

# Rules, Playoff Format, and Tiebreakers

## GRASS TOURNAMENT RULES (TRIPLES, DOUBLES, QUADS)

Tournament Format: Round robin format with Single Elimination Playoffs.

Roster: Roster maximum of 4 players for Triples, 6 players for Quads, and 2 players for Doubles.

Players that start a game, must finish that game unless they are injured.

If a player leaves due to injury, he/she is finished for that match.

Doubles only - Two players on the court per team - with no more than two players on the roster. Teams with less than the required number of players must forfeit.

Scoring: All games will be played using Rally Scoring.

Playoffs - 1 game to 30 (no cap).

Time and Daylight permitting, we will possibly make the semi finals and finals in each Division, play 2 out of 3 games.

If so, the first two games will be to 21 (no cap) and the third to 15 (no cap).

Tips: No open hand tips.

Double Contact: Players may double contact any first ball over (including serves) provided the ball is not held.

Let Serves: Let Serves are NOT legal.

Blocking: A block is not counted as a team hit.

Foot Digs: Foot Digs are legal

Hand Set Over: When the ball is intentionally set into the opponents court, the setters shoulders must be "Squared Up" or Perpendicular to the line of flight of the ball.

Time Outs: Each team is allowed two 30 second timeouts per game. Time out may be called prior to server receiving ball on either side of court between plays.

Volleyball: A Spalding volleyball will be used for the quarter finals through the finals for all Divisions.

Footwear: Players may not wear cleats or spikes of any kind. Players may play barefoot.

Forfeit Rule: A 10 minute forfeit rule is in effect.

Pets: No pets are allowed on site for the safety of all players and spectators.

## SAND DOUBLE RULES

Tourney Format: Double Elimination format.

Roster: Roster maximum of 2 players. Two players on the court per team - with no more than two players on the roster. Teams with less than the required number of players must forfeit.

Scoring: All games will be played using Rally Scoring.

Tips: No open hand tips.

Double Contact: Players may double contact any first ball over (including serves) provided the ball is not held.

Let Serves: Let Serves are legal.

Blocking: A block is counted as a team hit.

Foot Digs: Foot Digs are legal.

Hand Set Over: When the ball is intentionally set into the opponent's court, the setters shoulders must be "Squared Up" or Perpendicular to the line of flight of the ball.

Time Outs: Each team is allowed two 30 second timeouts per game. Time out may be called prior to server receiving ball on either side of court between plays.

Volleyball: A Spalding volleyball will be used for the quarter finals through the finals for all Divisions.

Forfeit Rule: A 10 minute forfeit rule is in effect.

Pets: No pets are allowed on site for the safety of all players and spectators.

## PLAYOFF INFO AND FORMAT - GRASS TOURNAMENTS

The 1st and 2nd Place teams in ALL DIVISIONS (except Men's and Women's Open) advance to the CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS, while the 3rd and 4th Place teams advance to the CONSOLATION PLAYOFFS. 5th Place teams ( in Division with all 5 team pools) will advance to the Flight 3 Playoffs or will retire for the day.

The #1 Seed in each pool is responsible for returning that court's COMPLETED POOL SHEET to the headquarters area. If you have any questions, please ask a tournament official. After your pool is completed, find the location of your playoff match (or Challenge Match for the Open Divisions) on the PLAYOFF BRACKETS for your division. Please move to that court and be ready to play your match as soon as your opponent arrives.

Playoffs - 1 game to 30 (no cap).

Time and Daylight permitting, we will possibly make the semi finals and finals in each Division, play 2 out of 3 games.

If so, the first two games will be to 21 (no cap) and the third one game to 15 (no cap). After your match is completed, the winning team needs to report the result in the Headquarters Area (or on the Tournament Brackets posted near your playoff courts). Note the ROUND NUMBER indicated for your playoff match. This will indicate if you are the first or second playoff match on your court. All playoff matches have been assigned a court, so please follow the playoff brackets and play on the assigned courts.

OPEN DIVISION ONLY: The 1st Place team advances to the CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS, while the 4th Place team advances to the CONSOLATION PLAYOFFS. The 2nd and 3rd Place teams will play one CHALLENGE ROUND MATCH vs a 2nd or 3rd Place team from another pool. The CHALLENGE MATCH WINNERS advance to the CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS, while the losers advance to the CONSOLATION PLAYOFFS. 5-team pools will be played on TWO COURTS, and the 5th Place teams will retire for the day. 3-Team "Cross Pools" will be played on TWO COURTS, with the 1st place team advancing to the Championship Playoffs, and the 2nd and 3rd place teams playing a CHALLENGE ROUND MATCH. CHALLENGE MATCH winners advance to the Championship Playoffs while losers advance to the Consolation Playoffs.

## **TIEBREAKERS**

Tiebreaking playoff games will NOT be played after pool play - teams may advance to their respective playoffs based on points. YOU MUST RECORD THE CORRECT SCORE AFTER EACH MATCH.

Tiebreakers:

- 1) Overall Record
- 2) Head to Head Record
- 3) Head to Head Point Differential
- 4) Total Point Differential
- 5) Coin Flip

If three teams are > tied and there's no clear head to head winner, we move to points to determine all of their spots. \*See Pool Sheets for tiebreakers in 3-team cross pools and 5-team pools.

## **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION/FAQ**

How can I contact someone the week of the event? Emails sent through this site are monitored until the Wednesday of the event. After this date, you can make contact at the tournament or call the WBR hotline at 920-843-2622.

**Tournament Director** The tournament director has the authority to alter rules and make decisions not covered in the rules. If the tournament director does alter the rules, the tournament director will advise the participants of those changes prior to the start of the event if possible. The tournament director has absolute authority over players, game officials and spectators, on and off the court at a tournament, where the maintenance of order is concerned, and may impose disciplinary measures as needed. The tournament director has the authority to make any necessary decisions regarding entries and seeding. The tournament director may change the format of the tournament if, in his opinion, conditions warrant it. The tournament director has the authority to settle any and all disputes. The tournament director is the sole authority who determines if weather conditions warrant a suspension or cancellation of play. The tournament director is the final authority in determining if courts are safe and playable.

**What is the weather policy?** This is a Rain or Shine event.

Play will continue through inclement weather as much as possible - if it's necessary to stop play, it will be postponed in 30 min. increments until conditions are suitable to resume play. It's very important that all teams remain close to the event site so that games may resume in a timely manner once the weather has improved enough to resume play!

After the 2nd delay, the tournament will be moved to the following day for completion. This decision will come from the tournament director. This would be determined by safety, weather, and playing conditions.