

2017 Owen County Mud Volleyball

Rules of Play and Guidelines

The Owen County Fair Association is responsible for the making of all rules and regulations pertaining to the 2017 Mud Volleyball Tournament, taking place on Tuesday, July 11th @ 7:00 pm.

Registration and Eligibility

- The tournament is open to ages 12 and up (according to the age groups below)
- Teams of at least 6
 - Players 12-15 years of age
 - Players 16-20 years of age
 - Players 21 and up
- Teams must submit the following at the time of registration:
 - Registration form
 - Team Roster
 - Release/Waiver Form
 - \$5 per player
- Registration forms must be submitted by noon the day of the event to the Owen County Fair Board.



Team Rosters

- The team Roster/Release/Waiver form must be signed by each team member.
- Rosters may include up to 9 players.
- Teams must have at least 6 members to play.
- One person on each team shall serve as official team Captain
- Team Captain will check in 30 minutes prior to their first game with completed roster/waiver sheet.
- No players will be added after roster has been submitted.
- Players may only play for one team.
- 6 players must be on the court during play. No more, No less.
- A team may not begin play until these requirements are met.
- Teams will not be reimbursed for forfeited members

Team Play

- All serves must be taken with a legal hit. Reserves not permitted.
- The ball must cross over the net to be considered a valid serve.
- Players of the serving team must rotate clockwise when receiving the ball to serve; players may not shift position after the ball is served. Substituting is allowed from the serving position only, or in case of injury.
- The ball must be served by the right back player and maybe hit in any manner with the hand. Serves may not be blocked or attacked.
- If the ball touches a player or a player touches the ball, during the ball volley by one team; a player must not play the ball twice in succession but may play twice if it is played by a teammate in between.
- A block is not considered a hit.
- It is a violation to spike with two hands.
- Only the front line is permitted to spike.
- Players must not purposely add mud to the ball. Penalty: side-out / point to the other team.
- Intentional delay of game will result in a point for the opposing team.
- Any situation that occurs that is not covered in the rules of play and guidelines will be left to the discretion of the officials.

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Game Time

- Teams must be present 30 minutes prior to the game. If a game finishes early the next game will begin to play. If the team is not there prior to a game ending the team without a full team will forfeit their game.
- A game will continue until:
 - A team scores 15 points and is at least 2 points ahead using rally scoring. (Definition of rally scoring: If a team fails to properly serve or return the ball, or commits any other fault, the opponent wins the rally and scores a point.)
 - Bracket Play: Single or Double Elimination Bracket will depend on number of teams signed up.
 - If your team must drop out for any reason please notify the registration table.

Termination of the Game

- The officials have the right to temporarily delay or terminate the game if, in their opinion, safety requires such action.
- The tournament supervisor may eject any player who displays unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Any player arguing with an official will be asked to leave the game and immediate vicinity.

Disqualifications

- Individuals shall be disqualified from the game if they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Team qualifications shall also occur for the following: fighting, verbal or physical interference with an official in the performance of their duties.
- Any activity the official finds unsportsmanlike.
- Disqualifications shall be at the discretion of the officials. Their decisions will be final and without appeal.
- Disqualified persons or teams shall leave the court immediately.
- Teams will be disqualified if they are not present at the time which play is set to begin.

Accidents

- If any accident occurs during the game that hinders the normal progress of the game or endangers the safety of the team members, an official will make an announcement and all activities will cease. Play will resume at the discretion of the officials.

Helpful Hints

- Laced shoes must be worn at all times. (NO cleats allowed – NO open toe sandals allowed.)
- No jewelry allowed including facial piercings. These are extremely dangerous during this event.
- Taping shorts to tucked in shirts prevents shorts from falling.
- Wearing swimsuits under clothing makes showering easier.
- Contact lenses are not recommended. Swim goggles may be helpful.
- Bring plenty of towels.
- Have fun and enjoy the mud bath!