



2026 MUDAPALOOZA MUD VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION AND RULES

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date: Saturday, July 11, 2026

Location: Northwest Open Space (2000 W. 112th Ave)

Time: Play starts at 9:00am and Captain meeting at 8:30am

Directions: From I-25 going North take the 104th exit, go west on 104th to Huron St. Take a right (North) on Huron to 112th Ave. Turn left (West) on 112th ave. About .3 mile west of Pecos turn left into the Northwest Open Space entrance. You will see signs at the entrance to turn. From I-25 going South take the 120th exit, go west on 120th Ave. to Huron St. Turn left (South) on Huron st. to 112th Ave. Turn right (West) on 112th Ave. About .3 mile west of Pecos turn left into the Northwest Open Space entrance. You will see signs at the entrance to turn.

CARPOOL IF YOU CAN- PARKING IS VERY LIMITED AND PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO NOT MISS YOUR FIRST GAME!!!

WHAT TO BRING

- CASH: For lunch, snacks, beer, etc. **Food Truck:** Smokin Wheels BBQ **Beer:** Satire Brewing Company
- Shoes and duct tape: Must wear shoes during the tournament and duct tape to keep your shoes on your feet during the games.
- Old towels to dry off
- Sunglasses: to keep the mud and sun out your eyes
- Plastic bags to cover your car seats for the ride home and for muddy clothing.
- **Food and drinks: You can bring drinks and food as long as they are non-alcoholic and not in glass bottles**
- All coolers and bags will be checked. Food vendors will be onsite if you prefer to purchase lunch
- ID: To purchase alcohol (everyone is carded)
- Lawn chairs and blankets. Something to sit on in between games.
- Sun screen: It will be hot and sunny!
- Tent/Canopy/Umbrella-To provide shade and if you do not mind getting it dirty.
- Old shoes (sandals are not allowed)
- Old clothes (You may want to throw them away after the tournament)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Pets (please do not bring your dog)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Grills
- Any opened toe sandals
- Glass bottles

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- 8:30am-Team Captain Check-in/9:00am-Tournament play begins
- One day-round robin format with top 2 teams from each pit eligible for single elimination playoffs** *Playoffs subject to change based on number of teams registered*
- Six teams play each other on one court for a total 5 matches (weather permitting).
- Round robin and playoffs matches consist of one game to 25 points or 20 minutes, whichever comes first
- If played to full points, the game must be won by 2 points or if team reach 27 points first. **Rally scoring!**
- A 2-minute warm up is permitted before each game, if time permits.
- **Teams change sides after one team reaches 13 points**
- Each team is eligible for the single elimination tournament ***subject to change
 1. Winner of most matches at court
 2. Winner of head to head matches
 3. Net points of all matches played
 4. Tie will allow both teams in playoffs

TEAMS

- Each team must have a minimum of 6 players and maximum of 8 players on the court.
- Teams are co-ed with at least of 50% of players on the court being female. *(Exception if odd number of players there can be one more male than female player (ex 7 players, there can be 4 male players, 3 female players). This rule is in effect only if team does not have the required amount of female players.*
- All team members must sign the waiver/roster. Team t-shirts are distributed only after the Tournament director/employees have received the completed waiver/roster. Team will forfeit games until waiver/roster is on file.
- **All players MUST be 18 or older.**
- **Legal ID will be required to purchase alcohol at the event.**
- Additions to a team are accepted only AFTER they are added to the waiver/roster.
- PLAYERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE COURT WITHOUT SHOES.

OFFICIATING

- Teams losing the match will referee the next match whether in round robin or the playoffs
- Teams that fail to referee will result in subtracting one win and adding one loss to their record
- All judgment calls will be the decision of the referee. Tournament director/staff will handle disputes. All decisions are final.

REPORTING MATCH RESULTS

- Match results for all games are to be reported to the Tournament staff by the winning team.
- Results must include scores of both teams.

FIRST MATCH OF THE DAY

- Team 1 plays team 6
- Team 2 referees the first match
- Team 1 is responsible for getting the ball from the Tournament staff at the pre-game team captain's meeting.

SERVICE

- Underhand and Overhand serves are allowed. Must be in water during serve.

- The server at the beginning of each service must call out the score. Failure to do so results in a side-out. Each team is allowed one warning.
- No more than 3 players may be at the net at one time.
- **Substitutions**-Players must rotate on the left front side of the court. Male must substitute for male and female must substitute for a female. Exceptions being that a male is substituted by a female and the percentage of females exceeds 50%.
- Let rule-The “**Let**” rule is that a ball that hits the net on the serve and goes over will be considered a playable ball and play will continue.

BALL IN PLAY

- A block does not count as one of the three hits.
- Crossing under the net is not permitted
- All net violations will be called.
- Open hand hits are allowed providing that the ball is not caught, thrown, or otherwise directed.
- Blocking or attacking (hitting) the serve is not legal and will result in side-out
- **First ball Over**-“Double contact” The rule states; during the first hit of the team (not blocking), the ball may contact various parts of the body consecutively, provided that the contacts occur during one action. Example: The first hit of the team includes reception; (a) of the serve; (b) of an attack-hit by the opponent [this may be a soft or hard attack-hit]; (c) of a ball blocked by one’s own team and (d) of a ball blocked by opponents. During the team’s first-hit, successive contacts with various parts of the player’s body are permitted in a single action of playing the ball. These include contacts involving “finger action” on the ball, however, may not be caught and/or thrown.
- Out of bounds is outside the pit/water. If you see a splash then the ball is in.

WEATHER POLICY

- The tournament director and/or staff may cancel the tournament due to dangerous weather conditions. In the case of the cancellation, the tournament winner is determined by:
 1. Teams in the playoffs
 2. Win/lost record from round robin play
 3. Net point of matches played