

Montana AAU Volleyball Standing Rules

Rules are accepted as the official Standing Rules of Montana AAU Volleyball, effective Feb 12, 2006. (revised 1/10/2010)

1. All clubs participating in MT AAU volleyball will be listed on the State AAU site at www.mtvb.org
2. Tournament space will be allotted on a first come first served basis with entry fees to be received by the tournament director ten days prior to the tournament date. Exceptions to be determined by the tournament director.
3. Rosters must be submitted to tournament directors no later than ten days prior to the tournament.
4. Rosters must include DOB, AAU#, name of players (must match AAU registration), player grade, coaches and club. The tournament director will notify the club of any discrepancies and these must be rectified within 24 hours. Any roster changes must be made prior to the first match of the tournament, regardless of whether or not your team has played.
5. Teams that fail to give less than seven days advance notice regarding nonattendance to a tournament it has entered, lose the right to be reimbursed entry fees. It will be at the tournament director's discretion whether or not that team will be allowed to enter the same tournament the following year.
6. The following age/grade guidelines will be recognized for Montana AAU tournaments:
 - a. 12U-6th grade athletes and younger
 - b. 14U-8th grade athletes and younger
 - c. 16U-10th grade athletes and younger
 - d. 18U-12th grade athletes and younger
 - i. *ALL OVERAGE PLAYERS MUST HAVE AN ASTERISK BESIDE THEIR NAME ON THE ROSTER*
 - ii. Be advised that an over age player constitutes an age waiver and this type of exception is not allowed at National level tournaments.
7. No athlete can play on two different teams during the same day of a tournament.
8. A team may start a game with fewer than 6 players with permission from the tournament director. When teams play with fewer than six the ghost rule will apply, however the team will only be penalized one point per missing player, not a point each rotation.
9. Clubs must provide a ref/scoring clinic for their athletes prior to the first tournament of the season to inform/teach them the duties they will be expected to perform.
10. A team must provide an R1 and R2(up and down ref), a scorekeeper, bookkeeper, and 2 linesman for each reffing assignment. A coach MUST be on the floor with their athletes during these assignments to ensure proper calls and conduct. NO cell phones or headsets will be used during assignments. Linesman will remain standing for the duration of the game and the R2 must remain actively engaged in the game. All teams must provide their own whistles. No food or drink is allowed at the score bench and only 2 athletes will be allowed to occupy the table. It is the team coach's responsibility to overrule improper calls made by their athletes. If a coach does not feel comfortable or is unable to perform the R1 duties, it is their responsibility to provide a qualified adult or certified official to perform them.
11. Coaches, qualified adults or certified officials will ref all bracket and championship matches.
12. Teams will be required to ref the match following their defeat in bracket play. In the case where two teams lose out and only one needs to ref, the team who has to travel the farthest has first choice of reffing or leaving. All coaches must sign out prior to departure. The sign out procedure will be discussed at the coaches meeting of each tournament.
13. Team uniforms must be similar for each player with the exception of the libero. Uniforms must have numbers of a contrasting color which are suggested to be 6" on the middle front and 8" on the middle back. Be advised that this will be a requirement for the 2007 season.
14. Following the tournament, the director must send a summary of information to the MT State Chairperson to be compiled for the National Associations records.
15. For MT tournaments only: The libero may serve for one rotational position. The libero does NOT need to sit out one play before serving.
16. Any time a ball enters the court of play, the officiating crew is to blow their whistles and call for a replay, whether it affects the play in progress or not.