

WINTERFEST VOLLEYBALL

TOURNAMENT RULES – 2026

Games & Tournament Schedule: <https://teamsideline.com/sites/Fargo/schedules>

Roster Requirements

- **All teams must complete and submit a roster to the supervisor before their first match.**
- To be eligible for tournament play, a player must:
 - Be listed on the roster, and
 - Participate in at least one pool play match.
- Players may only appear on one roster per day.
- Violation of roster rules will result in ejection from the tournament.

Rules Governing Play

- USAV rules apply, except where Fargo Park District rules are listed below.
- **All net and center line violations will be called

Pool Play Format

- Matches consist of 2 games to 20 points, with a hard cap at 20, unless otherwise noted.

Pool Play Tiebreakers (in order):

1. Winning Percentage
2. Head- To- Head
3. Head-To-Head point differential
4. Total Points For
5. Total Points Against
6. Coin flip

Tournament Play Format

- Matches are best 2 out of 3 games:
 - Games 1 & 2: to 25 points, 27-point cap
 - Game 3 (if needed): to 15 points, 17-point cap
- **No exceptions** to match format.

Warm-Up & Match Timing

- Teams are allowed a maximum of 5 minutes of warm-up time.
- Be prepared to play 15 minutes before your scheduled start time.
- Matches may begin early if a court becomes available.
- Warm-up balls are not provided — teams must bring their own.
- There is a 1-minute break between games, unless both teams agree to resume early.

Forfeits

- Scheduled match time is forfeit time, unless the tournament is running ahead of schedule.
- Check with the referee to confirm timing.
- Teams may forfeit if matches are running ahead of schedule.

Players on the Court

- Teams may play with fewer than six players but must have at least two players.

Coed Requirements:

- At least one male and one female must be on the court at all times.
- There is no limit on the number of females.
- Teams may have one more male than female on the court.

Conduct & Sportsmanship

- Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated, including:
 - Yelling at opponents
 - Swearing
 - Arguing
 - Fighting
 - Talking back to supervisors
- Supervisors may eject a player from a match.
- Any aggressive behavior toward staff or opposing teams will result in immediate tournament suspension.
- If an ejected player or fan does not leave the playing area within 2 minutes, the game will be forfeited.
- Two unsportsmanlike conduct calls against a team will result in tournament ejection.

Equipment & Safety

- Hard plastic or metal casts on the upper body are not allowed.
- No jewelry is permitted during play (watches, rings, earrings, loose necklaces, etc.).

Serving Rules

- For all divisions (Men's, Women's, Coed):
 - Serves may not be blocked or attacked.
 - An attack on a serve occurs when the ball is completely above the height of the net.

Substitutions

Teams may use one of the following substitution methods:

1. Rotational substitution (after the serving position)
2. Player-for-player substitution (no limit)

Coed Substitution Rule:

- Males must substitute for males.
- Females must substitute for females.

Court Boundaries

- Adjacent courts are out of play before, during, and after rallies