



Code of Conduct

- Any unsportsmanlike conduct towards any person will not be tolerated.
- All players and spectators are expected to display respect for the rights, dignity and worth of all athletes, captains, officials, scorekeepers, executive members, volunteers, and spectators at all times.
- Any disorderly conduct will be handled by the referee and/or a league executive (if the executive member is present during the time of the incident).
- Captains will be directed to remove the offending player from the court and will be asked to leave the premises. Refusal to remove the offending player will result in the ending of the game with the offending player's team forfeiting all matches for that game.
- Any violation of the code of conduct can result in the individual and/or team suspension or expulsion from the Welland Volleyball League as determined by the Welland Volleyball Executive Team. All executive team decisions are final.
- If at any time during a game if there are any concerns with the opposing team players, the team captain will address the issue with the other team captain with the presence of the official as soon as possible. If the issue has not been resolved by the end of the game, the captain must forward their concerns to the executive team by completing the incident report form (located on the league website) via email coordinator@wellandvolleyball.ca for review.

Cancellations

Notification of game cancellations due to weather or permit cancellations will be:

- By sent via text to team captains
- Posted on the league facebook page
- Posted on the league website www.wellandvolleybal.ca

Cancellations will be for all games for that night

Cancelled nights will be rescheduled at the discretion of the executive pending facility availability. Note: The league season runs from the beginning of October to the end of April. Games will not be rescheduled past April.

Team must show up for any rescheduled matches or the games will be forfeited.



Forfeits

If a team knows in advance that they do not have enough players for a game (3 or less players) they must inform the executive team via text to the league coordinator and/or email coordinator@wellandvolleyball.ca at least 24 hours in advance.

Any team who shows up with only three players or less will forfeit as follows:

- Game 1 is forfeited after a 10-minute grace period
- Games 2 and 3 are forfeited after 15-minute grace period

All forfeited match points (three per game) will be awarded to the opposing team.

Should a team forfeit more than 3 times per season, the Executive will review the continuation and possible expulsion of this team from the league.

Any forfeits with less than 24 hours notice will result in loss of performance bond.

Performance Bond

Performance bonds (\$50 of the registration fee) will be returned to teams at the end of the season UNLESS a team forfeits twice (\$25 the first forfeit, and then \$25 the second forfeit) and/or if the team does not have a representative at the captains meeting.

Gym Permit Rules

- The schedule will show that each team in turn will be scheduled to play the late games and it will be this team's responsibility to take down and put away equipment, pick up any garbage and bring the league's equipment bag to the next game.
- Teams scheduled to play the first match will be responsible for setting up the equipment, tables and chairs for the refs and scorekeepers. It is imperative that you be at the school on time for the janitors/scorekeepers to let you in.
- No children are permitted in the gym. This is a rule set down by the School Board. There will be no exceptions. Violations to this rule will result in loss of the league's permit.
- Doors to the school must not be left ajar at any time.
- Smoking and alcohol is prohibited on school premises by the Board of Education. Violations to this rule will result in loss of the league's permit.



Additional League Play Rules:

- The official will call if the ball is in or out to the best of their ability with the assistance of players. If the ball touches any part of the line, it is in.
- A deflection off the block is not considered a touch, three touches allowed. The ball may be played off any part of the body.
- If the ball touches the ceiling/wall, it is considered out of play and the point will go to the opposing team from the player who last touched the ball.
- A serve cannot be blocked.
- Attack line: Backcourt players coming into the front row to attack cannot jump/attack above the height of the net.
- A player will be called for touching the net and going under the net at the ref's discretion if it interferes with the play.
- If a player is injured on the court, a sitting teammate will take the position of the injured player. Keep in mind the game play rules for co-ed division.
- It is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that their players abide by all rules, and keep their teams informed of all information from the executive team.
- **All referee's calls are final.** Only the captain is allowed to ask for clarification of a call.
- Please see the OVA Handbook for more information and visit their website for the most up to date information: <https://www.ontariovolleyball.org/>

Notice Regarding League Rule Review and Amendment Process:

- Please be advised that the rules of the Welland Volleyball League (WVL) are reviewed annually by the Executive Team. Any updates to the rules are published on the WVL website prior to the start of the upcoming volleyball season.
- Members of the Welland Volleyball League may submit proposals for rule changes between August and April. To do so, members must complete the Incident Report Form—available on our website—and submit it via email to: coordinator@wellandvolleyball.ca. **Rule change proposals that do not follow this process will not be considered.**
- All rule change proposals submitted during the season will be reviewed and compiled by the Executive Team. These proposals will be considered and voted on by the Executive Team during the annual review process. Please note that no rule changes will be implemented once the season has commenced.
- All decisions made by the Executive Team are final.