



FAMILIES OF FAITH
MINISTRIES

Christian Volleyball League

Rules of Play

- A player may not touch or go under the net. Touching the center line of the court with part of a foot or hand is fine if it does not interfere with the other team or go over the line completely.
- No attacking the serve at the net will be allowed. Blocking the serve is not allowed.
- Any ball that strikes the bleachers, a wall, or a basketball backboard and/or hoop will be considered out of bounds. Basketball backboards and hoops are treated as part of the ceiling if they are fully raised.
- If your team last touched the ball and the ball hits the ceiling on your opponent's side, it is ruled the same as out of bounds. If the ball returns to your side of the net after hitting the ceiling or anything affixed to the ceiling on your side of the court, the ball is still in play.
- The server must stand out of bounds during the serve and cannot step inbounds until after the ball is struck. Both overhand and underhand serves are allowed. A net serve ball is in play when it touches the net and goes over.
- The ball must be struck firmly. Catching, carrying, or scooping the ball is not allowed, and results in the point being awarded to the opposing team. Any body part may be played but remember this is not soccer.
- If a ball rolls into your court from the game next to yours and interferes with play, no point will be awarded, and a point replay will take place. This is for your safety. Please stop playing immediately if there is interference.
- Rally scoring will be used for every game. This means every serve earns a point. Games play to 25 points and must be won by a 2-point margin. There is no point cap/cutoff to break a tie. Keep playing until the 2-point margin is reached. Please report all your scores immediately on the posted master score sheet at the end of your match.
- Matches consist of three consecutive games. Even if one team wins the first two games, play a third game. Standings will be determined by win/loss percentage of all games played, not matches, with an end-of-season tie broken by average points/game scored during the season.
- Each team is allowed (1) 45 second time out per game. Unused time outs cannot be carried to the next game.