



Rules of Play

Any person violating rules identified below as “rules of play” may be asked by authorized City personnel to stop the behavior.

I. Tennis

- a) When other players are waiting, play is limited to one set with a five minute warm-up; or one 30 minute rally.
- b) A 6-6 game score is to be decided by a 12 point tie-breaker.
- c) Courts are available on first come, first served basis during non-permitted times.
- d) One person cannot hold a court when two or more people are waiting.
- e) A maximum of six balls are allowed on a court, except with an instructor permit issued by the Department.

II. Memorial Park Volleyball

- a) All players must add their name to a waiting list and may do so for only one court waiting list at a time. Players may not place the names of other players on the waiting list.
- b) Players may use a court based on their place on the waiting list.
- c) Players may add their name to the waiting list again, only after they have completed the game in progress.
- d) Games will be played to up 11 points.
- e) Winning teams may play for 2 sequential games and then must rotate off the court.
- f) Players who do not abide by the above rules will have their name moved to the bottom of the waiting list.

III. Memorial Park Basketball

- a) Games are limited to a fixed (unless a player is injured) 15 minute time period or 11 points, whichever comes first.

- b) All players must add their name to a waiting list and may do so for only one court waiting list at a time. Players may not place the names of other players on the waiting list.
- c) The first 3 names on a waiting list may select 2 others from the waiting list to form a team.
- d) Disputes must be resolved by shooting free throws or by staff decision.
- e) If disruptive arguments between playing teams or players persist, staff will end the game.
- f) Players who do not abide by the above rules will have their name moved to the bottom of the waiting list.

IV. **Beach Volleyball/Beach Tennis Court**

- a) Play is on a first-come, first served basis.
- b) Court nets may be adjusted by the players, following posted instructions.
- c) When no other courts are available, only one court may be held with a 15 minute time limit for all players to arrive. At least one person must be present to hold a court.
- d) Players have the option to set up boundary lines and/or antennas on a court. Individual players are responsible for providing and setting up their own equipment.
- e) Coaches or trainers who offer training services, paid or unpaid, must secure the appropriate permits from the Department before conducting such sessions.
- f) After 12pm all courts are designated challenge courts if there are ANY players waiting to play and if there are no other courts available. An individual or a team may call challenges. The Pier Courts are Challenge Courts at all times. Challenge Team Configuration is as follows:
 - Teams playing women's, men's, or co-ed doubles, threes, fours, fives or sixes may only be challenged by other teams of the same team configuration, unless otherwise agreed upon by the original team configuration on the court. (e.g., a doubles team does not have to play against a sixes team unless it agrees to do so).
 - Upon accepting a challenge of a different team configuration, if the challenger wins the court, the court does not change court team configuration unless specifically agreed to by the original team configuration group, when accepting the challenge. (i.e., women's court accepting a coed challenge, if coed team wins it does not change the court to coed configuration unless original women's group agrees prior to challenge ensuing).
- g) Rules shall be appropriate to the level of play. Where there are disparate levels of play, rules shall apply to the higher level (e.g. hand setting). No referees are required. The policy will be to call your own fouls and settle disputes with a replay.

CBVA rules are recommended.

- h) Portable nets may be erected on a temporary basis as long as guy wires and anchors are clearly marked and the nets are erected in an area that does not obstruct normal beach traffic, lifeguard emergency access ways, or existing volleyball courts. Private portable nets are NOT subject to any of the restrictions listed above, with the exception of the first rule listed above.
- i) Any behavior or activity that is unsafe, a violation of Santa Monica State Beach rules, or unsporting conduct is prohibited. Examples of unsporting conduct include but may not be limited to: aggressive, intimidating, abusive or threatening actions or language, profanity, destruction of property or fighting.

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