Blue Valley Recreation
2020 Sand Volleyball Guidelines

The following guidelines and recommendations will be in place for youth and high school sand volleyball games for the 2020 summer season. The purpose of this information is to provide, best as possible, a safe environment at the Sports Complex and to comply with local government mandates.

Below are recommendations and requirements that will be observed. Every attempt has been made to uphold the integrity of the game in its original form.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

1. All bleachers and benches will be removed from the playing areas. Spectators should bring their own chairs and umbrellas and will be expected to follow the 6 feet social distancing guidelines.

2. Team benches will be for participant use only. Substitute players will sit 6 feet apart on their team sideline. A maximum of two coaches are allowed around the bench area. They must maintain 6 feet from the court, 6 feet from each other and 6 feet from substitute players.

3. Spectators – Phase 2 encourages only one spectator per player. Phase 3 allows two spectators per player. Spectators are expected to practice social distancing.

4. Equipment – Players will be required to bring their own volleyball for warm-ups. Teams will use only volleyballs provide by their own players.

5. Water – Spray bottles and water bottles will not be shared. Players are encouraged to bring their own spray bottle and towel. The water hose will be for official use only. The official will be the only one allowed to operate the water hose to cool down the sand.

6. Warm-ups – Teams must maintain the 6 feet social distancing guidelines before, during and after warmups. Teams must remain on their side of the court only. There will be no serving or hitting the volleyball over the net during warm-ups.

7. No team huddles. Communication with the team needs to be spread out.

8. At the conclusion of the game, no handshakes. Instead, teams to line up on their end lines and wave to their opponents. This act of sportsmanship should be initiated by the coaches and official.

9. Teams are required to provide and display hand sanitizer by their team sideline for their team for use before, during and after the game.

10. The official will be responsible for keeping score. The official will submit all scores for each set via email to the program coordinator at the conclusion of each game night.

11. Game times on each court will be staggered. An additional 15 minutes will be built into the schedule between games to allow for teams to exit the complex prior to the next teams entering the complex.
12. Volleyball equipment room will be open between matches. Only one official is allowed in the equipment room at a time.

RULE CHANGES:
1. Teams will not switch sides with each set and will remain on their side for the entire match.

2. Captains will not attend the pre-game meeting. Pre-game meetings will be with one coach from each team and the official. Social distancing rules apply.

3. To assist with distancing guidelines, the official will remain 8 feet from the sideline as they officiate the game and operate the scoreboard.

4. Timeouts are allowed, but players are not allowed to huddle. Social distancing rules apply.

5. In the event of an injury – Only the coach or parent may attend to the player unless medical attention is required.

6. Coaches may request a timeout to talk to an official. Social distancing rules apply.

7. The game volleyball will be disinfected before and after every match.

8. Each match will stop after 45 minutes. If the score is tied at the end of 45 minutes, that set will end in a tie.

RECOMMENDATIONS:
1. The wearing of face covering is encouraged at the Sports Complex. Face coverings may be homemade, or store bought.

2. Wash your hands and equipment after each game and use hand sanitizer.

3. Social distancing is recommended whenever possible. Teams are encouraged not to gather as a group within close proximity of one another for pre or post game meetings.

4. Once your games have concluded, please leave the Sports Complex. Do not remain to watch other games.

5. We strongly encourage those individuals who are at high risk (Senior Citizens, those with underlying medical requirements to avoid the Sports Complex).

6. All participants, fans and staff are encouraged to look for any signs of illness and do not come to the Sports Complex if you are showing any symptoms of Covid-19.

7. Playground areas will be closed for the 2020 summer season.