

## **OCD Volleyball 4's Rules USA Beach Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations 2015-2017**

### General

- You cannot hit the net at anytime. The only time you can touch the net is if it was hit into you or if the play is over. You may touch the guy lines and poles if it doesn't interfere with the play.
- Players may not run onto an adjacent court. If a player steps into another court or on the boundary line of another court, even after playing the ball, the ball is ruled out.
- Crossing the centerline is only legal if you do not contact a player on the other side of the net or in any way impede an opponent's attempt to play the ball.
- There is no pursuit.

### Timeouts

- 1 timeout per game will be allowed

### Serving

- Let serves are allowed
- One toss per serve
- No penalty for incorrect server. Make the change to the correct server when error discovered.

### Serve Receive

- Open hand receive is not allowed
- On opponent's request, a player must move or bend over to prevent screening
- You cannot attack or block serve

### Setting

- The ball cannot be lifted or doubled
- Balls set into the opponents court do not have to be square with the player's should like they do in doubles.

### Defense

- In defensive action of a hard driven ball, the ball can be held momentarily overhand with the fingers.
- Hard driven ball defined as attacked ball with flat or downward arc only - no upward arc.

### Blocking

- A block does not count as a touch
- Blockers can redirect any ball crossing the plane of the net

### Attacking

- No open hand dinks or tips
- Men are considered back row players. Back row players must take off from behind the 10 ft. line if attacking the ball. When attacking a ball in front of the 10 foot line, some part of the ball needs to be below the height of the net. Back row players cannot block.

If you have a rules related dispute during a match and cannot come to agreement, please see the League Director for an interpretation.