

# WINSTON-SALEM VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## CONSTITUTION

### NAME AND PURPOSE

#### Article I

##### Section I

This organization shall be known as the Winston-Salem Volleyball Association.

##### Section II

Its purpose is to encourage, promote, regulate and control; to establish and maintain rules for play and government of volleyball

In the recreation and Department Leagues of Winston-Salem; to enjoy competitive volleyball mixed with good clean fun and fellowship.

### MANAGEMENT

#### Article II

##### Section I

This organization shall be governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary will be a member of the Board.

#### Board of Directors

#### Article III

##### Section I

The Board of Directors shall have general power.

- a) To deal with all differences and controversies.
- b) To deal with violations of the law of the game.
- c) To deal with the rules and regulations of the league.
- d) To deal with the misconduct of any team, player, official or other members under its jurisdiction.
- e) To decide protest, disputes, and other matters through the Board of Directors or a committee set up for this specific purpose.
- f) To establish and maintain rules for the eligibility of players.

- g) To have such power and duties and make such rules and regulations as necessary for the welfare and development of volleyball in Winston-Salem
- h) Coordinate and approve the use of officials. (booking agent maybe contracted to supply the officials)
- i) Any team representative caught reorganizing a league without the knowledge of the Executive Secretary will be suspended for four (4) full seasons.

## MEMBERSHIP

### Article IV

Section I Any player or team may become a part of the organization providing they work or live in Forsyth County.

Section II Each player must submit a player contract (Name, Address, Home and Work Phone). Each player not living inside the City Limits of Winston-Salem is required to pay a \$20.00 non-resident fee (Good for 1 calendar year)

Section III Any team and player that becomes a member of this organization shall accept and abide by the rules and regulations of the organization and its Board of Directors; and must abide by the rules and regulations of the Recreation Centers.

### Meeting

### Article V

Section I The meetings of the Winston-Salem Volleyball Association shall be held at the call of the Chairman of the Board of Directors or the Executive Secretary.

Section II The appointment of members of the Board of Directors by the Executive Secretary shall be made yearly prior to the start of the Fall Season.

## AMENDMENTS

### Article VI

Section I The Constitution of this Association may be amended, altered or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the total members of the Board of Directors.

## **BY – LAWS**

### **MEETING OF TEAM MANAGERS OR CAPTAINS**

#### **Article I**

- Section I Each team may have two representatives present at any meeting, but shall be allowed only one (1) vote on any questions.
- Section II Any league that calls for a vote on a league change must have a 2<sup>nd</sup> and a majority vote to pass.
- Section II Any team which fails to have a representative at any meeting which would involve that team shall be held responsible for securing the details discussed.

### **GOVERNING RULES**

#### **ARTICLE II**

- Sections I Games shall be governed by the rules of U.S. A. Volleyball with such changes as necessary due to local conditions.
- Changes
1. No time limit.
    - A. Time Limit may be imposed on leagues habitually running overtime.
    - B. If a league has a time limit imposed on them, all playoff games will be played with a time limit.
  2. Rotate or substitute (by USA Volleyball). Use only one method per match or 2 game set.
  3. Rotation: May rotate entering at either the server or left front corner.
  4. May play the ball off the white ceiling as long as the ball does not break the plain of the net.
  5. Floor Captains: Must identify themselves before each game. They are the only ones authorized to address the official.
  6. Teams may play with 6, 5, or 4, players. A coed team may play with 3, 4, 5 or 6 women. If a coed team has only two women players to show up, they may play with two women and two men. In reverse coed a team has only two men players to show up, they may play with two men and two women. Failure to abide will result in automatic forfeit. Six player rules will still apply. No quad rules.

Section II

1. Yellow cards are given for unsportsmanlike conduct. A point or side out will be given for each yellow card.
2. A red card is given for the second unsportsmanlike conduct on the same night of play on the same player.
3. Red Cards are given for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct (yellow card not needed).
  - A. If red card is given to a player, coach or manager, that person must leave the facility immediately and that person is suspended from play that night and the next scheduled night of play. Failure to leave the facility will result in a forfeit of all games remaining to be played that night.
  - B. If a player, coach, or manager receives two red cards in one season, that person is suspended from the Winston-Salem Volleyball Association for one calendar year.

POSTPONED GAMES

Article III

Section I

Games shall not be postponed unless it is mutually agree able to both managers and the Secretary of the League.

Section II

Games postponed at 3:00 p.m. if there is inclement weather.

Section III

Postponed games shall be played before the season champion is determined if it is necessary in determining 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Section IV

A postponed game will be rescheduled by the league's Executive Secretary.

POST SEASON

Article IV

Section I

If there is a tie in the standings of two teams at the end of the regular season, there will be a play-off (best 3 out of 5 games) to determine the league Champion (or runner up). A playoff game will be scheduled for the first available league night following the conclusion of the season. (Match time is 7:00 p.m.) Each team in the playoff will be responsible for furnishing on line judge and one scorekeeper.

Section II

A three way tie will result in a single elimination play-off (best 3 out of 5 games). The "bye" will be determined by a draw.

Section III

If there is a tournament at the end of the season to determine the League Champion, all ties to determine tournament seeding will be done

comparing head to head games. If there is a tie in head to head games, total points scored in those games will determine seeding.

### NUMBER OF PLAYERS

#### Article V

Section I Each team will be allowed to have to have 12 players on its roster (does not include a non-playing manager).

Section II May drop/add as long as number of players does not exceed 12 and all other requirements are met. Manager must be the one to notify the Executive Secretary of roster changes.

### STRICTLY AMATEUR

#### Article VI

Section I No player or managers shall receive or be given a promise of compensation for his/her services in any league.

### ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

#### Article VIII

Section I Membership of each team shall be limited to bonafide residents of Forsyth County and/or those employed and working full time in Forsyth County 30 days prior to playing in the league.

Section II Any team guilty of using an ineligible player shall forfeit the game (not match) that the player was involved in. Managers who believe or know a player on an opposing team to be ineligible must notify the opposing manager and official immediately. Failure to do so and willfully concealing the knowledge until it shall suit their convenience to use it in any protest which may arise shall be considered equally guilty with the offending team and shall be judged accordingly.

### REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

#### Article VIII

Section I Player contracts must be turned in 24 hours before the first game or with the entry fee. Additions or deletions must be made by 5:00 p.m. the day before any game in which a player plans to participate. Violation will result in a forfeit game in which the player played. Contracts are available on the following website [WWW.WePlay.ws](http://WWW.WePlay.ws).

- Section II No player's contracts will be accepted for the last 3 weeks of each season. During a 5 week season, (Spring Season) contracts are frozen 24 before first game.
- Section III Each week before play begins, each captain will submit to the referee a Volleyball Player's Card. This card is to document the players that are playing. First and last names are required on the Volleyball Player's Card.
- Section IV In order to participate in post season play, a player must have played in 2 regular season matches (4 games).
- Section V No player may play with another team until he/she has been released from his team by his previous manager.
- Section VI Entry fee due date will be determined by the Executive Secretary.

### GAME TIME

#### Article IX

- Section I. Games shall be played: (1) On \_\_\_\_\_ (day), beginning at 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. Games to follow will commence, as near to as possible, every 15 minutes thereafter; (2) On \_\_\_\_\_ (day), either at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. or 8:30 – 10:00 p.m. – 2 games against each of 2 other teams.
- Section II. Scheduled game time is forfeit time for first game. The next game is scheduled for 15 minutes after scheduled time. If team is not prepared to play at that time, then the match is forfeited. A team must have 4 players from their roster to start a game.

### GAME AND FORFEITS

#### Article X

- Section I. (1) The best 2 out of 3 games constitutes a match; or (2) each team will play 2 games against each of 2 other teams.
- Section II. 18 points constitutes a game. Games that are tied at the end of 18 points will continue until one team scores a 2-point advantage. Or each game will use the rally point scoring system, zero to 18 win by two.
- Section III. Double Forfeit Situations
- a. Failure by both teams to have 4 players by game time will result

in a double forfeit of the game with score = 4 to 4. At the end of the 15 minute game time, if the situation is the same, the result is a double forfeit of the match. Each team receives 8 points and a loss.

- b. Failure by both teams to have 4 players by game time will result in a double forfeit of game with 4 points scored. If, at the end of the 15 minute game time, both teams have 4 players, then one game shall be played of 18 points with the winner being the winner of the match and both teams receive the points they scored.
- c. Failure by both teams to have 4 players by game time will result in a double forfeit of the game with 0 points scored. If, at the end of the 15 minutes game time, one team has 4 players and the other team does not have 4 players, the team with 4 players shall win the game 18-0.

Section IV

Any team that forfeits more than 8 games during a season will lose their seniority in that league.

BALL  
Article XI

Section I

Each team is responsible for furnishing one game ball. The referee shall determine which ball to use. Ball must be USA Volleyball approved.

SCORES

Article XII

Section I

Scores will be called in to the Winston-Salem Journal (when possible) and should appear in the following morning's "Sports Section". Standings are listed on the Recreation Department's web site [WWW.WePlay.ws](http://WWW.WePlay.ws).

Section II

A forfeit game is 18-4.

Section III

Teams are required to supply line judges and scorekeepers at each site. Leagues with 4 teams will need volunteers to show up at 7:00 to call lines for the first couple of games and will need volunteers to stay and call lines and keep score for the last couple of games. During playoff games, each team is responsible to supply two people to assist in calling lines and keeping score.

PROTEST

Article XIII

- Section I A team captain may make a protest concerning rules, conduct and eligibility. A judgment call by a referee is not grounds for a protest.
- Section II Protest shall be settled by the Board of Directors after proper notice has been given. The Board's decision is final.
- Section III Protest shall be made in writing within 24 hours of the game being protested. (A \$5.00 protest fee must accompany this protest).
- Section IV All protests on rules must be made before the next serve in order to be valid. It is the referee responsibility to inform the other team that the game is under protest. The referee will contact the League Secretary about the protest no later than the following day.
- Section V Only managers, captains, referee and league secretary shall be admitted to the meetings of the Board concerning protest.

## AMENDMENTS

### Article XIV

- Section I. The By-Laws of the Association may be amended, altered, or repealed in any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the total members of the Board of Directors.

- This Constitution and By-Laws was approved Nov. 28, 2012 and updated January 2020.