

MUD VOLLEYBALL



4th Annual Mud Volleyball Tournament

**Andy Ballard Equestrian Park
13450S Highland Dr.
Draper, UT
Saturday, July 29, 2006**

RULES:

1. Referees' decisions are final. There are no protests.
2. Rules are subject to referees' interpretation.
3. Officials will be provided. Officials and staff are all volunteers so please show them respect and courtesy.
4. The official shall have the power to warn, declare side-out or point, make appropriate calls, call official time outs based on game circumstances or disqualify teams or team members from the game or match.
5. Time outs shall not exceed 30 seconds. Each team may have one time out per game at any time during the game.
6. Any player, substitute or coach who commits any of the following violations of sportsmanship will be asked to leave the game and the immediate vicinity. Failure to leave will cause his/her team to forfeit that match. A player ejected from a match will not be allowed to participate in any further matches.
 - a. Arguing with or abusing an official or who persistently addresses the official with regard to a decision
 - b. Makes derogatory remarks about or to the official (Only the team captain shall communicate with committee members or officials concerning protests or questions).
7. Each team will be guaranteed 2 matches. A match will consist of best of three games. A game consists of 11 points or 10-minute time limit. A team must win by 2 points (unless time has expired, whichever comes first).
8. In the event of a tie at the end of 10-minutes, a two-minute overtime will be played under the same rules as the first 10-minute period.
9. There will be a 5-minute break between matches.
10. The official shall toss a coin with the team captains to determine the serving team and court position.
11. The ball must be served by the right back player, behind the rear out-of-bounds line and may be hit in any manner with the hand. Prior to service, the ball may not be loaded with mud.
12. A ball may be played by any part of the body.
13. A ball is dead if it:

- a. Touches the ground of serving area, teammate of the server, the net, or
 - b. Passes under the net or crosses the net entirely outside the vertical tape markers on the sides of the net, or
 - c. Lands out of bounds.
14. It is a violation to spike with two hands.
 15. Only the front line is permitted to spike.
 16. A player cannot play for more than one team.
 17. Touching the net or its supports with any part of the body while the ball is in play is considered a foul. However, it is not considered a foul when as the ball is driven into the net, it touches an opposing player.
 18. A ball, other than service, may be recovered from the net if the player avoids contact with the net.
 19. A ball must be distinctly batted; it may not be lifted, pushed or thrown.
 20. Reaching over the net is permitted only during:
 - a. A follow-through of a hit or an attempt to hit made on the player's own side.
 - b. A block or attempted block. A set may not be blocked because it is not being returned.
 21. A player's foot may touch the centerline and the ground on the opposite side of the net. However, the foot may never be touching entirely on the other side of the net. Any part of the player's body may be in the air below the net and beyond the centerline if he/she does not interfere with the net to retrieve a ball that is in play by his/her team.
 22. A player may go outside the court while the ball is in play. He/she may not cross the centerline or its assumed extension.
 23. A point may be scored only by the side serving.
 24. Players of the serving team must rotate clockwise when receiving the ball to serve, and the right back must serve.
 25. At the beginning of the game, players shall take their respective positions and remain in that sequence throughout the game. The order may be changed for each new game.
 26. Holding or throwing the ball while it is in play is a foul.
 27. Three hits to a side. A player may not hit the ball twice in succession. A block is not considered a hit.
 28. Simultaneous contacts of the ball by more than one player of the same team are considered as one player. Players participating in such play may participate in the next play.
 29. Teams must have at least four players to start (and continue) a game. A maximum of 8 players will be allowed on the court at one time.
 30. At least two females and two males must be on the court from each team at all times.
 31. Substituting will only be allowed from the serving team, except in case of emergency.
 32. Substitutes may enter the game at the service position only.
 33. A change in player rotation cannot be made during the game. Players may shift positions after the ball is served.
 34. No time outs allowed except in case of injury.
 35. Should an injury occur, the ball shall remain in play until the official sounds his/her whistle and the play has ended. The official may, however, stop play immediately and direct a play-over.
 36. If the official sounds his/her whistle by mistake, he/she shall direct a play-over.
 37. If a team contacts the ball more than once during a volley, each gender does not have to contact the ball.
 38. Shoes must be worn at all times for safety reasons. No bare feet, open toed shoes, sandals, spikes, or cleats will be allowed. Failure to comply could result in a player being removed from the game or a forfeit.