

**Texas Charter School Academic & Athletic League**  
**2011-2012 Volleyball Rules**  
**(Additions to NFHS Rules)**

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1. Rules
  - a. TCSAAL Volleyball will follow the rules set forth by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS): <http://www.nfhs.org/Volleyball/>. Except when contradicted by the TCSAAL rules found in this document or in our handbook.
2. Specifications
  - a. Court
    - i. Teams are to assemble and lineup on opposite sides of the net.
      1. The Home team will choose which side of the court or net they lineup on. The away team must use the opposite side when possible.
  - b. Ball
    - i. Game ball does **not** require NFHS authenticating mark.
  - c. Duration
    - i. If a team of at least six players is not present at the official start time:
      1. In this instance, the game will begin as soon as enough eligible players (6) are present for both teams.
      2. In the event that a team does not have enough players 15 minutes after the scheduled start time, the 1<sup>st</sup> game will be awarded to the present team.
      3. In the event that a team does not have enough players 25 minutes after the scheduled start time, the match will be ruled a forfeit and the victory awarded to present team.
    - ii. Should a team fall below six players due to illness or injury after the start of a game, they are allowed to finish with less than six players. (See NFHS rule 1-3-3)
    - iii. Hosting teams are required to provide facilities for no less than the following specified times:
      1. 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Age Grouping: 1 hour
      2. 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Age Grouping: 1 hour
      3. 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Age Grouping: 1.5 hours
    - iv. The first 10 minutes following the scheduled start time is designated for pre-game practice.
      1. All pre-game practice time lost due to late arrival will not be made up.
    - v. While playing in a facility with time restrictions:
      1. For all 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Age Grouping and 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Age Grouping matches, following the 1<sup>st</sup> game, if more than 30 minutes have passed from the scheduled start time, the 2<sup>nd</sup> game will be truncated to 15 points.

2. For all 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Age Grouping matches, following the 3<sup>rd</sup> game, if more than 50 minutes have passed, the 4<sup>th</sup> game will be truncated to 15 points.

d. Officiating

- i. Officials are to inform opposing team's coach of players arriving late in the event that the late player's team was playing with less than 6 players when the late player arrived.
- ii. Officials are to examine uniforms for eligibility and compliance prior to the start of the game.
- iii. Officials are not required to adhere to uniform standards set forth by NFHS.
- iv. TCSAAL will utilize 1 official during regular season matches and 2 officials during playoff rounds.
- v. Each team is required to provide 1 volunteer to serve as a line judge.
- vi. The home team is required to provide an official score keeper for the official score book.
- vii. The home team is required to provide a visible scoreboard of some form that effectively communicates the score with players, coaches and officials.
- viii. The home team is required to provide an additional volunteer to manage the scoreboard.
  1. If the scoreboard is electric, this volunteer will also be required to set a timer during timeouts. If scoreboard is not electric, timing timeouts will be the responsibility of the head official.
- ix. Teams are not required to conform to NFHS standards regarding standing platform for head official.

e. Uniforms

- i. Teams are required to wear uniforms that meet the following criteria:
  1. Coloring
    - a. A jersey or shirt that is of similar color for every player on the team.
    - b. Opposing teams are permitted to wear similarly colored jerseys, but teams with two sets of jerseys are encouraged to bring them and suit out in a different color than the opposing team.
  2. Jerseys & Numbering
    - a. Jerseys require unique and correct numbering on the back and front of the jersey.
      - i. In the event that a team does not have enough jerseys for their players, teammates may alternate jerseys amongst themselves, however, the numbers

always need to reflect the different player in said jersey.

1. For example, if two players are sharing a jersey, the number will need to be changed each time the jersey is exchanged between players. A player wearing an incorrect number at any time will be ruled ineligible.
- b. Numbers and players must match identically with official rosters submitted to TCSAAL.

### 3. Jewelry

- a. TCSAAL adheres to NFHS guidelines in regards to jewelry, with the following exceptions:
  - i. Any extra-uniform article or accessory of décor worn for the purpose of appearance, as determined by officials and/or TCSAAL administration, is not permitted.
  - ii. Players wearing jewelry during play will be subject to unsportsmanlike conduct, as well as potential ejection.

### f. Eligibility.

- i. Players are expected to be familiar with and in compliance with all guidelines set forth in the TCSAAL Handbook.
- ii. In order for a player to be eligible in accordance with the TCSAAL Handbook, he/she must be included on the participating team's official roster which is to be submitted to TCSAAL administration at the end of the business day immediately prior to the day of the game.
  1. On September 26th, by the end of the day, the team's final rosters are to be submitted. These rosters will be final and can no longer be altered to include additional players.
    - a. In the event that a revised roster is not submitted, the most recently submitted roster will be used in place as the final roster, and cannot be amended.
  2. Violations of this eligibility clause are subject to penalties including, but not limited to:
    - a. Suspension of ineligible player for a number of games as deemed appropriate by TCSAAL administration.
    - b. Suspension of ineligible player for the remainder of season. (including playoffs)
    - c. Suspension of coach(es) for a number of games as deemed appropriate by TCSAAL administration.

- d. Suspension of coach(es) for the remainder of season. (including playoffs)
- e. Forfeiture of game result.
- f. Forfeiture of season. (including playoffs)
- g. Permanent suspension of player, coach, and/or campus.
- iii. Player eligibility is determined at the official's discretion.
- iv. Team members who arrive late must check-in with the official in order to become eligible take the court.
  - 1. Officials are then required to notify the other team of the additional player.

### 3. Rules & Guidelines

#### a. Libero

- i. The TCSAAL 2011-12 Volleyball Season will function without the inclusion of the libero player, position, and any other NFHS rules accompanying the libero role.
  - 1. This includes, but is not limited to:
    - a. Rules regarding the uniform of the libero.
    - b. Rules regarding libero tracking and scoring.
    - c. Rules regarding how libero players are used in substitutions.

#### b. Penalties

- i. TCSAAL will adhere to penalty guidelines set forth by NFHS with the following exceptions:
  - a. Unsportsmanlike Conduct.
    - i. Players committing Unsportsmanlike Conduct infractions are subject to immediate ejection, as deemed appropriate by officials.
    - ii. Depending on the severity of the infraction, players ejected are subject to further suspension for additional games as deemed appropriate by league administration.
    - iii. Teams and fans committing persistent Unsportsmanlike Conduct infractions will be subject to forfeiture of the game result, as deemed appropriate by officials.
    - iv. Excessive littering from fans or players, as determined by league administration, is subject to forfeiture of game and additional fines.
    - v. Teams not adhering to the TCSAAL Handbook or teams that pose substantial risk to the safety of

others, as determined by league administration, may have the remainder of their season forfeited.

- c. Instances.
    - i. Inadvertent Whistle.
      - 1. In the instance that the official unintentionally blows his/her whistle:
        - a. The serve will be replayed.
4. Appendix
- a. Definitions
    - i. Libero – Name for a position or player
    - ii. Pre-Game Practice – The 1<sup>st</sup> ten minutes following the scheduled start time.
    - iii. Scheduled Start Time – Scheduled time of game as indicated by TCSAAL administration. Not necessarily the time when the game will start.
    - iv. Scorebook – Official score sheet that documents score, stats, and substitutions.
  - b. Court Diagram
    - i. Please see NFHS for diagrams and specifications.
5. Final Notes
- a. All teams are expected to possess a copy of and be familiar with the entire contents of NFHS 2011-12 Volleyball Rules Book.
  - b. New Rules for 2011-12 Season.
    - i. Rules rewritten in addition to the 2011-12 TCSAAL Handbook.
  - c. Points of Emphasis for 2011-12 Season.
    - i. In addition to the TCSAAL Flag Football Rules, teams are also expected to adhere to the TCSAAL Handbook. Concluding Points of Order.
    - ii. All rules and definitions not covered here or in the TCSAAL Handbook will be treated as per National Federation of State High School Association rules, which can be found at <http://www.nfhs.org/Volleyball/>.
    - iii. All coaches, players, and fans attending any TCSAAL volleyball game or volleyball related events are expected to be familiar with the entire contents of this document.
    - iv. All coaches, players, and fans attending any TCSAAL volleyball game or volleyball related events are also expected to be familiar with the entire contents of the TCSAAL Handbook and are also required and bound by all TCSAAL rules within the Handbook.