

**NEW BERLIN RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Women's Volleyball League Policies**



The purpose of the New Berlin Recreation Department sponsored Recreation Women's Volleyball League Program is to provide desirable physical activity and to foster ideals of good sportsmanship through wholesome recreation sports competition and participation.

It is the intent of the Recreation Department to retain teams in the adult sports league program on a fair and equitable basis and to include new teams in an orderly manner with intent to maximize resident participation. The policies and regulations governing this program and their administration shall be the responsibility of the Recreation Department as approved by the New Berlin Recreation Commission.

Team Registration Policy

The following team status policies will govern the registration of all teams:

- Those teams, which were registered during the previous season, will have first priority to return to their same league.
- If available openings still exist, new teams may be added based on first registered and paid basis.
- Managers of returning teams will be considered to have possession of the registration slot, however, in cases when the team sponsor and team manager both desire possession of the team registration slot, the following policy will apply:
The sponsor or manager registering the most returning players from the previous year's same team will take possession of the team registration slot. In case both manager and sponsor have an equal amount of returning players, the manager will take possession of the team registration slot. If a manager is new, the new manager will obtain the right to the registration slot instead of the sponsor, provided there are a majority of the previous year's players registering with the new manager. In case of a tie, the new manager will obtain the registration slot.
- Individual players seeking to leave a current team manager will be considered a new team.

Registration, Eligibility, and Liability

Each team may have a maximum of fifteen players on its roster at one time.

- Each player will sign a roster that shall be on file at the Recreation office. Rosters are due with the initial registration, with at least the 7-player minimum.
- One additional "Roster Adjustment Period" will be scheduled by the Department prior to league play beginning.
- Managers must be sure to have sufficient players to complete the season.
- Managers may add players after the "roster adjustment period" by submitting player registration fees to the Recreation office.
- Late registrations will be accepted at the Recreation Office Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. A new player added to the roster must be submitted for approval at least 24 hours prior to the first game she plays. A final deadline of October 31 has been established after which time no new players may be added.
- High School students are not eligible, and all players must be at least 18 years of age. Players cannot be participating in College, Varsity, J.V., or Freshman volleyball. Non-residents are eligible to play, however, all non-residents must pay a non-resident player fee.

PLAYERS MAY REGISTER ON ONE DEPARTMENT TEAM ONLY. PLAYERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT TEAM ONCE THE CURRENT SEASON HAS BEGUN.

No accident insurance will be provided for teams and players in this league. Players should have adequate personal health and accident coverage before participating in this league.

A team found guilty of having an ineligible player in the line-up will have all games in which the ineligible player participated forfeited to its opponents. Managers using ineligible players are also subject to suspension.

Proof of Residency:

Is no longer required at the time of registration. It is the manager's responsibility to verify New Berlin residency. Should a question arise regarding residency, the Recreation Department reserves the right to require a photo ID for player verification throughout the entire season. If a player is registered as a resident, and later found to be a non-resident, the following policies will be enforced:

- All games which the player participated in are forfeited to the other team
- Player is suspended for 1 game
- Player must pay a \$35.00 re-entry fee to continue participation in the league
- Manager is suspended for 1 game
- Department reserves the right to return the offending team to new team status for the next season, or depending on seriousness of infraction(s), team may be banned from the league for the next season(s).

Team and Player Fees

Team entry fees and player fees will be established by the Recreation Commission and will cover the costs of league supervision, game officials, and program awards. **There are no refunds of player fees or team fees, (unless the team is not accepted into the league).** Team or player fees for New Berlin residents and nonresidents will be payable on or before the specified deadline date. Nonresident fees will be required for all players not living in New Berlin. There is a resident player fee for each player that resides in New Berlin.

League Schedule

The Department shall schedule league games according to available public facilities and league size. Each player will receive a copy of the official League Schedule. The Department, based on available facilities, may reschedule postponed games.

Standings

Standings will be kept by the league administrator. Standings will be determined by win-loss records. Ties will be broken in the following order: (1) head-to-head record; (2) point differential between teams involved; (3) total season point differential (all teams).

Awards

Individual awards will be presented to league champion teams. League champions will be determined by total number of games won and lost. Champion teams and 2nd Place teams will receive a team plaque.

Officials

The Recreation Department will provide a qualified referee assigned for each League game. In the event that ONE of the game referee(s) does not appear as scheduled, the teams will be expected to play with a substitute referee mutually agreed upon by the teams involved. If both referees scheduled do not appear, no equipment would be made available.

Uniforms and Equipment

All players must wear suitable gym shoes during the game. The Recreation Department will provide all game balls and scoring equipment. The Recreation Department cannot be responsible for lost or stolen articles.

Game Procedures

W.I.A.A. rules will govern all games, except as specified in these policies and regulations.

An additional rules sheet indicating differences between WIAA rules and New Berlin Recreation rules will be distributed at the Manager's meeting. League matches will consist of three regulation games to twenty-five points (rally scoring) – must win by two points or until one team reaches 27 points. There is a **53 minute** time limit per 3 game match.

IMPORTANT POLICY if any player has any wound or lesions, the game will be stopped at the earliest possible time, and the participant should leave the field of play and be given appropriate first aid treatment. The participant will not be allowed back in the game until appropriate first aid treatment has been administered. If a participant has any blood on their uniform/clothes, the participant must be removed from the game, and a new uniform must be worn. Even a participant who has someone else's blood on their uniform/clothes must be removed from the game and change their uniform. No penalty will be levied for change in number on uniform etc.

Forfeits and Protests

THERE IS A 5-MINUTE GRACE PERIOD (from the Scheduled Start time of the game)

Failure to have four (4) certified players by the end of the 5-minute grace period shall result in a forfeit of one game. The second and third game will forfeit after an additional 5 minutes. A second team/match forfeit returns a team to new team status the following year. A third team/match forfeit results in elimination from league play for the current season.

Protests on a referee's judgment of play will not be accepted. Protests on interpretation of or violation of rules must be made at the time of the incident by notifying the referee at the time of the possible infraction. The Recreation Office, must receive a written protest, accompanied by a protest fee of \$15.00, within 2 working days of the time of the protest. This fee is not refundable, unless upheld. Protests will be ruled on by the Recreation Supervisor.

Conduct and Disciplinary Action

Participating in this League is a **privilege** that may be denied or suspended for just cause.

Players on the bench may not talk to referees or opposing players on the court. Only designated team managers may talk to the referees.

Any player removed from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to suspension or dismissal from League play.

Players are to wait in designated areas until admitted to the gym by the Volleyball Referee(s). No alcoholic drinks or smoking is permitted in public school facilities, or on the outside premises of school facilities.

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