

SEATTLE VOLLEYBALL CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS¹

1. SUBSTITUTES

- a. An SVC league member may only be an active rostered player with 1 SVC league team each season. A league rostered player may substitute in a higher division a total of 3 times each season.
- b. Team captains are responsible for finding their own substitutes, and who are eligible for their division.
- c. Eligible substitutes are any person not on already on a SVC League Team Roster, or rostered players from a lower division, who meet the requirements as outlined in section 1.a. above. Substitutes may not change the team's division eligibility as defined below in sub heading: *Division Eligibility*. If the Substitute does not hold a NAGVA or SVC rating, participation by this substitute is at the judgment of the Division Commissioner or League Director. If neither are present that evening, judgment then goes to a Board Member, or the Division Commissioner present that evening, in that order.
- d. If a team uses a substitute, they are to pay \$10.00 to SVC for each sub, which must be delivered to the Division Commissioner prior to participation. Substitution fees may be applied towards the current league season dues for said substitute, if the sub is not already a current SVC rostered player.
- e. League fees may be reduced by \$20.00 if a player is added to a roster after the team has played more than 50% of their regular season games. There shall be no other allowance or Pro Rating of League Fees except for crediting a member for substitution fees towards the total amount due.
- f. It is the team captain and substitute's responsibility to sign the substitute in with the Division Commissioner or Board Member. Failure to do this prior to playing shall result in forfeiture of any games played.
- g. A team may not use the same substitute more than 3 evenings throughout the season, without adding them to their Team's Roster. Once a substitute has been added to a team roster, they are no longer eligible to play for any other team in that division. They may however substitute for a higher division team.
- h. No team with six (6) roster players present may play with a substitute.
- i. Substitutes are invited to play on a team with less than six (6) roster players present. Once a substitute is on a team, he/she will remain on that team for the duration of the evening. If the substitute plays for another team that night, that team shall forfeit all games in which the substitute plays.
- j. If a team that picks up a substitute has one of their roster players show up later, they shall keep the substitute on their roster for the evening and work all players in during the course of play, unless the substitute would rather not play.
- k. No substitutes or roster additions will be allowed after the final night of season play. Roster additions must be finalized by midnight on the final night of season play with the Division Commissioner, and any players added to a Team Roster, must have played at some point with that Team during the season in order to be eligible for Post Season Play.
- l. A team must have at least 6 players on their roster to participate in the League. It is the captain's responsibility to have at least 6 players participating each match. If a substitute can't be found, a team is allowed to play with at least 4 players. If a team plays with 4 players, the player in the back row is not allowed to attack the ball in front of the attack line.

¹ REVISED FOR 2009/2010 SEASON

2. TEAM DIVISION ELIGIBILITY

(It is Seattle Volleyball Club's intent to create competitive divisions for all participants. Below are the established Division Eligibility requirements and guidelines.)

CHAMPIONS – Re-instated for the 2009/2010 Season

- a. SVC teams that win their end of season divisional tournament are not eligible to return to the division they won for the next SVC season. Division Champion teams should register and participate in the next highest SVC division for the upcoming season. Returning teams are defined as having 3 or more returning rostered players from the previous SVC season.
- b. *(Division Champions Eligibility Rule is at the discretion of the SVC Director with advisement from the Division Commissioners affected. The Director has sole authority to make exceptions to this rule if he/she feels it is in the best interest of the team and divisions effected.)*
- c. The Division Champions rule does not apply to teams that win the Power Division.
- d. Individuals and Teams may not move down a division without consent from the Director.

DIVISION 1 – Revised for Fall 2009 Season

- a. Division 1 teams have no limitations on Team composition. Because of safety concerns, Nagva B rated or SVC B (7-11) players are not allowed to participate in the Power Division.
- b. Division 1 is Seattle Volleyball Club's most skilled division.

DIVISION 2 – Revised for Fall 2009 Season

- a. Division 2 teams may not have a player holding an SVC rating higher than a 20 or Nagva A, whichever is higher.
- b. Division 2 is defined as a competitive division, with players who have intermediate level volleyball skills.
- c. Division 2 teams are expected to maintain a roster with at least 3 of their rostered players holding a BB rating.
- d. Division 2 teams should have demonstrated Ball Control ability, passing & setting. Participation in this division is at the discretion of the SVC Director.

DIVISION 3 – Revised for Fall 2009 Season

- a. Division 3 teams may not have any player rated higher than an SVC 11, or NAGVA B, whichever is higher. Participation in this Division is at the discretion of the SVC Director.
- b. Division 3 is defined as a skill learning/developmental division made up of players who have not yet mastered 2 or more of volleyball's basic skills: Blocking, Passing, Setting or Hitting.

DIVISION 4 – Revised for Fall 2009 Season

- a. Participation in Division 4 is at the discretion of the SVC Director. Furthermore, they are to have only 1 player rated higher than an SVC 7 and no player that holds an SVC rating higher than an 8.
- b. Division 4 is defined as a recreational division made up of beginner players. Division 4 players may have very limited experience playing the sport, have never played before, or have not yet mastered ball control skills and would have challenges playing at the NAGVA B level.

3. RATING DEFINITIONS – *Added for Fall 2009 Season*

- a. A player's rating is defined as either a NAGVA or SVC skill assessment of a player's volleyball abilities, and is indicative of the level of play they are most likely to compete in.
- b. Player ratings, either NAGVA or SVC, at the beginning of an SVC season will be good through the duration of the current season only.
- c. If a Player's Rating is changed either by NAGVA or SVC, it will take effect for the next SVC season, granted that the player is currently on an SVC roster. If they are not on a current roster, the rating takes effect immediately.