

Wasatch Beach Doubles Rules 2017

The rules listed below are set for the 2017-2020 seasons. These rules are to help create an atmosphere of fair and competitive play. All rules apply to any Wasatch Beach Event (including Jr.'s events), unless otherwise noted. Any concerns/questions should be brought to the attention of the Wasatch Beach Volleyball Board; however, unless an urgent need is seen, rules changes will only happen prior to the start of each season.

Underlying Rules

Wasatch Beach underlying rules are the FIVB International Beach Volleyball Rules 2017-2020:

http://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/Documents/FIVB-BeachVolleyball_Rules_2017-2020-EN-v05.pdf

Please note **BOLD** below for Updated Rules for the 2017 season and **RED** for "What this means for WBV players".

Points

Wasatch Beach Volleyball will use the AVPNext Zonal Points system. <http://avpnext.avp.com/#points>

Wasatch will tally up AVPNext points for each Wasatch event (league and tournaments), but for each AVPNext certified event you play in you also earn AVP pro points based on your finish that can be used towards the bid for entry into the AVP Manhattan Beach Open. For the start of the 2017 season, 2016 points will be used for seeding and new 2017 points will be accumulated based on the AVPNext Zonal Points system. Starting on June 1st, only 2017 points will be used for seeding.

Levels of Play Defined

Due to our growing number, WBV has decided to introduce an AA division for both men and women. Please see the levels of play defined below for more details.

Division	Descriptions (To be used as a guideline to select a division based on players current skill set.)
Open	Extremely high skilled and advanced sand players; collegiate sand or pro or equivalent. Have played highly competitive sand doubles for 5+ years and consistently places 1st through 10th in the Open division for past tournaments/leagues.
AA	Very competitive advanced sand players. Well-developed sand volleyball skills and game strategy. Have played competitive sand doubles for at least 3-4 years. Consistently places 11th through 15th in the Open division and consistently places 1st through 5th in the A division in past tournaments/leagues.
A	High level of indoor volleyball skills (played collegiate indoor volleyball within the past 10 years), but has limited sand doubles experience or training. Have played sand doubles for at least 1-2 years and consistently places 6th through 15th in the A division in past tournaments/leagues.
B	Intermediate or recreational players, with good basic volleyball skills (played high school indoor volleyball, no collegiate experience), but has very limited sand doubles experience.

Playing in Concurrent Division for Doubles Events

Players will be allowed to play in up to 2 divisions at a time in a single Wasatch Beach Doubles Event, however, the 2 divisions can only be "1 step" in either direction. For example players can play in Open & AA, or AA & A, or A & B, or if AA is not listed as a registration option for an event then players can play in Open & A. This rule will only be allowed if the current *Moving Up & Down Divisions* rule is not violated. (See *Moving Up & Down Divisions* rule for details.)

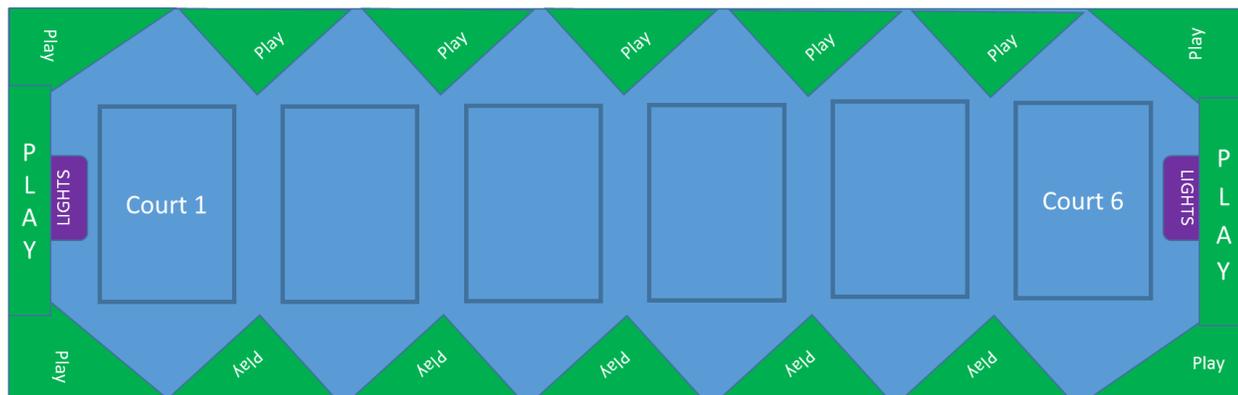
Additionally, Players that play in concurrent division in a single event (league or tournaments) run the risk of match times overlapping. Schedules WILL NOT be delayed or rescheduled and will run as planned.

What this means to Wasatch Players: 1- Players who play in multiple divisions for the same event (league or tournaments) can only play up/down 1 division. For example a player would be allowed to play in A and B, but NOT Open and B. 2- If a player is required to play up division for an event due to winning two Wasatch Beach Events, they WILL NOT be allowed to play in a division lower than that required per the rule. For example if a player won 2 B events, and was required to move up to A for the next event, they could play in AA & A, but not A & B. 3- If players decide to play in multiple divisions in a single event match times could possible overlap, especially during League Tournaments. In that case the player would either have to forfeit one of the matches or (for league only) if they have an eligible sub then they could use them to play. (See League Tournament Substitutions for details) Match times WILL NOT be rescheduled, as that change could affect multiple teams and it is the risk the player runs when deciding to play in multiple divisions for the same event.

Play Area for Children as Wasatch Beach Volleyball

Wasatch Beach Volleyball would like to remind our parent-players that your children are always welcome to attend all WBV Events, but in order to keep them safe and to ensure a positive environment for all WBV players and please note the following.

- Due to liability children are not allowed to play between courts during scheduled tournament and league matches, even if they are your own children on “your side of the court”. They are still welcome to play behind the courts, as long as they do not impede the service line. On courts 1 and 6 children can play on the sideline that is next to the track, as long as they play behind the horizontal plane created by the lighting structures. See diagram below.



- Do not let your children dig large holes in the sand, as this is a huge safety hazard for players.
- Due to liability if you choose to bring your child/children that are under the age of 7 years old to a tournament/league night you must make sure that someone who is 15 years of age or older and who is not playing can monitor them at all times. Older siblings who are not at least 15 years old, cannot watch younger siblings under the age of 7 years old. Last season there were multiple children who wandered unattended to the uncovered pool and as far as the circle in front of the Sports Mall.
- The Sports Mall's Tot Spot will have extended evening hours on Tuesdays to help accommodate our Wasatch Beach players with children. ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED (48 hours minimum). Prices: \$2.50/hour for Sports Mall members, \$3.50 for non-members. To make a reservation, please stop by the front desk at the Sports Mall or call 261-3426 ext. 106. Children 3 months to 8 years of age only. For questions regarding Tot Spot you can leave a message for Ray at 261-3426 ext. 112.
<http://www.sportsmallgroup.com/amenities/day-care/>
- Note: Registering for an event does not grant access rights to other club amenities for a non-member player or for player's non-member guests. Though the Sports Mall is happy to extend club amenities to

WBV registered event players during the event, additional guest fees apply and must be paid at the front desk upon entry to the club for use of club amenities (pool, weight rooms, gym, tennis, etc.) for non-member guests. Using club amenities without having "paid for the privilege" can result in expulsion from the club. See <http://www.sportsmallgroup.com/member-services/for-guest-fee-details>

Wasatch Beach League Team Caps

Each Wasatch Beach Doubles League division is limited to a predetermined number of teams based on individual league availability and will follow a "first come, first served" basis. (Individual division caps will be listed at the time of registration. Our system will maintain registrations in the order they are received. For this reason paper registrations will still be accepted at the front desk of the Sports Mall, but a team will not hold a spot until it is received by WBV and entered in the system. For this reason, WBV highly recommends that teams register via to ensure their spot.

What this means to Wasatch Players: If possible register early to ensure your team reserves a league spot, as they will fill up fast.

Wasatch Beach League Schedules

Each Wasatch Beach Doubles League schedules will continue to be posted on BracketPal. You can access your schedule by going to the [LEAGUES](#) tab on Wasatch's website or go directly to [BracketPal's](#) link.

League Match Start Times

Once a match has ended, oncoming teams will have 6 minutes to warm up on the court; game time will begin at the conclusion of the 6 minute warm up. Teams that are present at WBV, but do not start within this timeframe will forfeit their first game. Matches will be scheduled for 45 minutes, which allows sufficient time for teams to play 2 games to 21, CAP at 21 points.

What this means to Wasatch Players: For player satisfaction WBV scheduled 2016 league matches as back-to-back start times. However, this seemed to create a large issue when it came to the later scheduled matches, due to teams lingering longer between their back-to-back matches. This created a ripple effect, which concluded with the 8:40pm matches not starting until almost 9pm. In an effort to keep back-to-back start times for player satisfaction and to keep things running on time, WBV Leagues will schedule matches for 45 min (5 minutes longer than previous seasons). This should be more than enough time for teams to play their 2 games to 21 points (cap at 21) and allow for a 6 minutes warm up, if needed. Start times for the 2017 season will be: 6pm, 6:45pm, 7:30pm, 8:15pm and 9pm. Please be respectful of other teams and do not delay in between your back-to-back scheduled matches; each team will take their turn being the "later team" and would like to start on time, so be mindful of that when you are the "earlier team".

Clarification of "Consecutive Contacts" and "Extended Contacts"

FIVB Rule 9.2.2.2 Consecutive contacts:

"At the first hit of the team, provided it is not made overhand with fingers, consecutive contacts are permitted provided that the contacts occur during one action during the first hit of the team. If it is played overhand using fingers, the ball may NOT contact the fingers/hands consecutively, even if the contact occur during one action."

*What this means to Wasatch Players: The first hit of a team (serve receive or during a rally) can have a consecutive contact (double) as long as it's in the same motion, and as long as it's **NOT** an open hand set. Examples: If you pass*

a ball and it hits your arms and your head in the same motion of passing the ball, it would not count as a double. If you attempt to block a ball and it hits your arms and your head in the same motion (rule 9.2.2.3), it would not be a double. If you tomahawk a ball and your hands are not together, but it's in one motion, it would not be a double. (A "lift" is still not allowed unless it is a hard driven ball. See rule 9.2.2.4 below for details.)

FIVB Rule 9.2.2.4 Extended contacts:

"In defensive action of a hard driven ball, the ball contact can be extended momentarily even if an overhand finger action is used."

What this means to Wasatch Players: Everyone seems to understand that you can "mangle" a hard driven ball (an attack), but WHAT EXACTLY IS A HARD DRIVEN BALL?! See below for the FIVB description to help clarify.

Hard-driven ball: An attack hit that is **traveling with sufficient speed** (quickly) and **over distance** such that a **defending player** only has time to only **play the ball in a reflexive defensive manner**. In such defensive action the ball can be slightly held overhand with fingers.

<http://www.fivb.org/EN/beachvolleyball/Glossary.asp>

Moving Up & Down Divisions

Moving Up:

Players who place 1st in two *WBV Events are required to move up a division for the next WBV Event that they are registered for.

Moving Down:

After moving up a division, if that player/team does not finish in the top 4 teams for that event they will be allowed to move back down into their previous division.

Players/teams who have finished in the top 4 of a WBV Event prior to a new event starting will NOT be allowed to play (or sub) in a lower division for the remainder of the current season if that division is offered.

What this means to Wasatch Players: If you finish in the top 4 teams in an event you must stay in that division (or move up) for future events. If a division is not offered, then players will be allowed to play in a "1-step" lower division for that event. For example: If you finished in the top 4 for WAA in an event then you MUST stay in WAA (or WO) for future events. However, if WAA is NOT OFFERED you could play in WA for that event.

Another example: If you finished in the top 4 MO in either of the 2 events prior to the Doubles League Session 1 starting (UOVA Opener and WBV K/QofB) you would NOT be allowed to play or sub for MAA (or any lower division).

Wasatch Beach League Substitutions

Substitutions for a player will be allowed during the regular league season play. One person from the official registered team must play in each game in order for the results to count; if not the games will be considered losses.

Substitutions can be other players from within the league during the regular league season play. However, subs during tournament cannot be from within the league. Refer to *League Tournament Substitutions* for more information on tournament subs.

A sub may come from a higher division IF they meeting the requirements outlines in the *Moving Up & Down Divisions* rule. (See *Moving Up & Down Divisions* rule for more details.)

Women may substitute for a men's team; however, men will not be allowed to substitute for a women's team.

Once a substitute begins a game that player must finish it. The same substitute is not required to play both games in a match.

Wasatch Beach League Double Substitutions

If both members of a team cannot attend their scheduled matches, WBV strongly encourages teams to find double substitutions to play in their place. Although matches played with double substitutions will still count as losses for that team, they will earn a preset amount of points (11 points per game) for their team. Scores for these should be noted as "11-21, 11-21 DS" on the score sheets at the end of the night.

Wasatch Beach League Tournament Substitutions

A substitution during League Tournament will be allowed, but ALL of the following conditions must be met:

- The Sub during Tournament CANNOT be registered on another team for the current season.
- The Sub CANNOT sub for more than 1 team during tournament.
- The Sub must have already subbed on that team for a minimum of 2 games during the regular season play.
- Subs names will be communicated by writing in the name of subs on the weekly score sheets.
- If a team fails to write in the name of their sub for that week, it will not be added later.
- The sub must be eligible to play in the division. (See *Moving Up & Down Divisions* rule.)

Wasatch Beach League "No-Shows"

"No-shows" are defined as when teams do not notify *in advance* a member of the WBV Board or the other teams that they will not be there for their scheduled league matches. (email wasatchbeachvolleyball@aol.com) Teams that are not able to find double substitutions for their matches, but do notify WBV or the other teams will receive a "0-21, 0-21" score, but will not count as a no-show.

If a team has 3 weeks of no-shows during league they will not be allowed to advance into league tournament, but can remain in the league for regular season play.

No-Shows should be noted as "NS-21, NS-21" on the score sheets at the end of the night.

Wasatch Beach League Forfeit

A League Team will forfeit its first game at 11 minutes past the scheduled start time and will forfeit the second game at 21 minutes past the scheduled start time. Teams that show up after the scheduled start time, but within the 10 or 20 minute time frame, must start immediately and are not allowed extra warm up time. Players will use the Wasatch Clock for official start times; the Wasatch Clock is located north of Wasatch Beach on the wall of the Sports Mall.

For league, 1 person from the originally registered team MUST attend and play in at least 3 weeks of pool play. If not, the team will be dropped before the tournament begins and will not be allowed to play.

Wasatch Beach Double Elimination Tournaments

Tournament Players must be the two originally registered players - no substitutions. League Tournaments will run as a double elimination bracket, with no "what if" game for the final match.

Wasatch Beach (Weekend) Tournament Forfeit

Once a match has ended, oncoming teams have 6 minutes to warm up on the court; game time will begin at the conclusion of the 6 minute warm up. A team will forfeit its first game at 10 minutes after game time begins. A team will forfeit its second game 5 minutes after that.

Teams

Teams will only be listed as 2 people.

Deadlines

In order to provide better planning, strict deadlines will be followed. No “day of” signups or late registrations will be accepted. See specific league or tournament for exact deadline dates.

Time-Outs

Each team is allowed one time-out for 60 seconds per game. Time-outs that exceed this will result in a loss of a rally. Be respectful of your opponents and keep time-outs concise.

Injury Time-Outs

Each player is allowed one 5 minute injury time-out per match. After 5 minutes the player must return to play or forfeit the game and/or match.

Request for an Exception to the Rule

Any request for an Exception to the Rule due to “special circumstances” must be presented to the Wasatch Beach President in a timely manner. The President will share the request and any information needed with the Wasatch Beach Board Members. The player/team making the request should not notify/explain the request to board members; this communication will come from the President. Each board member will have an opportunity to vote to either allow the Exception to the Rule request or to deny it. Decisions made by the board are final, confidential and on a case by case basis; they will have no bearing on any future requests or decisions. If a board member, or team on which a board member plays, is making the request, that board member will be excluded from voting and a proxy representative will be asked by the President to cast a vote.

*WBV Events are defined as Wasatch Beach Leagues, Wasatch Beach (weekend) Tournaments, and WBV supported UOVA Events (St. George and Park City events) that have 8 or more teams.