

**YMCA VOLLEYBALL REGULATIONS
2022 – 2023**

Players:

1. Each team must have a minimum of 6 players officially registered.
2. A player is eligible to play for a maximum of one gender specific team (i.e. Men's or Ladies) plus one Co-ed team. If this rule is violated each team that the person played for will have to forfeit every game that the illegal player had played in. The illegal player will be suspended for an undetermined time and if they violate the rule again they will be removed from the volleyball league. This will be enforced and punishments will be handed out to all teams and players involved.
3. Players must be 18 years of age or older to be eligible to play in the league.
4. Additions to the roster must be forwarded to the Volleyball Coordinator of the Stratford-Perth YMCA and are subject to review before being permitted. Roster additions after the halfway mark of the season (approximately the end of December) are less likely to be approved than earlier additions.

Website:

All the schedules and stats for each division are posted throughout the season online at:
https://www.ymcastratfordperth.ca/Volleyball_League/

Abuse of officials or players:

If any one uses foul language and completely disregards the authority of the officials, hits or kicks equipment unnecessarily, or abuse towards another player will be removed from the game. If these outbursts continue it will lead to a complete removal from the league. Referees are in charge of the game and their rulings are completely backed by the YMCA. We would also like to remind everyone that this is a recreational league and these officials are there for your benefit. No one should have to put up with that abuse and we as an association are not going to tolerate it as well. **When an offence occurs the player(s) involved will be put on a list that both the referee and the YMCA office will have. An Offending player will be removed from the league based on a 1, 2, 3 principal depending on the seriousness of the offence and the discretion of the league convener.** Hopefully we do not need to remove anyone from the league and we would like to make this league a positive experience for everyone involved.

Smoking Policy:

It is school policy that no one is to smoke on school property. If a govern body happens to show up and find any butts there would be a \$5000 fine that would be charged to the user, (YMCA). This then would be charged and paid by each team in the division(s) at that school and play will not resume until the fine is paid. If you choose to smoke, please be sure to be off school property.

Game Schedule:

1. In the event of a cancellation, the YMCA will notify all team captains as soon as possible (messages will be left), each captain is responsible for notifying their team members. In the case of weather the YMCA will make an announcement in the afternoon. If throughout the year a captain will be unavailable please let the YMCA know, so we can contact the alternate.
Games will only be cancelled if the schools are unavailable or the roads are closed by 5:00pm!
2. Games that are missed due to cancellations (school functions, weather, no referees, etc.) will be made up after the 20 game season schedule and the playoffs begin the following week after the season is complete. All teams are guaranteed 20 matches for the season.
3. If a team has decided that they cannot play due to any reason, they must contact the YMCA League Co-ordinator by **3:00pm** of the day they are scheduled to play. The Co-ordinator will then take responsibility for communicating with the opposing team.

Playoffs:

1. All teams enter playoffs. Playoff format is single elimination (Best 2 of 3) Finals (Best 3 of 5).
2. Players must play 8 matches by the end of the season to be eligible to play in any playoff match.

****Please Note****

Children are not to be at the games. If children must come to the game it is mandatory they are supervised at all times by some one that is not playing and are not allowed to roam free. They are not to wander through the school or be in First Base locations. If teams do not abide by this rule they will forfeit the game. Many schools are reporting problems, as it is a liability concern for the school and the league.