***SVT Official rules:***

**Playing Area:**

The playing area for volleyball is made up of the playing court, free zone and free playing space. Standard volleyball rules dictate the playing court must measure 18m by 9m, with the free zone measuring 9 feet 10 inches on all sides. The free playing space must be free of obstructions 23 feet over any area of the playing surface.

**Teams:**

Each team is composed of up to 6 players, with one player designated as team captain.

**Scoring:**

One point is given to a team for every ball that hits the ground in the opponent's playing court, when the opposing team makes a fault or receives a penalty. The opposing team scores a point when the ball is hit out of bounds or into the net. To win a game, a team must win by two points and score a total of at least 15 points, and win best 2 out of 3 games. The team does not have to serve to win the game.

**Serve:**

The serve is executed from behind the end line of the playing court and can be served overhand or underhand. A serve can touch the top of the net and fall into the opposing court for a point. Return of serve should be by a bump or set. You **cannot** attack a serve.

**Rotation:**

Each team must rotate players clockwise when they win the serve. Standard rules dictate that 2 to 6 players must be on each side to play a game of volleyball.

**Playing Rules:**

Standard volleyball rules allow a maximum of **three** hits from each side. A player cannot hit a ball more than once without interruption. A ball can be played off the net on service or during a volley. If the ball comes into contact with a player at or above the waist and stays in play, it's considered a legal hit. If the ball comes into contact with two or more players at the same time, those players cannot be involved in the following play. Players are restricted from attacking or blocking a serve. If a ball lands anywhere on the boundary line, it's considered good.

**Violations:**

Violations include stepping over or on the service line and inability to serve the ball over the net, serving in the wrong order, throwing, carrying or palming the ball, touching the net with any part of the body, reaching over or under the net, spiking or blocking from the back row when not behind the 10-foot line.

**IMPORTANT: *If a ball has been hit on to your court from another game during play you must replay that round. Also, if you are 10 minutes late to arrive at your designated game your match will be considered scratched(surrender) for your team.***