



RULES

- 1) The tournament will be played out with double elimination. Each matchup will be decided by a team winning the best of 3 sets.
- 2) Each team starts the match with six (6) players, two (2) of which must be female. All players must begin each match behind their back line. Six balls will be split into two even groups on the neutral ground line. In the event of an injury a team can continue to play one person down or can make a substitution at the discretion of the tournament officials.
- 3) The game begins when the referee blows the whistle, the players will then run to retrieve the balls to their right which cannot be thrown at their opponents until the ball is activated by touching it on the back line/wall. Play continues until all players on one team is eliminated.
- 4) Referees can pause the game at any point by blowing the whistle. At that point, all events after and during are void. The game restarts with remaining players behind their respected back line with any balls they possessed when the game was paused. All balls on the ground remain where they lay and the referees restart the game by a blowing the whistle.
- 5) A player is out if: 1) he/she steps over a sideline or into the neutral zone; a player may step over a sideline to retrieve a ball but they cannot throw the ball until they establish themselves back inbounds. If a player goes up in an attempt to catch a ball and lands out of bounds they are out; 2) a thrown live ball hits your body; and 3) you throw a live ball and it is caught by a player on the opposing team.
 - a) If you are out, line up in your teams "out box" in the order you got out. If your teammate catches a ball a play, the first player out comes back into play. Players must go in the same order that they were knocked out. The team does not have the right to choose who goes back in.
- 6) A thrown live ball can only hit out one (1) player. Thrown balls that hit the ground or any other object/person before hitting a player are considered dead balls, and are ineligible to hit players out. A Hit player, should drop all held balls, raise their arm to signal that they are out, and leave the court immediately. Once on the sidelines hit players are not allowed to kick or pass balls to their teammates.

- 7) You may block a thrown ball with a held ball. Blocks must be clean. The blocked ball must not touch any part of the player attempting the block and the player attempting the block must keep control of the ball in their possession. If they drop the ball in their possession or the thrown ball touches any part of their body then the player is out.
- 8) A catch is when a player retains full control of a ball thrown by an opponent. All catches must be made inbounds. A ball that bounces off a player will count as a catch as long as the player hit by the ball catches it while it is still airborne and before it touches any object or another player, if a player catches a ball after it bounces off of another player that does not count as a catch. If any active player catches a ball that has been cleanly blocked it will be considered a valid catch.
- 9) A player may only hold a ball for 10 seconds, afterwards, it will be considered dead. Dead balls need to be rolled over immediately to the opposing team. Bouncing the ball on the ground does not re-set the clock. In addition, a player cannot intentionally leave balls on the ground in order to pause play.
- 10) If the game comes down to 1 player per side, they have one minute from the head referee's call to hit each other out; if not, "Showdown" comes into effect. The game is paused, each player gets two balls and are lined up at the ends of the neutral zone. At the blow of the whistle, the players are free to roam anywhere inside the playing field. The first player to get the other player out wins the match.
- 11) Referees calls will be final. Arguing with referees, opposing players, and spectators will not be permitted. Referees will issue a player a yellow card as a warning for unsportsmen like conduct. If a player receives two yellow cards then they will be removed from the tournament and their team will then play one player down. In extreme circumstances the referees may eject a player without warning. Any ejected player may appeal to the tournament's head referee.
- 12) Each team is responsible for reviewing the rules prior to the tournament.

Have fun, shake hands, make friends and be spirited!