

2017 - TCFL League Rules and Additional Information

1. For the first 4 dates of competition, matches will consist of 3 sets in which all sets will be played regardless of the outcome of the first two sets. Scoring for these sets will be 25, 25, and 15; with a cap at 27, 27 and 17 respectively.
2. Due to this format, The head coach from the officiating team will be the "up" official, so please remember to bring at least 1 whistle! Additionally, **the ATHLETES from the team assigned to officiate will keep score on a very basic score sheet and on the electronic scoreboard or on a "flip" scoreboard.** Please keep ALL parents in line and in absolutely no circumstances allow them to yell "SCORE" at the scorers. If teams would like to teach their athletes about line judging and "down" officiating, they should feel free to do so, however it is NOT required. USAV rules will apply. All rules will be relaxed to allow for play, however the rules will not be abandoned completely. Athletes will not be allowed to catch the ball at any time, **nor will they be allowed to be in or under the net so as to create a safety hazard for other athletes.** Please inform your parents of this relaxation of the rules, as harassment of ANY of the officials will lead to IMMEDIATE expulsion from the competition site.
3. Warm ups will consist of 2 minutes of shared court time and 3 minutes of individual team court time. (2/3/3) Teams are NOT allowed to ball handle during the other team's individual court time. Volleyballs WILL be provided for warm-ups at each site. Do not bring volleyballs.
4. The 5th and 6th grade division will compete on a 7' net, with a light volleyball. The 5th and 6th grade division will also have a 5 consecutive serve rule, meaning if an athlete serves 5 times before the opponent "sides out" her team will then rotate to the next server while retaining service.
5. The serving line for both divisions will be in a place where an athlete has an opportunity for success and to start play. In the 5th/6th grade division that might mean on or near the 10' line! In the 8th grade division this could mean being multiple steps in from the end-line. The goal of the league is to play!!! If an athlete has success from a location in-front of the end-line, coaches must encourage that athlete to move back a bit for their next serve. *Coaches, if an athlete is physically capable of serving from behind the end-line, you should require them to do so.
6. Uniforms are not required for this league, however, matching shirts are recommended. Coaches will not turn in line ups to the officials. Substitutions are unlimited, however athletes are only allowed to play in the front row for, the normal, three rotations. Teams can however, utilize a libero in the back row should they chose. Per USAV rules the libero is only allowed to serve for one position in the team's rotation.
7. Teams are allowed 2 times outs per set. Time outs shall last 30 seconds. Coaches will be allowed on the court during timeouts only to assist with court positioning of athletes.
8. All league dates including the tournament on Oct. 14th are required events for ALL teams. If a team does not attend one of their scheduled matches, they will be immediately removed from the league with no refund, and will not be allowed to compete in the league in the 2018 season.
9. Each facility will collect admissions. The admission fee will be \$3.00 for each event. The admission fee is consistent for adults, children and seniors, with children 5 and under free. All facilities will open their doors at 7:30am for each competition date. Do not arrive prior to 7:30am as the doors will be locked.