

2021 GOLD CROWN VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE ROSTER RULES

COVID-19:

The Covid-19 Pandemic has affected us all greatly. This year we have made some slight adjustments to our traditional roster rules. For the 2021 fall season, Gold Crown will not be strictly enforcing our roster rules like in years past. We will still be asking teams to adhere to the 60% Roster Rule when applicable. Gold Crown will be granting a little flexibility to specific teams if they are struggling meeting our 60% Roster Rule (Silver Division Only) and during the roster formation process on September 19.

With that in mind, the intent of the roster rules for the 2021 Gold Crown Volleyball League is to build teams of student-athletes who will end up going on to high school together in their communities. With this philosophy in mind, we have tried to make our roster rules simple to follow. We realize this is a competitive program and as such, we rely on the honesty and honor of coaches and program directors to help us uphold the integrity of the league by adhering to the following roster rules:

General Roster Rules:

- Team rosters must have a minimum of eight players and are allowed a maximum of 13.
- A player's eligibility is based on current school grade, not age.
- Players may "play up" a grade level (seventh graders playing in the eighth grade league, for example), but the league will not allow players to "play down" a level.
- Players are eligible to play on one roster only and may not play on different teams in the league, regardless of grade, age, gender, gold/silver division, etc.
- Before a player is allowed to play in the league, she must be on an official Gold Crown roster; for a player to be eligible for the Postseason Tournament (October 29-31, 2021), the player must play in at least one regular season game.
- Player Registrations are due no later than September 10, 2021. Note: Teams who fail to turn in the appropriate documents prior to the first game/match, face expulsion from the league.
- No roster changes or additions will be allowed after October 1, 2021.

2020 Overview:

- Gold Division teams will no longer have to adhere to the 60% Roster Rule. This division is best fitted for club teams, or highly competitive feeder teams.
- Silver Division teams will still adhere to the 60% roster rule, and is designed for well-established feeder teams.

Cooperative Program:

- In order to create opportunities, Gold Crown will be offering a new component to the roster rules. If a team's roster is currently at the 60% rule, but does not have enough players to form an entire team, they will be allowed to add a player(s) from another feeder area that does not have a Gold Crown team in the league. Before a team does this, we ask that they contact the Gold Crown offices to discuss their options. This player(s) will not count against that team's 60% roster rule. This now provides those players the opportunity to join with an existing team from a nearby program.. It is imperative that programs first try to form a team within their own feeder/articulation area. Contact the Gold Crown offices with questions. Note: this new feature is designed to allow all players to participate. If Gold Crown finds a team negligent of abusing this rule, that team will face punishment which could include expulsion from the league.

Public School Team Eligibility:

- A minimum of 60 percent of a public school team's players must attend the public schools that feed their area public high school.
- If a player currently attends a private school, charter/option school, or home school, then his or her public school team eligibility is based on the local public high school boundaries for the area in which that player lives.
- For a player to be eligible to participate on a public school team for which that player does not meet the above public school rules (and not count against that team's "60 percent rule"), that player must have a sibling that attends or attended that public high school or have a sibling/parent/guardian who is employed by that public high school.

Private School Team Eligibility:

- A minimum of 70 percent of a private school team's players must attend a private school. The remaining 30 percent of a private school team's roster may be made up of players who attend public, charter/option or home schools.
- For a player to be eligible to participate on a private school team for which that player does not meet the above private school rules (and not count against that team's "70 percent rule"), that player must have a sibling that attends or attended that private high school or have a sibling/parent/guardian who is employed by that private high school.

Charter/Option School Team Eligibility:

- A minimum of 60 percent of a charter/option school team's players must attend a charter/option school. The remaining 40 percent of a charter/option school team's roster may be made up of players who attend public, private or home schools.
- For a player to be eligible to participate on a charter/option school team for which that player does not meet the above charter/option school rules (and not count against that team's "60 percent rule"), that player must have a sibling that attends or attended that charter/option high school or have a sibling/parent/guardian who is employed by that charter/option high school.

NOTE: In some cases, teams may be asked to provide further documentation for verification their roster meets Gold Crown requirements. We will not hesitate to penalize teams that are proven to not honor these rules - teams found in violation of any of the roster rules as outlined above will face forfeiture of games and/or disqualification AND EXPULSION from the league.