

Gator's Volleyball League Information and Rules - 2026

Captains, please make your players aware of the following, thanks!!

League play begins Sunday, April 26, 2026 and runs for 14 weeks. If there are no postponements, the 3 weeks following are reserved for playoffs. If cancellations happen, a determination will be made as to whether the games will be played and Captains will be notified. Games will be scheduled as the schedule allows or at the end of the season. Please note this may extend the season. In case of a rescheduled game, league rules apply for signed in players participating in that night's matches

Registration Form and Payment is due by **Friday, March 27, 2026**

PARKING: We continue to ask for your cooperation with this - players/refs are to **park across the street from the upper Gator's Pub lot** in the area provided and use the sidewalk to the traffic light for safety when crossing the road. Parking in the restaurant lot **affects their business** when spots are taken while teams are playing. **PLEASE** help us with this.....thank you!!!

TRASH/CLOTHING IN THE COURTS: If you would dispose of or take any water bottles/trash you have before you leave the courts as well as taking one last look around for clothing before you leave it behind

Memorial Day Weekend – Sunday/Monday

Games will be scheduled on Memorial Day Weekend – Sunday, May 24th and Monday, May 25th

Waiver: All players must sign an individual waiver sheet, copy in this packet, (only one is needed per player, per season, even if on multiple teams). Waiver sheets must be turned in the first nite a player starts for the season. Someone will be at the courts the first nite of each league to collect them. If waivers are not turned in, your team will not be allowed to play.

Substitutes: If you add a sub during the season, the player **must sign** a waiver form before playing. Waiver sheets will be online and with the refs if you add subs during the season. Please turn in to ref once complete. Substitutes **can not** be another player within the same league

Age: Players must be at least 16 years of age to play at the Pub. Upon their 16th birthday, s/he can play on a team during the season once a waiver sheet is turned in. Any player **under the age of 18**, must have **written, parental consent**, (parent must sign waiver for the player), which must be turned in on their first nite of play, otherwise the player will be ineligible to play.

[They must still make the minimum number of games to make the playoffs.]

Game Times: Games are scheduled to start on the hour **OR** 5 minutes after the previous match ends, whichever is later. **Captains** are responsible for getting their team on the court, ready to play, when the Ref starts the game.

Refs are not responsible for waiting for players to arrive. Refs will not go looking for teams to start games. Please have players ready to get onto courts once previous game ends – ty!!!

Monday-Thursday Nite Games are scheduled from 6p thru 9p
Sunday Nite Games are scheduled from 4p thru 9p (may vary depending upon number of teams playing)

Two (2) players are needed to start, one must be a female for CoEd

Teams not on the court at start time will lose **one (1) point for each minute they are not ready**

After 10 minutes/points, a **Forfeit** will be declared for Game 1

After 5 minutes into Game 2, a **Forfeit** will be declared for the nite

Roster/Score Sheets: **Captains** must list all players, **please legibly print first and last names**, in that evening's match before games start. If a player arrives late, be sure to add them to your list. **Please complete this form all season long**, even if you feel players have enough games for the playoffs, so there becomes no question for eligibility.

Referees are not responsible for signing players in

At the end of your match each nite, **Captains**, (or one designee) please review the ref's scoresheet and initial your confirmation. **This is when you will rectify any errors on scoresheet, if needed**

Please note: there will be **no changes** made to scoresheets once they are turned in, initialed or not, **including no or incomplete scores** written in for a match. In this case, there will be a 0 (zero) entered for both teams. So please, take the time to review that **BOTH** teams have the correct scores written in. (The only exception will be if a score was incorrectly keyed in when the stats were posted)

DO NOT ASK REFS to adjust future score sheets if previous stats were turned in incorrectly. It is your (or designee's) responsibility to review scores at the end of your match to verify and initial all is correct at that point

Team Stats will be posted weekly on the Website

Regular Season Scoring:

Three (3) games will be played to 25 points, 27 point cap

Game #3 - teams will switch sides at 13 points, if sun is a factor

CoEd Leagues

Sunday/Monday/Wednesday/Thursday CoEd B, 6's leagues are all INDEPENDENT of each other, players can play on each nite.

Sunday/Thursday CoEd B, D1/D2

Once a player has played on ONE team in either D1 or D2, whether full-time or as a substitute player (even once), that player is now considered a D1 or D2 player and they can ONLY play on that team for the rest of the season (in other words, players may only play on ONE team in D1 and ONE team in D2, per CoEd B, league).

D1/D2 designation will not cross between the two nites, but count on the same nite.

D2 Teams

You can have NO MORE than a combination of THREE players from the D1 league (on that nite), AND/OR A's or 4's players from the current Gator's Pub Summer Volleyball League (Mon/Tues Nite Teams) on the court AT ONE TIME. If there is an excess of 3 players, the game will be forfeited.

D1 Teams

You can have NO MORE than a combination of THREE A's or 4's players from the current Gator's Pub Summer Volleyball League (Mon/Tues Nite Teams) on the court AT ONE TIME. If there is an excess of 3 players, the game will be forfeited.

There may be teams who change divisions from last season. For this reason, we suggest if you are mixing players from both divisions, that you do so as substitute players. If your team moves up/down a division, you may lose a player if they are already committed to another team.

CoEd Rule: If the ball is NOT returned over the net on the first hit, a female **must have** touched the ball at some point before it is sent over the net. (i.e. if the first hit is by a male and not returned over net on first hit a female must touch the ball on either the second or third hit)

For **Co-Ed** teams, you can have a maximum of three (3) male players on the court at one time, unlimited females

6's Leagues: If you are short players and do not have 6 on the court -
You **MUST** have **TWO** back row players with 5 players
You **MUST** have **ONE** back row player with 4 players

Ghost Rule: For **Co-Ed** teams, there must be at least 1 female on the court at all times, and a 'ghost' must be used for any missing female players when the males outnumber the females on your team. Ex. 1 female, 3 males = 2 'ghosts'. The 'ghost' **has to stay in rotation only for the serving position. When ghost reaches the serving position, you will lose both the serve and one (1) point.**

Dropped Serve: There is one (1) dropped serve allowed per server, per rotation.

Pitcher Ticket/Chip: Winners of pitcher ticket each week (for winning 2 out of 3 games) must be used that evening (by either your team or you may choose to give it to another team). Ticket **must be turned in upon order** of pitcher. Free pitcher ticket will apply to domestic beer only, lemonade or soda. Tickets **cannot** be accumulated for future use

During Playoffs, Tickets go to losing team

Playoffs: A player must play in at least **one full game**, out of three (3), per evening **on three (3) separate nights during the season** to qualify for the playoffs. The player **must play in a consistent rotation**, from first to last point for the entire game to qualify.

All teams in an 8-team league make the playoffs. In leagues with more than 8 teams, the top 8 will make the playoffs

Playoff Brackets: Will be posted on the website and in the hallway of Gator's with scheduled playing times. Captains will be contacted with first game time. Please follow the brackets from there.

Playoff Scoring: For Teams Who Make The Playoff Rounds:

Playoff Matches of 2 Out Of 3 Games will be played to 25 points, 27 point cap.
Teams will switch sides at 13 points **for each game, when Sun is a factor**

Playoff Matches of 3 Out of 5 Games:

Games #1-#4 (if needed), will be played to 25 points, 27 point cap.

Teams will switch sides at 13 points **for each game, when Sun is a factor**

Game #5 (if needed), will be played to 15 points, 17 point cap.

Teams will switch sides at 8 points, **when Sun is a factor**

Injury Rule/PlayOffs: In the case of an **INJURY** and a substitute player has played less than 3 games, (one full match out of three, on 3 separate nites) to qualify for the playoffs, that particular league of captains will be polled on the team's choice of replacement. Majority vote will decide outcome. Votes are kept anonymous.

PLEASE have your subs get their games in during the season so this doesn't become an issue!

If teams use players during the playoffs that have not made enough games, the team will be disqualified from playoffs.

If any player is in question for eligibility, please contact me so I can review the sheets - all requests are kept anonymous.

Inclement Weather: A decision will be made on the cancellation/postponement of games as close to 5:30 p.m. (3:30 on Sundays), as possible. Captains only, (or one designee) – please call Gators after 5:30/3:30, at 401-769-2220 to inquire about game play. Captains are responsible for notifying their players

We may also try to delay game times. If games are scheduled to be played and then cancelled upon your arrival, we apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

Forfeits: If you choose not to play your scheduled match or need to forfeit, please contact Deb at djmcgee@cox.net or call/text 401.663.6029, as early as possible so I can contact the opposing team and inform them of their automatic win and not to show up to play.

If the league is scheduled to play that evening and you do not show, it is an automatic forfeit. Individual matches will not be rescheduled because teams choose not to play. Teams are NOT allowed to reschedule their own matches. Opposing team will get three (3) wins upon a forfeit.

If you forfeit your game before the league ends up cancelling that evening's games and then they get rescheduled, the opposing team can decide if they wish to keep the 3 automatic wins **OR** can offer to play the games on the makeup nite and take the resulting outcome as the new stats. (Captains – if you were forfeited against prior to league cancellation and choose to play on the makeup nite, you must contact me to be included in makeup schedule. Otherwise, it is assumed you are taking the three (3) automatic wins)

In the case of one team forfeiting, the opposing team's full roster will be considered as participating in the match and count towards the three (3) game playoff rule. This will also apply for both teams for non-rescheduled games/rainouts.

Wait List: We have a running wait list for future teams and/or 'single' players. If anyone wishes to be added or needs the name of a player, please contact me.

Referees: Please remember - we wouldn't be playing if we didn't have refs!!!!!! If there are any problems or questions on the court during play, the captain (or designated captain, if captain is out) is to be the **only player** to approach the ref to discuss an issue.

Refs have final decision on a call.

Please **RESPECT** your Referees and the job they are doing!!!

Reprimand: If a player is reprimanded by a referee, the player will receive a warning. If the ref must reprimand a player a 2nd time, the player must leave the court for the remainder of the evening. (If the player is in a second league that nite, he/she will not be allowed into the second match).

If a player is reprimanded a 3rd time **during the season**, s/he will immediately be suspended from the league and will not be allowed to return to Gator's volleyball league.

End of Season Prizes: 1st & 2nd place team prizes will be given out at each leagues PlayOff Finals nite. 1st place prizes go to winning team of the play-offs. 2nd place will go to team placing first in the season. If this is the same team, the runner up in the play-offs receives the second place prize. The number of prizes to a winning team is based on each particular league, i.e. Any-4's team, 4 prizes; Co-Ed 6's team, 6 prizes.

Safety: For the safety of players, fans and children in attendance – **CHILDREN ARE NOT TO BE LEFT UNATTENDED and NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY** in the sand area at the entrance of the volleyball courts. If the game has to be stopped for the player to get their child, the player **will not** be allowed back into that game to play. They will have to wait until the next game starts to come back into the game.

NO GLASS IS TO LEAVE THE DECK, INCLUDING THE PARKING LOT – PLEASE help us be **PROACTIVE**, not reactive with this. Broken glass anywhere can lead to a very serious injury – we have a lot of BARE FEET in the area!!

NO ALCOHOL IS TO LEAVE THE DECK – NOT EVEN in paper cups
Any under aged player found attempting to order alcoholic beverages or drinking on Pub property will IMMEDIATELY be suspended from the league. Please do not ruin the integrity of the volleyball league and Gator's reputation by doing this

No Smoking / No Vaping on the deck or within the volleyball courts

No Water Bottles/Coolers are allowed on the Deck – outside alcohol is **NOT** allowed

No Dogs/Pets Allowed on the Deck or within the Volleyball Courts/Fencing, with the exception of Service Animals

For any further league clarification, concerns or questions, feel free to contact or catch up to us on the Courts!

THIS IS A FUN LEAGUE - PLEASE MAKE IT ENJOYABLE FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS PLAYING!!

THANKS FOR JOINING US – HAVE A GREAT SEASON!!!

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