



**LOVELAND ADULT ATHLETICS
 2009 WINTER
 MEN'S, WOMEN'S & COED VOLLEYBALL
 LEAGUE POLICIES**



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All games will be played **MONDAY - THURSDAY** evenings. The leagues will consist of different skill levels of play. Teams are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Most matches will be played at Truscott Elementary (on Garfield Street between 6th and 7th Streets). Some matches could also be held at Con Ball Middle School or Chilson Recreation Center.

<u>Activity #</u>	<u>League Classification</u>	<u>Night of Play</u>
17101-1	Men's Level 1.....	Tuesday
17121-1	Women's Level 1.....	Monday
17121-2	Women's Level 2.....	Monday
17131-1	Coed Level 1.....	Thursday
17131-2	Coed Level 2.....	Thursday
17131-3	Coed Level 3.....	Wednesday

League Skills Definitions

Level 1 (competitive): For teams who wish to play in the highest level of competition & skill offered. Players should be proficient in all skills & strategies of the sport.

Level 2 (recreational): For teams who wish to play without getting into the highly competitive level. Players should have average to above average skills & knowledge of the sport.

Level 3 (leisure): For teams who wish to play for exercise in a very low key environment. Players should be beginners learning the skills & techniques.

- REGISTRATION** – Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis beginning **December 1 through December 15, 2008**. Register your team through TeleTrac (automated phone system) calling 962-2777, or WebTrac (on-line) at www.cityofloveland.org with your credit card. To register through TeleTrac or WebTrac you will need your household ID number, your member ID number, a Visa or MasterCard (full payment is required), and the activity number of the league you're signing up for (listed above). Call 962-2383 for your household information prior to registration. Completed rosters with name, address/phone number, signatures, and AA participation number must be turned in to the Chilson Recreation Center or faxed to 962-2906 no later than December 28, 2008. Registrations will also be accepted at the Chilson Recreation Center Registration Window beginning **December 1, through December 15, 2008**. Loveland Parks and Recreation reserves the right to transfer a team into the appropriate league based on their players levels of play.
- LEAGUE FEES** - Team fee is **\$204.00 if registered by December 8th and \$224.00 if registered after December 8th for 7 games**. League registration fees must be paid in full at the time of registration.
- AA PARTICIPATION FEE** is \$22.00 per player. This fee is good from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. Fees can be paid at the Chilson Center reception area (weekdays from 8:00am – 7:30pm, Saturdays from 9:00am - 5:30pm and Sunday from 11:00am- 5:30pm). It will be the responsibility of the individual player to pay the participation fee before the 1st league game. If someone else is paying this fee for an individual, we must have a correct **address** and **phone #** of the person that the fee is being paid for. For your convenience you may **PURCHASE** your AA card on-line through WebTrac at www.cityofloveland.org

4. **BAD CHECKS** - Any participant or participant/team sponsor that has a returned check for any fee assessed by the Adult Athletics will be ineligible to participate in any program area until that check has been made good. If the check is for league fees, all individual participants of the team will be responsible for their portion of the total fee to be eligible to participate. The individual participant's portion will be determined by dividing the number of eligible ballplayers on the submitted roster by the fee assessed for that program area.
5. **TEAM CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS**
Our cancellation policy is as follows:
- A team will receive a 100% refund (less processing fee), only if a written request is received a minimum of three working days, prior to the schedule pick-up date.
 - A 50% refund will be given when a refund request is submitted in writing any time following the schedule pick-up date and up to the start of that leagues play.
 - No refunds will be given once league play has begun.
 - Processing fees for adult leagues will be \$25.00.
 - Full refunds will be given when the Recreation Department cancels a league or program.
6. **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT** - Teams are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. It is required that at least 75% of **ALL** league rosters be comprised of members who either reside in the R2-J School District or are full-time employees of a company in the R2-J School District that is a sponsor of that team. The 75% residency requirement will be in effect only if we reach our maximum capacity.
THIS RULE WILL BE IN EFFECT ONLY IF WE REACH CAPACITY DURING EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION.
7. **SCHEDULE PICKUP** - League schedules will be available on **Tuesday, December 30th after 4:00pm** at the Chilson Recreation Center Front Desk. **We will not mail schedules! Schedules will also be available on the City of Loveland web page at <http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/parksrec/Adult.htm>** It is possible that schedules **MAY NOT** be available on the web page for up to a week after they are available to pick up at the Chilson Center
8. **DATES OF PLAY** - League games will begin the week of **January 5, 2009**.
9. **ROSTER FREEZE DATE:** Roster limit is 20 players. Roster freeze date is **Friday, January 23, 2009**. Anyone added to a roster after that date must have written approval from the majority of the coaches in that league. Player addition forms can be picked up at the Chilson Center Front Desk or from the facility supervisor.
10. **INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES:**
First Priority-----Post season Third Priority----- next available weekday night
Second Priority-----Friday night
- This priority list is subject to change depending upon availability of courts. Every attempt will be made to follow the above procedures.*
11. **ROUND ROBIN** - Adult Athletics utilizes the Round Robin type league format. The number of teams in a league will determine how many round teams play.
12. **RECORDS** - the total win/loss percentage will determine the final standings in ALL leagues. Adult Athletics uses the following procedure for tiebreakers for 1st place:
1. Head-to-head competition
 2. Winning percentage of teams involved
 3. Winning margin of involved teams
 4. Most number of points scored by teams involved in all their games
 5. Least number of points allowed by opponents involved in all their games
 6. Flip of a coin
13. **AWARDS** – One (1) team plaque will be given to the 1st place team. A total of 8 t-shirts will be awarded to individuals on the first place team.

14. **CODE OF CONDUCT: The Adult Athletics Code of Conduct governs - all play.** It is the teams and/or individual player's responsibility to acquire a copy so that they may be aware of the rules. Please stop by the Chilson Center or visit the City's web page at <http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/parksrec/Adult.htm> to obtain a copy.

LEAGUE RULES –

All leagues will be governed by USA VOLLEYBALL rules with the following additions/exceptions.

- A. **EXCESSIVE BLEEDING POLICY/BLOOD PATHOGENS** - Any participant who is bleeding, has an open wound, or has an excessive amount of blood on his/her uniform must leave the game or event. The participant may not return until either the bleeding has stopped, the wound has been covered and bandaged and/or the uniform has been changed.
- B. **SERVICE AREA** - The service area is extended to include the full width of the 9-meter area.
- C. **BALL CONTACT** - The ball may touch any part of the body. If a player makes a kick action at the ball and in the judgement of the official created an unsafe situation for the players on the court, a fault will be called and the player warned. **EFFECT:** If a player kicks the ball and creates a 2nd unsafe situation after having been warned once, that player will be removed from the match and subject to disciplinary action according to the Adult Athletic Code of Conduct.
- D. **TO WIN A GAME** - All three games will count towards standings and will be played utilizing rally scoring to 25 points. The cap is 27 points; you do not need to win by 2 points. If we find that the first two games are consistently lasting over 40 minutes we reserve the right to shorten the last game to 21 points with a cap of 23 points
- E. **START TIMES / FORFEIT TIMES** –Game time is forfeit time for the first game 15 minutes after scheduled match time the remainder of the match is forfeited
- F. **STARTING AND FINISHING A GAME** - A team may start or finish a game with any number of players. If a team has less than 6 players and during the course of the game, other teammates arrive, these players may play in the game in progress but a player cannot enter the game during a live ball. However the player or players do not have to wait until the start of the next game. The Official will designate the position where player enters.
- G. **ROTATION/SUBSTITUTION** - Players may rotate into the line-up on a regular basis; otherwise, regular substitution rules will govern play. **Libero: Basically a defensive player, used only in the back row. Because it is not considered a substitution, they can replace various players that rotate to the back row. The libero cannot serve or set the ball from in front of the 10' line for a teammate to attack.**
- H. **Coed Only - Line-up** must alternate gender in line-up but you **MAY HAVE** more women than men on the court, but are **NOT ALLOWED** to have more men than women on the court during the game.
- I. **UNIFORMS** - The uniform should consist of matching shirts with at least four (4) inch numbers front and/or back, and non-marking tennis shoes. Tennis shoes must be carried, not worn to the gym.
- J. **NET SERVES – (ALL LEAGUES: A BALL THAT HITS THE NET ON THE SERVE AND GOES OVER THE NET IS PLAYABLE.**
- K. **ANY BALL CONTACTING** the ceiling, lights or overhanging baskets on your side of the court after your first or second contact will be playable. If a ball contacts the west baskets, the official will determine if there will be a replay, point or side-out.
- L. **1. SPIKING (above the net) or BLOCKING THE SERVE IS NOT ALLOWED**
2. Setting THE SERVE IS ALLOWED LIBERO RULE

- M. **PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION** - Players must show proof of identification (participation receipt or drivers license) at the request of the official or gym supervisor.
- N. **CODE OF CONDUCT** - All play is governed by the Adult Athletics Code of Conduct. It is the teams and/or individual player's responsibility to procure a copy so that they may be aware of the rules. Please stop by the office to obtain a copy.
- O. **SUSPENSIONS** – Players suspended from league play will be assessed a **\$25.00** fine in accordance to the Adult Athletic Code of Conduct.
- P. **ILLEGAL PLAYER** - In accordance with the City of Loveland Parks and Recreation Department Adult Athletics league policies and Coed of Conduct, illegal players may not be used in any program. The opposing team may protest doing so.
An Illegal Player is:
- a. **A player in the game that is not on the official team roster.**
 - b. **A player in the game that has not paid the participation fee.**
 - c. **A player that is playing in the game and is assuming the name of a player who is on the official team roster.**
 - d. **A player playing on two teams in the same program (i.e. – two teams in men's league, two teams in women's league, two teams in coed league, etc.)**
- The effect of using an illegal player.*
If the opposing team announces their intent to protest the illegal player, that player must produce a picture ID. If the player cannot produce a picture ID, the official will continue play with the game under protest. At the conclusion of the game the player has the option to return to the supervisor at the field that night or come in the Parks and Recreation office the next day to verify their identity. If the illegal player is confirmed to be illegal, the game will be forfeited and the illegal player will be suspended for a minimum of two games. If the protest for an illegal player is made known at the conclusion of the game, the final score of the game will stand, however the facility supervisor will make every effort to properly identify the person in question. If the player is found to be illegal, the player will be suspended from further play for a minimum of two games. In addition, the coach may be suspended from further player in accordance to the Adult Athletic Code of Conduct.
- Q. **PLASTER CAST** - Individuals with plaster casts or other injury healing devices are not allowed to participate in any games sponsored, hosted or operated by the City of Loveland Adult Athletics. **Knee braces may be worn.**
- R. **FLIP OF A COIN** will determine 1st game and 3rd game service of the match. When a team reaches thirteen (13) points, teams will be directed to change playing areas in the third game. In a game played to 21 teams will change sides when a team reaches 11 points.
- S. **ELIGIBILITY AGE** - the eligibility age to participate in the Adult Athletic program is *16 years old* at the time of participation.
- T. **JEWELRY** – All exposed jewelry or items judged to be hazardous or potentially dangerous by the official, i.e.: Hats may **not** be worn. If the dangerous item cannot be removed, it may be taped, however the taping must meet the approval of the official.
- U. **ALCOHOL/TOBACCO** - At no time is alcohol and tobacco allowed in any event held in a school. This includes the schoolyard. Please keep in mind that if cigarette butts are left on the playground by the door of the school our children will have access to them.
- V. **PROFANITY AND TAUNTING** — Effect: The player may be ejected from the game and subject to further disciplinary action in accordance to the Adult Athletic Code of Conduct.

W. **FIRST AID ITEMS** - Adult Athletics will supply basic 1st aid supplies

X. **NEED PLAYERS?** – If you are in need of players the Parks and Recreation Department keeps a list of interested individuals looking for a team. Please call 962-2388, option 2, 1 for information.

PROTEST PROCEDURES: A protested game can result when there is a difference of opinion on the court between a team and the umpire regarding the application of interpretation of playing rules. (Rule interpretation only, not judgement calls.)

1. Protests must be made to the official by the *team captain only prior to the next serve to be valid*. This is to enable all concerned (official and team captains) to take notice of the exact conditions prevailing at the time of the protest. The official receiving the protest shall cause all concerned to be notified immediately.
2. A typed protest letter from the protesting team, and \$20.00 cash, must be delivered to the Adult Athletics office at 700 E. 4th - Chilson Center - before 5:00 p.m. the next working day with the following information:
 - a). The date, time and place of the game
 - b). Name of the official
 - c). The rule and section of the rulebook or local league rules under which the protest is being filed.
 - d). Conditions surrounding the cause for the protest
 - e). All essential facts involved in the matter of the protest.
3. The decision will be made on a protested game as soon, as is practical.
 - a). If the protest is allowed, the game will be rescheduled and be replayed at the point of protest, and the \$20.00 cash will be refunded
 - b). If protest is found invalid, game stands as played and the \$20.00 is forfeited.

IF SCHOOLS CLOSE BECAUSE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, THEN OUR USE OF THE GYM IS ALSO CANCELLED. IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT, CALL THE Weather CANCELLATION NUMBER, 962-2388 AND PRESS 3, 1. FOR MAKE-UP SCHEDULES, CALL 962-2388 AND PRESS 3, 2, 1.

Look for league schedules, weekly scores and team standings on the City's web page at <http://www.ci.loveland.co.us/parksrec/Adult.htm>!

Look for weekly updates in the Sports Section Clipboard for Adult Athletics notes in the Saturday Reporter Herald.

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