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Stonewall Volleyball Atlanta will operate under the competition rules and regulations as outlined in the Domestic Competition Rules and Regulations as adopted by USA Volleyball and available at www.usavolleyball.org. The rules below are specific to Stonewall Volleyball Atlanta and supersede the rules in the USA Volleyball handbook.

1. Match Time and Number of Sets

a. Each match will be played as the best of 3 sets. The first two sets of a match will be played to 21, utilizing rally scoring. If a third set is necessary, it will be played to 15, utilizing rally scoring.

b. The first team in a set to score 21 points (or 15 for the 3rd set) will be the winner of that set.

c. If the set score reaches 20-20, the first team to reach a two-point advantage (e.g. 24-22 or 25-23) will be the winner of that set. This will cut off at 25-25 and be declared a tie.

d. Matches are limited to 40 minutes of playing time.

e. If a match reaches the time limit before the completion of the deciding set, the teams will finish the current set. If the conclusion of that set does not determine the winner of the match (a 1-1 match score), then the third set will be played, but the score needed to win the set will be reduced to 10 and no game interruptions will be permitted (including substitutions).

2. Playing Area

a. Due to venue availability and limitations, the designated free area around the competition area may be smaller than outlined in the USAVB rulebook.

3. Net Height

a. For the purposes of a co-ed, recreational league, Stonewall Volleyball Atlanta will utilize a net height of 7'9 5/8".

4. Team Composition

a. A team may consist of up to 10 members including the Captain. For the purposes of league formation and placement of Free Agents, some teams may exceed this limit with the approval of League Management.

b. Only team members that are registered and paid members of Stonewall Volleyball Atlanta are eligible to play on a team, and must be registered to play with that team. No substitutions from other teams are allowed in this league. If a non-registered player is used during a match, the opposing team may notify the referee and the match will be forfeited.

c. A team must have at least 4 players present at their scheduled match time. If a team does not present at least four players at match time, a forfeit will be recorded. After the forfeit has been recorded, the teams may choose to play a friendly scrimmage match if both captains agree to play. Any scrimmage match resulting from a forfeit must end at least 10 minutes before the beginning of the next match.

d. In accordance with the recreational nature of Stonewall Volleyball Atlanta, all present eligible players from a team must play through one full serve/receive rotation before the conclusion of the second set.

e. The play of all team members must occur within the first two sets of a match, and must occur within the 10 legal substitutions for a team (with the exception of the libero).

f. The Team Captain must present the team lineup to the referee at the beginning of each set. The team must maintain this rotational order throughout the set.

5. The Uniform

a. Every player must wear the provided Stonewall Volleyball Atlanta uniform shirt. Shirts may be modified for comfort, but the Stonewall logo and any sponsor logos must not be altered or obscured in any way.

b. All players must wear athletic shoes with non-marking soles at all times.

c. Kneepads and other protective equipment are not required but are highly recommended.

6. The Libero Position

a. If a team wishes to utilize the libero position, it is the team's responsibility to clearly identify the libero and to notify the referee of the method used to identify the libero. Some suggested methods include colored arm bands, bandanas, or penny-style jersey worn over the regular uniform.

b. If a referee feels that the libero is not clearly identifiable during game play, the referee may stop play and require the team to more clearly identify their libero in order to continue utilizing the libero position.

7. Playoffs/Final Tournament

a. At the conclusion of the regular season, a final playoff tournament will be

held.

- b. The seeding for the tournament will be determined by the:
 - i. Final standings from the regular season
 - ii. Intent to have teams play teams they have not played during the regular season
 - iii. Respect to the availability of the tournament venue and team schedules

8. Season Standings

- a. Each week, league management will update the league standings.
- b. League standings are determined (in the following order) by:
 - i. Win-loss record
 - ii. Overall point differential
 - iii. Ratio of 2-set matches won to 3-set matches won.

9. Referees/Line Judges

- a. Each team must have at least two (2) members eligible to serve as a referee. In order to be an eligible referee, the team member must attend the referee clinic. The referee schedule will be determined following the referee clinic held before the beginning of the season.
- b. If the assigned referee is unable to serve for an assigned match, then they must notify the head referee at least 24 hours before the match or the team may be issued a paper forfeit for their next match.
- c. Each week, the home teams will be required to provide two (2) individuals to serve as line judges for another match that week. If a team does not provide the two (2) line judges that week, the team will be assigned a paper forfeit for their match that week.

10. Forfeits and Scoring

- a. If a team is assigned a Forfeit for a match due to failure to present a full team at match time, the score for that match will be recorded as 2-0 and the score for each set will be recorded as 25-15.
- b. If a team is assigned a Paper Forfeit due to the inability to provide the assigned referee or line judges for a match, the score for that match will be recorded as 2-0 and the score for each set will be recorded as 21-0.