

## Wasatch Beach Doubles Rules 2011-2012

The rules listed below are set for the 2011-2012 seasons. These rules are to help create an atmosphere of fair and competitive play. All rules apply to both Wasatch Beach Doubles League AND Wasatch Beach (Weekend) Tournaments, unless otherwise noted. Any concerns/questions should be brought to the attention of the Wasatch Beach Board; however, as a standard practice rules will not be changed mid-season.

### Underlying Rules

Wasatch Beach underlying rules are the FIVB International Beach Volleyball Rules 2009-2012:  
[http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Rules/bvrb0912\\_forweb\\_EN.pdf](http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Rules/bvrb0912_forweb_EN.pdf)

### Teams

Teams will only be listed as two people.

### Divisions

Players who place 1<sup>st</sup> in 2 Wasatch Beach Events\* are required to move up a division. Players will not be allowed to play in a division lower than the division in which their current points were earned.

\*Wasatch Beach Events are defined as Wasatch Beach League or Wasatch Beach (Weekend) Tournaments.

### Deadlines

In order to provide better planning, strict deadlines will be followed. No "day of" signups or late registrations will be accepted. See specific league or tournament for exact deadline dates.

### Wasatch Beach League Team Cap

Each Wasatch Beach Doubles League division will be limited to a maximum of 12 teams on a "first come, first serve" basis.

### Points

Points used for seeding will be drawn from Wasatch Beach Doubles League and Wasatch Beach Tournaments. Teams finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place in each division will receive points.

### Wasatch Beach League Substitutions

Substitutions for a partner will be allowed during the regular league season play only. One person from the originally registered team must play in each game. Substitutions may be from within the league or from another league. Women may substitute for a men's team; however, men will not be allowed to substitute for a women's team. There can only be one substitute player per game; once a substitute begins a game that player must finish it. The same substitute is not required to play both games in a match. No substitutions will be allowed during Tournament weeks.

### Wasatch Beach League Tournament

Tournament Players must be the two originally registered players - no substitutions. League Tournaments will run as a double elimination bracket, with an Olympic Cross Over\* format.

\*Olympic Cross Over format - The Championship Match will be the final match; in the case of the Contender's Bracket Team winning the final match (meaning the first lost for the Winner's Bracket Team), no additional match will be played.

### Wasatch Beach League Forfeit

A League Team will forfeit its first game at 11 minutes past the scheduled start time and will forfeit the second game at 21 minutes past the scheduled start time. Teams that show up after the scheduled start time, but within the 10 or 20 minute time frame, must start immediately and are not allowed extra warm up time. Players will use the Wasatch Clock for official start times; the Wasatch Clock is located north of Wasatch Beach on the wall of the Sports Mall.

### Wasatch Beach (Weekend) Tournament Forfeit

Once a match has ended, oncoming teams have 6 minutes to warm up on the court; game time will begin at the conclusion of the 6 minute warm up. A team will forfeit its first game at 10 minutes after game time begins. A team will forfeit its second game 5 minutes after that. Players will use the Wasatch Clock for official start times; the Wasatch Clock is located north of Wasatch Beach on the wall of the Sports Mall.

### Time-Outs

Each team is allowed one time-out for 60 seconds per game. Time-outs that exceed this will result in a loss of a rally. Be respectful of your opponents and keep time-outs concise.

### Injury Time-Out

Each player is allowed one 5 minute injury time-out per match. After 5 minutes the player must return to play or forfeit the game and/or match.

### Request for an Exception to the Rule

Any request for an Exception to the Rule due to "special circumstances" must be presented to the Wasatch Beach President in a timely manner. The President will share the request and any information needed with the Wasatch Beach Board Members. The player/team making the request should not notify/explain the request to board members; this communication will come from the President. Each board member will have an opportunity to vote to either allow the Exception to the Rule request or to deny it. Decisions made by the board are final, confidential and on a case by case basis; they will have no bearing on any future requests or decisions. If a board member, or team on which a board member plays, is making the request, that board member will be excluded from voting and a proxy representative will be asked by the President to cast a vote.

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