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## **Archdale Parks and Recreation Department 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Girls Volleyball Rules**

A match consists of two sets played to 21. A team must win by two points, with a cap at 25. If a third set is needed it is played to 15, with a cap at 19. The winner of the match is the first team to win two sets.

A set is played with 6 players: 3 in the front row and 3 in the back row. If a team does not have 6 players, then they may play with at least 4. The opposing team can still play with 6 players and will not be penalized. Late players can rotate in at any time, but most start at the end of the rotation.

Players will rotate every time a new server is due up. No team members can be skipped. Each team will need to use the same rotation for the duration of that set. A team can switch the rotation for the second or third set.

Each team gets one time-out per set played. If a match goes three sets then each team has a chance to call 3 timeouts. If a timeout is not called it does not carry over to the next set.

There is a maximum of 3 hits per side. Players may not hit the ball twice in succession. Any part of a player that touches the ball is considered contact. It is illegal to catch, hold, or throw the ball. It is illegal to block or attack a serve. It is illegal to touch the net while the ball is in play.

A ball hitting a boundary line is in. A ball is out if it hits an antennae, the floor completely outside of the court, any of the net or cables outside of the antennae, the referee stand or pole.

If a team hits the ball into the ceiling on their side of the court it is still in play. If a team hits the ball and it crosses into the ceiling on the opposite side of the court, it is dead and a point for the other team.

If a player steps on or across the service line it is a point for the other team.

The server will only get 1 chance to get the ball over the net.

It is up to the discretion of the official to make the calls. Parents and fans are not permitted to talk to officials during the game.

There will be an end of season single elimination tournament following the regular season.