

Biddeford Men's Volleyball A-League

This league will follow USAV rules unless stated otherwise.

Exception: There will be no uniform requirements. If a team plays with a libero, that player should have a different color shirt than everyone else on the team.

Exception: Teams are allowed to play with seven players. They may substitute or use a libero following USAV rules. The team may also choose to play with a seven person rotation and "rotate into serve".

Exception: Teams may play with only five players. There will be three front row players and two back row players. An out of rotation violation will be called if a back row player is closer to the net than a front row player at the time of service. If a team starts a set with five players, they must finish the set with five. They are still allowed to sub players as desired. They may choose to play with a ghost or with six players the following set.

Exception: Teams may play with a ghost player. By doing so, the team will lose their serve when it is the ghost's turn to serve. The team may substitute a player in for the ghost at any time. They may choose to play with five players or with six players the following set.

Exception: Injury substitution. If a team is playing with six players and a player gets injured and can not continue, the team may substitute a ghost player in for the injured player. The injured player may be substituted back in for the ghost player if able to continue. The team will lose their serve when it is the ghost's turn to serve. If the player feels that they will not be able to continue at the time of the injury, the team may elect to remove the player from the set and finish with five players. All players behind the injured player will rotate forward until a line-up of three front row players and two back row players is achieved. This will maintain the current serving order. Once a team decides to put a ghost in for an injured player, they are not allowed to play with five players in that set should the injured player return and later decide they can not continue. A team is not allowed to play with less than five players on the court. If a team is playing with a ghost player and a player gets injured, the team will be required to forfeit the set if the player can not continue after the designated three minute injury timeout.

Teams are required to have a minimum of five players on the court to start a match. If they only have five players they must choose to either play with a ghost player or with only five before the match starts. If they choose to play with only five players, they must finish the set with five. The team has the right each set to play with six players, five players, or five players and a ghost.

Teams are required to be present and ready to play at the designated start times. If a team does not have a minimum of five players at the designated start time, they will forfeit the first set. The team will forfeit the second set after five minutes if they do not have a

minimum of five players. The team will forfeit the match if they do not have a minimum of five players after ten minutes.

Teams have designated rosters. If a player is on a team's roster, they are not allowed to play for a different team. Players not designated on a specific team's roster are allowed to sub for different teams throughout the season.

A player has to play for a team a minimum of two weeks to be eligible for that team's playoff roster. Once a player plays for a team in the playoffs, they are not eligible to play for any other team even if they have earned eligibility during the season.

If a team decides to part ways with a player during the season, the player is allowed to join a different team or sub for different teams as desired. If a player decides to part ways with a team during the season, they will be allowed to play or sub for a different team only if the original team relinquishes that player's rights.

Hardship Clause: There could come a time when a team is entering the playoffs and are going to be short a player(s). If there are no players that have played for the team the required two weeks, the team may invoke the hardship clause and play with a replacement player(s). The hardship clause may be used to bring a team's roster up to six players but not over. This replacement player(s) must be of equal to or lesser rating than the player(s) being replaced. This will be up to the league director's discretion. It is preferable to get the replacement player(s) approved ahead of time. If a team is going to invoke the hardship clause, they must first ask any players that have played one week with the team. If the team can not find a player that has played once, they may then ask a player that has not played for the team that season. The replacement player(s) may not be from another roster.