

Volleyball Competition Rules

1. Participation fee is \$350 per team and must be paid upon registration (early bird and other discounts apply). Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers: Champion (\$600), Championship Runner-Up (\$450), Consolation Champion (\$300).
2. Teams of all abilities are welcome and all reasonable accommodations will be made to ensure enjoyable competition.
3. Tournament is a co-ed, seeded tournament with round-robin pool play followed by two separate double-elimination tournaments: Pool A (competitive) and Pool B (recreation), determined by round robin records. This format ensures all teams of at least five matches.
4. Teams may be submitted by one or more companies, firms, or organizations. All employees, ongoing consultants, and spouses are eligible to compete. An unaffiliated group of individuals may also register, but no individual may participate on more than one team.
5. Individuals without a team may register for the tournament as a “free agent” and will be assigned to a team by event organizers.
6. Teams must play with at least four participants on the court and not more than six, with at least two of the participants being women. Unlimited substitutions may be made at the server position only. Players must play a full rotation prior to subbing out (injured players may sub out from any position).
7. Team check-in begins at 9AM, with the first matches beginning at 10AM and rolling match starts thereafter. If at least four players (including two women) are not present within five minutes of the announced start of the match, the set will be forfeited. If the team has not arrived after ten minutes the match will be forfeited.
8. Tournament will observe rally scoring. Pool A bracket matches will be determined by prevailing in best-of-three sets, with sets 1 & 2 being played to 21 (win by two, cap at 25) and the third to 15 (sudden death). All round robin and Pool B bracket matches will be one set, played to 30 (win by 2, no cap).
9. Scooping, lifting, pushing, or allowing the ball to roll on the body will be considered a held ball. Attacks can only be done by any player on the court, while blocking can only be done by front row players. Serves may be initiated from any point behind the end line and may not be attacked.
10. “Rock-paper-scissors” will be used to determine side and serving order. The winner chooses side or serve, the loser chooses the remaining option; side and service order are switched at the end of each set or, in the case of single set matches, at the point that either team reaches 15 points.
11. (2) 1 minute timeouts may be used by each team during a match. Injuries automatically qualify as a timeout.
12. Matches will be officiated by experienced referees who will not tolerate abuse directed at either themselves or players. Offending participants will be issued a warning and then disqualified from the tournament with a second violation of this rule. Particularly egregious or harmful behavior (major infraction) will result in the immediate disqualification of the competitor without warning. Adherence with all Metroparks rules is required.
13. Any appeals should be formally lodged with the competition committee, who will make a swift decision. All decisions by the competition committee are final.
14. All competitors are required to sign a waiver, releasing AIA Cleveland from any liability associated with their participation in the tournament.
15. Teams are responsible for bringing their own beverage coolers and shading devices. No glass containers are allowed on the beach. All teams are responsible for the removal of their shading devices, trash, and recyclables prior to their departure. Food and beverage (including alcohol) will be available for purchase from food trucks and the Edgewater concession stand.

Sandcastle Competition Rules

1. Participation fee is \$250 per team and must be paid upon registration (early bird and other discounts apply).
2. Academic scholarships will be awarded to the top three finishers: Grand Prize (\$750), Runner-Up (\$600), and Honorable Mention (\$450). The “Best of the Beach” Award (\$300) will be determined by public ballot (voting begins at 1PM and concludes shortly after 2PM) and will be awarded without regard to jury choice.
3. The team may direct their scholarship to any Cleveland high school student of their choice that is enrolling in a program related to the built environment (architecture, construction, engineering, etc.) or contribute their winnings directly to the ACE Mentor Program who will award a student of such qualifications in the name of AIA Cleveland and the winning firm.
4. Teams of all abilities are welcome and all reasonable accommodations will be made to ensure enjoyable competition.
5. Teams may be submitted by one or more companies, firms, or organizations. All employees, ongoing consultants, and spouses are eligible to compete. Team members must be affiliated with the organizing company. A company may register more than one team, but no individual may participate in more than one build.
6. Individuals without a team may register for the tournament as a “free agent” and will be assigned to a team by event organizers.
7. Each team will be provided a 20' x 20' beach plot, five yards of clean building sand, and access to water, near the competition area.
8. Team registration opens at 7AM, at which point teams are free to setup their build area. No sand may be moved until the official start of the build at 8AM. **All building must occur between 8AM and 2PM.**
9. Teams are responsible for providing all of their own formwork, tools, and other implements. Buckets, shovels, and masonry tools of all kinds are recommended. All team members and supplies must remain inside the team's designated build area, or immediately behind, and all must be removed prior to judging at 2PM.
10. No adhesives, glues, or foreign substances of any kind are allowed in the construction of the castle. The only non-sand materials that are allowed are those objects found on the beach.
11. No motorized vehicles are allowed beyond designated Edgewater State Park parking areas.
12. The competition will be overseen by a committee of volunteers who will not tolerate abusive language or behavior. Offending participants will be issued a warning and then disqualified from the competition with a second violation of this rule. Particularly egregious or harmful behavior (major infraction) will result in the immediate disqualification of the competitor without warning. Adherence with all Metroparks rules is required.
13. Any appeals should be formally lodged with the competition committee, who will make a swift decision. All decisions by the competition committee are final.
14. All competitors are required to sign a waiver, releasing AIA Cleveland from any liability associated with their participation in the tournament.
15. Teams are responsible for bringing their own beverage coolers and shading devices. No glass containers or alcoholic beverages are allowed on the beach. All teams are responsible for the removal of their shading devices, trash, and recyclables prior to their departure. Food and beverage (including alcohol) will be available for purchase from food trucks and the Edgewater concession stand.