BEACH VOLLEYBALL SUMMER
Summary of League Rules & Format - 2026

League Start Date: Week of May 25 **League End Date: Week of Aug 24**

Mixed 6s Pool Set-up and Schedule

- Mixed 6s pools consists of four to seven teams per pool.
- Mixed 6s team entry teams may have unlimited players on their roster as long as all players appear on a submitted registration form by the Roster Closing Date of June 30th. No additions or changes can be made after that date.
- Mixed 6s league assembled teams are capped at 8 players allowing for absences throughout the season. Extra players may sub in from either side on the serve rotation.
- Generally, one hour timeslots are allocated per pool and slightly longer for pools of seven teams. Four games are played per team per week, 12-14 minutes each.
- Mixed 6's teams will be grouped into 2 or 3 pools depending on registrations (A, B & C).
- The season will be divided into three segments, (Segment 1, 2 & 3).
- Teams will be randomly assigned to pools for the first segment and re-grouped in subsequent segments according to skill level and based on seeding in the standings (refer to **Re-Grouping of Pools** below).
- The game schedule is available at www.basl.ca/schedules.html and shows which pools play at what times on each evening.
- For an equitable allocation of playing time for all teams and players throughout the season each pool will play in each time slot for 2 weeks and then rotate to the next time slot.

Pool Rotation Example:

	Week 1 & 2	**Week 3 & 4**	**Week 5 & 6**	**Week 7 & 8**
7:30 pm	Pool A	Mixed 4s	Pool B	Pool A
8:30 pm	Pool B	Pool A	Mixed 4s	Pool B
9:30 pm	Mixed 4s	Pool B	Pool A	Mixed 4s

Game Schedule

- All teams play four games per night against a different team per game, 12-14 minutes each.
- Matches between teams are as evenly distributed as possible throughout the season using our on-site Court Rotation Schedule.

Standings, Scoring and Seeding

- As some teams may play slightly more or less games than others over time, seeding is calculated by the win/loss ratio expressed as a percentage (PCT).
  Example: 3 Wins (W) & 1 Loss (L) = 0.750 (PCT)
- All teams will be seeded from highest PCT to lowest PCT.
- Standings ties are broken by most wins, followed by least losses.

Playoffs

- All qualified teams will participate in the playoffs during the final weeks of the program.
- Teams that forfeit three or more weeks of play during the regular season will not qualify to participate in the playoffs.
- Playoff format for each pool level will finalized and posted to www.basl.ca by mid-season.
- Playoff dates for each pool level are illustrated on the Pool Allocation Schedules.

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Re-Grouping of Pools

- At the start of the second and third segments, (see game schedule for pool change dates) teams are re-grouped into pools based on their relative skill level and ranking in the standings.
- Typically the top teams in each Pool will move up a level.
    - The top 1 or 2 teams in Pool C will move up to Pool B
    - The top 1 or 2 teams in Pool B will move up to Pool A
- Likewise, the bottom teams in each Pool will move down a level.
    - The bottom 1 or 2 teams from Pool A will move down to Pool B
    - The bottom 1 or 2 teams from Pool B will move down to Pool C
- On-Site Hosts will make this determination and reserve the right to move one team, two or more teams, or zero teams as necessary.
- All standings will be reset to zero at the beginning of each new segment.
- This allows for greater competition as all teams start equal to compete for top spots in their pool.

Referees

- All games are self-refereed with an emphasis on fair play and sportsmanship.
- Standard volleyball rules apply: Exceptions Include:
    - intentional foot contact with the ball is prohibited.
    - open hand tipping is disallowed.
- Team captains must determine and agree in advance of each game if there are any changes they wish to introduce for their specific game. If no agreement is reached no changes are permitted.
- If there is disagreement about a call during a game, both teams must proceed immediately to a reserve. Arguments or debates are prohibited to prevent game delays.

Basic Rules:

- No intentional kicking of the ball.
- Teams during the regular season may borrow sideline players to avoid a forfeit ONLY IF these players are preregistered with B.A.S.L. and are participants on another registered team.
- Teams MAY NOT borrow players in the playoffs and must use only players on their roster.
- Teams may include as many players on their roster as they wish however all rosters will be closed effective June 30th. No further additions or changes will be accepted after this date.
- Avoid crossing the middle “line” to prevent injury.
- 5 serve maximum applies. After the 5th serve the team must rotate to the next server
- Service contact must be made with hand or arm only.
- Service can be initiated anywhere behind the end line within the sidelines.
- A ball that hits the net on the serve and goes over is live and playable.
- Blocking a serve is prohibited.

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Basic Rules (Continued):
- No open hand tips allowed.
- A legal tip or soft shot must be made with:
  - a closed hand fist (hard contact with the ball).
  - knuckle or heel of the hand or the back of the hand.
- 4s Only - If the ball touches the block it DOES count as the 1st contact.
- The blocker has the right to play the 2nd contact.
- Any net touch is a fault.
- Blocking a ball across the plane of the net is legal provided that the blocker doesn't interfere with the opponent's attack hit and the opponent has completed all their three hits.
- 4s Only - All players are considered front row participants and can spike or block at any time.

Minimum Gender - 4's Sessions
- Mixed 4's teams may play with as few as two players to avoid a forfeit.
- A minimum of one of each gender must be on the courts at all times.
- When two or more of either gender are present, a minimum of two of that gender must be on the courts at all times. (Example: 3M & 2F present – 2 of each gender must play at all times).
- No rotation is required except when ensuring proper service rotation.

Minimum Gender - 6's Sessions
- Mixed 6's teams may play with as few as four players to avoid a forfeit.
- Mixed 6's teams with six players on the court require a minimum of 2 male AND 2 female players on the court.
- Mixed 6's teams with five or four players on the court require a minimum of 1 male AND 1 female player on the court.

Equipment
- Four BASL game balls are provided for league play, (one per court plus one extra).
- If a ball goes over the fence, an individual from the team that hit it over must retrieve it.
- The convener must be advised where the ball exited in order to receive a replacement to continue the game.
- Players are required to bring their own warm up balls to practice with.

Inclement Weather
- Play is temporarily suspended during heavy rain or if lightning is present in the vicinity.
- Depending on the severity, the decision to cancel games may be made in advance by BASL or if a storm moves in during play, it may be made by the convener on site.
- On inclement weather days weather updates can be viewed at www.basl.ca.

Weekly Attendance:
- If less than three (3) teams show up to play for any session, official play will be cancelled for the evening.
- Attending teams may participate in exhibition games for that session.
- No game results will be recorded.

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Sponsoring Restaurant – QBs Sports Bar Grill Games

- All teams are invited to frequent our sponsoring restaurant weekly directly following all games.
- QBs Sports Bar Grill Games at 4460 Fairview Street and Appleby Line is excited to host all players and teams with weekly specials and league specific benefits. Examples include:
  - Teams are offered a free pizza once their order per table exceeds $120.
  - Teams are offered a 10% rebate at the end of the season on their seasonal expenditures with consistent attendance.
    - Teams must keep and consolidate all weekly receipts.
    - Teams must write BASL on the back of each receipt.
    - Teams must submit all receipts to QBs management at the end of the season to receive their 10% rebate.

On-Site Alcohol Policy:

- Facility Management at 5065 Benson Drive strictly prohibits ANY alcohol possession and consumption anywhere on their premises.
- Individuals that violate this restriction may be asked to leave the premises immediately.
- Repeat offenders may be banned from the property.