**MUD VOLLEYBALL RULES**

 **TOURNAMENT FORMAT:**

* **8:00-8:30am All Team Captains and Team Members check in** and receive wristbands. **8:45 Mandatory Team Captain meeting**.
* 9:00am – Play begins. There will be 6 teams per pit unless specifically stated on the day of the event.
* Recreational format/Underhand serves only.
* One day, round robin, rally scoring followed by a single elimination championship round comprised of the top winners from each pool, and a second consolation bracket will be played simultaneously.
* Six teams play each other on one net for a total of 15 matches.
* Each game is played for the full time of 15 minutes and the team with the higher score is the winner (we reserve the right to alter play times).
* There will be 5 minutes between games.
* Teams change sides after 7.5 minutes of play (announced over sound system).
* The Winner for each net in round robin determined by (in order):
1. Winner of most matches in the pool
2. Winner of head to head matches
3. Net points of all matches played

 **TEAMS:**

* Each team must have **6** players on the court at all times.
* Teams are co-ed and **1** player of the opposite sex must be on the court at all times.
* All team members **must** sign the waiver/roster. Team forfeits games if waiver/roster is not on file.
* Additions to a team are accepted only AFTER they are added to the waiver/roster.
* Legal identification will be required to purchase alcohol at the event (must be 21 years or older to purchase or consume alcohol).

 **REFEREEING:**

* All judgment calls will be the decision of the scorekeepers. Tournament assistants will handle disputes. All decisions are final.
* **There will not be corner line judges, only scorekeepers that are volunteers. Please keep in mind that we are here to have a good time and support a great cause**.
* Note that if the ball hits the edge and rolls down into the water it is considered in.

 **REPORTING MATCH RESULTS:**

* All game results will be reported to the Tournament assistants by the referee volunteers.

 **SERVICE:**

* Only underhand serves allowed.
* Male and female players must properly rotate on the court and at service. Remaining players may rotate in service position and must remain in for 6 positions.
* No more than 3 players may be at the net at one time.

 **BALL IN PLAY:**

* A block doesn’t count as one of the three hits.
* Crossing under the net is permitted unless it interferes with the play of the opposing team or is ruled flagrant.
* All net violations will be called to the best of the volunteer s ability.
* Open hand hits are permitted providing that the ball is not caught, thrown, or otherwise directed.
* Blocking or attacking (hitting) the serve is not legal and will result in side-out.

 **WEATHER POLICY:**

* Upon the consultation of the MUD hosts, the tournament may be delayed or cancelled due to dangerous weather conditions. In the case of cancellation, the tournament winner is determined by:
	1. Still in the play-off
	2. Win/lose record from round robin play
	3. Net points of matches finished

 **OTHER TOURNAMENT RULES / POLICIES:**

* **No alcoholic beverages may be brought onto the grounds.** To ensure both the safety of our guests and to maintain our ability to serve alcohol, we **CAN NOT** allow any outside alcoholic beverages into the event grounds. Any teams that are spotted with outside alcoholic beverages on the grounds will be automatically forfeited and will be asked to leave the premises.
* **No glass, No grills, No open fires permitted.**
* **No dogs or other pets allowed.**
* **Please clean up your area before you leave!** Help us continue to keep our costs low and show our appreciation to our hosts, Slovacek Sausage, by cleaning up your area and ensuring all trash ends up in the appropriate trash receptacles.
* **No refunds.**
* Team t-shirts are distributed **only** after Hospice Brazos Valley/ Slovacek Sausage has received your completed waiver/roster.