

Gold Crown Volleyball Rules:

Gold Crown Volleyball: Matches are 2/3 sets. The first two sets are 21 points, win by two points, cap at 24 points.; the third set is 15 points, cap at 17. Teams DO NOT switch sides. **Time permitting, all three sets will be played even if a team wins the first two.**

Substitutions are unlimited.

All grades may use a Libero.

Each team has two 45 second time-outs each set. The full 45seconds will be used unless both teams are ready to play early. Time-outs may be taken back-to-back.

Two people are required from each team: a line judge and someone for the scoreboard or score sheet.

Line Judge position: about a foot back from the corner; put them in correct corners. Signals - use flags – demonstrate – IN, OUT, TOUCH, ANTENNA, SERVICE FOOT FAULT. Being aware of balls hitting or going outside antennas; foot faults on the serve (Be aware of service differences

Rule Highlights

Any overhead obstruction over a playable surface is play-on if contact is on a team's side of the net, including backboards and supports when in an upright position. Vertical backboards (in a down position) are OUT immediately. A ball contacting a wall or divider net is OUT.

Antennas are placed in line with the outside edge of the sideline. The Libero's jersey must be a contrasting color to the rest of the team. A penny of a different color may be worn over the jersey. Pennies will be available at each score table.

THE SERVE

The first server for the receiving team shall start in the right-front position and rotates to serve. The serve must be hit with one hand, fist, or arm while the ball is being held or released by the server. After being released, the ball may come in contact with the server's body or be caught as long as no attempt is made to serve the ball. The server has 5 seconds to contact the ball after the referee's whistle and signal to serve. **There can be only ONE re-serve during a player's term of service and this is only for dropped balls. Once the player swings and makes contact with the ball then it is live.** A served ball that touches an antenna, ceiling or any overhead object is OUT. A served ball may never be blocked but can be attacked once the bottom of the ball has dropped partially below the top of the net.

3rd/4th & 5th/ 6th Grade players are allowed to serve from a line that is seven feet into the court. Please get with other coach and make sure you both agree where 7 feet is from the back. Do NOT let players go any further. When a team wins five points in a row the team rotates to the next server and

retains the ball. If the point spread reaches 10 during a game, the team that is winning must serve from the regular end line (no exceptions). From this position they can serve either underhand or overhand. Once the next game begins or when the point spread drops below 10, teams can resume the rules listed above. If a team is having constant difficulty getting the ball over the net, they may start at the service line and take one step into the court.

7th/8th Grade Silver players are allowed to start at the end-line and step over while serving if they are having difficulty getting the ball in play. The libero is allowed to serve in ONE position in rotation. Once the libero has served in a position that is the only position she can serve during that game. The libero is not required to serve.

DURING PLAY

For set one, players will line up along their end line until motioned onto the court by the referee to shake hands with the opponents. In subsequent games, teams simply line up on the court. Teams are not required to go to the end line at the end of a game. Simultaneous contact by two teammates is considered one hit and any player may make the next hit, including either of the players who made the prior contact. Multiple contacts are allowed only on the team's first contact and only in one attempt to play the ball. Contact is allowed anywhere on the body.

Prolonged Contact/Held Ball The ball may not visibly come to rest, be held, or create prolonged contact.

Back Row Player/Fouls A back row player on or in front of the attack line may not contact a ball that is TOTALLY above the top of the net, sending the ball into the opponent's court. Whether the player jumps or not has no bearing on this call. Be especially aware of the setter's position.

Centerline Violations

Hands or feet on or above the centerline is allowed. No other body parts, other than hair, may cross the centerline and contact the opponents' court. A player may touch the floor across the centerline outside of the court provided they do not interfere with play of the opponents.

Net Play- A ball that crosses over the top of the antenna, hits the antenna, hits the net and the antenna, or hits the net outside of the antenna is OUT. A player may not contact a ball which is totally on the opponent's side of the net unless it is legally blocked. It is illegal to block a serve or attack a ball that is totally on the opponent's side of the net. The serve may be attacked once part of the ball has crossed the net and dropped partially below the top of the net.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Unlimited substitutions. Players may rotate into one position every time. For continuous rotation, coaches will list their entire serving rotation when submitted to the scorer. The scorer will then list the players in serving order on the sheet as follows: Teams are not allowed to use a combination of continuous rotation and regular substitution.