

Carrie Tingley Hospital Foundation's 2017 Mudd Volleyball Tournament Official Rules



A. General Rules

1. This Tournament is designed to be fun and to raise money to support the Carrie Tingley Hospital Foundation.
2. No re entry into event.
3. **No one under 14 years of age allowed in the event. No pets!**
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in forfeit or removal from the Tournament and grounds. Unsportsmanlike conduct can include but is not limited to the following: arguing, profanity, gestures and physical attacks directed toward players, referees, staff, spectators, and/or officials.
5. Children under 18 years of age are not permitted to play. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**
6. **DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN LIQUOR!** If you do, your entire team WILL BE disqualified.
7. If any member of your team is involved in a physical confrontation, your entire team will be disqualified.
8. Complete and turn in waiver form to the referee on your court prior to your 1st game.

B. Tournament Format

1. This Tournament is a recreational fundraiser.
2. This is a one-day, round-robin Tournament with a single elimination play-off for each area.
3. Six teams play on the same court, 5 matches each, weather permitting. Winning team advances to Tournament.
4. Round robin matches are for fifteen-minutes or to 25 points; win by 2, 27 point cap.
5. Teams not ready at game time will forfeit that game.
6. Teams will change sides at thirteen (13) points.
7. There will be one winner from each net in round robin play determined in the following order:
 - a. Winner of the most matches on the net.
 - b. Winner of head-to-head matches.
 - c. Net points of all matches played (percentage of points won vs. points lost).
 - d. If there is not a clear winner, straws will be drawn.

C. Team Composition

1. All players must be in possession of proof that they are at least 18 years of age.
2. Members of a team may only play on one team during the day.
3. Additions to a team may be accepted **ONLY AFTER** a new player has signed the roster/waiver.
4. Each team must have a minimum of six and a maximum of eight players on the court at all times.
5. Teams are co-ed, and must have at least 50% women on the court throughout the match.
6. Shoes must be worn during every match. **NO EXCEPTIONS OR EXCUSES**

D. Refereeing

1. Mudd Volleyball referees will do all refereeing. All judgment calls will be the decision of the referee.
2. The referees will handle disputes.
3. Please be respectful towards referees, they are volunteers.

E. Reporting Match Results

1. Referees will track match results. Captains make sure they are recorded correctly.
2. Court winners will be posted on the Mudd Stage about 1 hour after the round robin.
3. If a game is forfeited, the winning team receives 25 points and the forfeiting team receives 0.

F. First Match of the Day

1. First game starts at 9:00 a.m. Don't be late! We will not hold rematches and we will not reschedule.

G. Service, Rotation and Substitution

1. Players may rotate in at service position and remain in throughout the 8 positions.

2. Only underhand serves are permitted. Failure to do so will result in a side-out.
3. No more than 3 players may be at the net at one time.
4. Players must rotate in a clockwise rotation through all positions.

H. Ball in Play

1. The only coed rule in effect is that at least 50% of the players on the court must always be female.
2. Up to 3 contacts on the ball each time the ball crosses the net. A block does not count as one of three hits.
3. Crossing under the net is permitted unless it interferes with the play of the opposing team.
4. Major net violations will be called. Minor contact with the net or contact away from play will not be considered a violation.
5. Open hand hits are legal provided the ball is not caught, thrown, or otherwise directed.
6. Blocking or attacking (hitting) the serve above the net by a front row player is legal.
7. Balls are called in or out by the ref. In general all balls that hit water first are considered in.

I. Weather Policy

1. The Tournament may be canceled because of weather if dangerous conditions arise.
2. In case of cancellation, winner of the Tournament may be determined by the Tournament Director.

J. Muddigans

1. Muddigans can be used to redo a missed serve. If a team serves a ball in the net or out of bounds, the team can use a Muddigan to request a re-serve.
2. Each team can use only one Muddigan each game.
3. The use of a Muddigan is only good in the round-robin games, not the Tournament rounds.
4. The Muddigan must be given to a referee when used.
5. A Muddigan may only be used to redo a missed serve and cannot be used to redo a ball that made it into play.

K. Waiver

1. Participating in this event, players agree to accept full liability. Any sponsor or Team Captain will not allow the Players to take part in the Mudd Volleyball Tournament unless the Players understand and accept all responsibility and liability for their participation in the Mudd Volleyball Tournament. Therefore, as consideration for allowing the Players to take part in the Mudd Volleyball Tournament, the Players agree as follows:
 - a. The Players wish to take part in the Mudd Volleyball Tournament despite any and all dangers associated with such participation;
 - b. The Players acknowledge that they are duly aware of the risks and hazards inherent upon their participation in the Mudd Volleyball Tournament;
 - c. The Players waive and surrender any right to receive specific notice of the existence of dangerous conditions associated with playing in the Mudd Volleyball Tournament;
 - d. The Players, their heirs and assigns hereby release the Sponsors, any of their insurers, indemnitors, successors and assigns from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or relating to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained whether past, present, or future, and whether permanent, continuing or otherwise, in connection with or related in any manner to their participation in the Mudd Volleyball Tournament;
 - e. The Players further agree that the Sponsors shall not be liable for damages, of any kind, to the Players, arising out of the Players participation in the Mudd Volleyball Tournament, including, but not limited to, damages arising out of negligence (including, but not limited to, negligence in the set-up or operation of the Mudd Volleyball Tournament);
 - f. Players shall indemnify and hold harmless the Sponsors for all damages, claims, liabilities, and costs arising out of or resulting from Players participation in the Mudd Volleyball Tournament;
 - g. The Players warrant that they will wear shoes at all times during play in the Mudd Volleyball Tournament.
 - h. The Players grant permission to the Sponsors to utilize any and all photographs, videotapes, recordings, and other reference or records of the events and activities, which are part of the Mudd Volleyball Tournament.