

**MANITOWOC PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**LEAGUE VOLLEYBALL**  
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Team managers have the responsibility of informing team members of these rules and regulations and to assure the Department these rules will be followed:

**I. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for competition in the Manitowoc Recreation Department Leagues, an individual must:

- A. Eligibility**  
Be properly registered on the team roster before playing in the league.
- B. Age**  
All individuals participating in Department Leagues must be a minimum of 16 years of age.
- C. Participation**
  - 1. A player may participate on only one team per league.**
  - 2. Only one college or high school player is allowed per team.**

**II. FEES**

- A. Team Fees**  
A team registration fee shall be established by the Recreation Board prior to the start of the season. This fee must be paid by the deadline established by the Department for a team to be eligible for participation in league play. In cases where facilities are limited, guidelines for payment of fees will be established by the Recreation Department.

**III. ORGANIZATION**

- A. Leagues**  
Men's - Wednesday night (Fall & Winter)  
Women's - Thursday nights (Spring)  
Couple's - Monday night (Fall & Winter)
- B. Divisions**  
Divisions one through four; with division one being the most competitive.
- C. Participation**  
All players must be signed in on the score sheet at the start of the game

**IV. REGISTRATION**

- A.** Teams may add players at any time during the season by adding the player to the official roster. Players may switch from team to team within the Recreation Department league at any time during the season. Proper release procedures must be followed. (See releases)
- B.** The Manitowoc Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to place teams into divisions that it feels will produce the most appropriate level of play for all divisions. Factors that will be taken into consideration will include, but are not limited to, the number of teams registered, the relative quality of teams based on recent historical data, and recent feedback from other teams.
- C.** Teams will have an opportunity to appeal any team placement at the managers' meeting prior to the season. After everyone interested in doing so, has an opportunity to voice their concerns, a vote of the league managers present will be conducted. A majority vote shall prevail.

**V. FORFEITS**

- A.** Scheduled games are to start on time. If a team cannot place four (4) players on the floor at game time, the first game will be called a forfeit. If a team cannot place 4 players on the floor 15 minutes after scheduled game time, the second and third games will be recorded as forfeits as well. Teams may play with a minimum of 4 players. **Couples teams are allowed to play with three men and two women, if the opposing team agrees to this before each match.**
- B.** Any player not properly registered is ineligible for play. Teams using ineligible players will be subject to forfeiting all games and being dropped from the league. No refund of entry fees will be made in cases where teams are dropped.
- C.** For improper registration of players, occasional spot checking of game rosters will be made. Any team found to be using ineligible players will be subject to action as previously outlined by Department rules.

**VI. RELEASES**

- A. Released players will be permitted to play on another team, however, a written release must be on file in the Recreation Department office seven (7) days before they are eligible to play.

**VII. PROTESTS**

- A. Only protests based on rule interpretation or player eligibility will be considered by the Parks & Recreation Department.
- B. To file a protest on rule interpretation, the building attendant must be notified immediately of the team's intention to protest the game and a written protest must be submitted to the Parks & Recreation Department with a \$5.00 fee on the next business day following the completion of the game.
- C. For a protest concerning player eligibility, a written protest and a \$5.00 fee must be submitted to the Parks & Recreation Department on the next business day following the completion of the game.
- D. If the protest is allowed, the protest fee will be refunded.

**VIII. PLAYER CONDUCT**

- A. Managers will be held responsible for the actions of their players.
- B. Any unsportsmanlike tactics, profanity or derogatory remarks by a player or manager may result in eviction from the game and gym. Flagrant or continuous violations may result in suspension or elimination from play for the remainder of the season.
- C. Parks & Recreation Department employees are not expected to tolerate abuse.
- D. Any player ejected from a game will be automatically suspended for one league game. Any team using a suspended player will automatically forfeit games in which they participate.
- E. Teams or players not abiding by these rules or other policies and regulations established by the Parks & Recreation Department will be dropped from the league. No refunds of fees will be made.
- F. The Department's official representative shall have the power to warn, declare side out or point or disqualify for the game a player for unsportsmanlike conduct.

**IX. CANCELLATIONS**

- A. In the event of a game cancellation due to weather, radio stations WCUB and WOMT will announce the information or call the Program Information/Cancellation line at **683-4370** after 4:00 pm.
- B. Department Website: [www.manitowoc.org/parkandrec](http://www.manitowoc.org/parkandrec)

**X. PLAYING RULES**

Official Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association rules for the current season will govern play, with these exceptions:

- A. The overhand serve is allowed in all divisions of all leagues.
- B. All Men's, Women's and Couple's League legal hits
  1. Any ball contacted below the shoulders must be bumped with a closed fist. Ball contacted above the shoulders may be (set) contacted with open hands, provided the ball does not visibly become motionless. Balls contacted below the shoulders with open hand will be considered illegal hits, regardless whether the ball was motionless or not.
  2. All serves must be bumped.
  3. Serving area shall be behind the endline and from sideline to sideline
- C. For each serve, the score will be announced this will be the signal for the serve to begin.
- D. Each team is allowed two time-outs per game.
- E. Replays: A replay shall be determined by the both teams in the case of stray ball interference, a motionless ball in an overhead obstruction or any play deemed necessary.
- F. Adjacent courts are non-playable areas only if there is a game occupying the court. You may enter the court to play the point if the court is unoccupied. **Foot (or other body part touching the floor) placement shall determine your position on or off the court.**

