception to this rule is if a player has missed both practices of that week. In this case, the coach can choose to bench the player for the first match of the game, but the player must be allowed to play in the next match(es).
18. Line Judges: Each team is responsible for one line judge, who must be at least 16 years of age. If a team is unable to provide a line judge, the opposing team may provide two. If the team cannot provide a line judge, and the opposing cannot provide two, the team who cannot provide the line judge will forfeit the game.
19. Teams are coached by volunteers. Please respect your coach(es) and the time that they are dedicating to the players. Coaches may request to return to their position each season by marking their child's form appropriately or, in the event the Coach does not have a child in the League, may request in writing by text or e-mail to any Board Member. Coaches do not have an automatic "Right to Return."
20. Teams may not practice more than two hours per week and must be held in the facilities specified by the League officials. Players must practice only with their assigned teams, as decided by the official draft. Practices will not be held on Wednesday afternoons, or other prohibited times-such as Spring Break- unless approved by the board due to special circumstance, and the practice must end no later than 5 pm in this special case. Practices held outside of the knowledge of the board will be considered an illegal practice, which will result in the coach being excused from his/her coach's duties. In the event that a coach is relieved of his/her duties, the assistant may step up to assume the responsibilities, or the players will be divided and placed on other teams if a coach cannot be found.

21. Players may not wear prohibited items, specified as: metal or hard plastic headbands, clips, and/ or accessories, bobby pins, or any type of jewelry, unless medical. The team captain will be reminded of this during the coin toss at the beginning of each game and is responsible for reminding the rest of the players. If a player is seen with any one of these items, after the warning in the coin toss, it will result in a charge of one of the team's 60 second timeouts. If no timeouts remain, a side out will occur with one point awarded to the opposing team.
22. **If a player refuses to comply with any part of rule #21, the player will sit out of the game until compliance can be achieved.**
23. The team may not alter the given uniforms in any way. This specifically includes any jewels or beads of any kind, as it can be harmful to the player and the facility floors.
24. All players must participate in the fundraiser stated in the enrollment packet, unless they have chosen to opt-out, (also included in the enrollment packet). Refusal of participation could result in ejection from the league.
25. **The player is responsible for monies due at the end of the fundraiser. Lost or stolen money is still the responsibility of the player.**
26. Athletes attending schools outside of Wise County, that do not live within the WCYV service area*, must follow out of county procedures detailed on the WCYV website.
**(service area defined as: Decatur, Bridgeport, Alvord, Chico, Paradise, Boyd, Rhome, Aurora, New Fairview, Runaway Bay and Slidell.)*
27. **You are responsible for your own food and drinks.** Please respect all gym rules pertaining to food/ drink policies. You are also responsible for your own mess and the clean-up that goes with it. Please dispose of trash and clean up any spills that may occur.
28. **All minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.**
Unaccompanied minors including players not currently in play will be asked to leave the immediate area and may be asked to leave the premises. You (Parents/Guardian) are also responsible for any damage caused by any family member or person under your supervision to any of the facilities which Wise County Youth Volleyball, Inc. has rented or retained for the purposes of this volleyball league. You shall be responsible for payment of repairs and/ or restoration of the facilities.
29. **Gate fees help to pay the officials and gym fees.**
- \$2.00 per adult
\$1.00 students K-12
\$1.00 per senior citizen (55 and older), Veteran, Active Military'
Or First Responder.
Free- any uniformed First Responder on duty.

* First Responder defined as: EMS, EMT, Police, Fire and Rescue