



Welcome to the Stonewall Sports 10th Annual National Tournament! These rules outline the structure and expectations for the Sand Volleyball Tournament. The Sand Volleyball Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 20, and Sunday, July 21, 2024, at the Memory Lanes sand courts.

Format

Matches. Each team is guaranteed at least four (4) matches: Three (3) on Day 1 (Saturday) and at least one (1) on Day 2 (Sunday).

Schedules. Matches will tentatively be held between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Team schedules for Saturday will be announced in advance of the Tournament. Sunday schedules will be available following Saturday play.

Tournament Structure

Day 1. Saturday, July 20

Teams will be randomly assigned three matches against an opponent.

Matches will be played best of three sets, time permitting, with 40 minutes scheduled for play.

Scoring will be to 21 (win by two), with a cap at 23 points. If needed, third sets will be played to 15 (win by two) with a cap at 17.

Based on the results of the Day 1 matches, teams will be ranked to determine seeding for the Day 2 Bracket. Ranking will be determined as follows:

1. Ranking Points will be awarded based on the results of Day 1 matches.

Match Result	Points Awarded
2-0	2.0
2-1	1.5
1-1	1.0
1-2	0.5
0-2	0.0

2. Teams will also be assigned a Ratio of the total points scored (PS) to the total points scored against (PA) across all three Day 1 matches.
3. Team Totals used for rankings will be the sum of the Ranking Points and the Ratio.

4. If necessary, tie breaks will be determined by tournament staff.

Day 2. Sunday, July 21

Based on the seeding from Day 1 matches, each team will be placed into the Elimination Bracket for Day 2. Winning teams will advance through the bracket while losing teams will be eliminated (single elimination). Deciding matches will be played to determine 1st, 2nd, 3rd placed teams.

Matches will be played best of three sets with 40 minutes scheduled for play.

Scoring will be to 21 (win by two), with a cap at 23 points. If needed, third sets will be played to 15 (win by two) with a cap at 17.

Rules

The Stonewall Sand Volleyball National Tournament will operate under the competition rules and regulations as outlined in the [2023–2025 Beach Rules](#) book as adopted by USA Volleyball.

The rules listed below are specific to the Stonewall Sports Sand Volleyball National Tournament and supersede the rules in the USA Volleyball Rule Book.

1. **Net Height.** The net height for matches will be 7'9 $\frac{5}{8}$ "
2. **Team Composition.** Matches will play with six-player teams (6 vs. 6). Teams must have a minimum of 6 players present. Teams may have up to 10 registered players.
3. **Attire.** Official Stonewall Sports National Tournament shirts must be visible during all game play (i.e., worn, tucked into waistband, etc.). Knee pads and other protective equipment are not required but can be worn.
4. **Schedule.** Teams must be present 15 minutes prior to their scheduled match time, and Captains must check in with tournament staff.
5. **Warm Up.** Teams will have 5 minutes of warm up time on their court prior to the scheduled match time.
6. **Rotations.** All registered team players present at the Tournament must rotate in to play *each set*. Captains are responsible for ensuring that rotations are fair and consistent.

Officiating

All teams will be required to provide a four-person (4) work crew for assigned matches consisting of one head referee, two line judges, and one score keeper.

Ref assignments will be posted along with the schedules for each day of the tournament. Captains are the only members of a team that may discuss a play with the referee for the purpose of clarification or explanation. Captains may not approach the line judges.

No player may argue with or berate any referee, official, or opponent. Violations will result in verbal warnings and/or removal from the match.

If there is a dispute on the court, the referee may stop play and confer with tournament staff to make the final determination.

Game Conduct

If a player exhibits any behavior that deliberately subverts league rules or the mission of Stonewall Sports, verbal warnings and/or removal from the match can be issued by tournament staff.