



Kiwivolley Match Rules

Playing space:

- Games will be played on a badminton court (13.4m x 6.1m)
- Net height at 1.52m

Playing the ball:

Service:

- The Server will be allowed to serve from one metre inside the court on the first service attempt, from a half metre inside on the second and from the back of the court on the third, fourth and fifth. At this point the server's feet must be completely behind the service line when the ball is hit.
- The ball is allowed to hit the net but must go over the net inside the court perimeter into the opponent's court without assistance from any outside objects (roof etc) or other players / spectators.
- A player is only allowed a maximum of 5 serves in a single rotation. After the fifth consecutive serve and point, the serve is given to the other team and they rotate "as if they had won the rally".

Players

- Teams must have four players on the court at all times..
- Teams are allowed to use a "rolling substitution" into the service position every time they sideout (win the service back from the opponent).

Scoring:

- Games will be played to time.
- Time limit will apply – 40 minutes.
- A point will be scored for every rally played. The team who wins the rally wins a point and the next serve.

Handling of the Ball

- A player may “play” the ball with any part of the body provided the ball is not caught and thrown or held in any way.
- Only three contacts per side are allowed.
- A block does not count as part of a team's three contacts.
- A spike must be a clean contact, without catching the ball and throwing it.
- Any shot played with two hands below the waist or over the head, must not be caught and thrown.
- A player may not play the ball in two consecutive touches. The exception is only after a block, a player then may have a second consecutive touch.
- It is a fault if any player touches the net while they are attempting to play the ball.
- It is also a fault if a player steps completely over the centre-line underneath the net. The centre-line is limited by the aerials on the net, i.e. outside the aerials the centre-line does not “exist”.
- Volleyball has a lot of “judgment calls” which are at the referees discretion. Please be mindful this is a youth sport and our referees are there to provide the best possible experience for your participants.

If you have questions, please seek clarity first with your referee.

If you need further assistance, please speak with Jessica Mitchell or one of the Volleyball Manawatu staff at the desk.