

## PART 17: VOLLEYBALL TECHNICAL RULES

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### 17.1 ELIGIBILITY

**17.1.1 Age divisions.** Volleyball may be offered in the Junior A (7-11 years), Junior B (12-15 years), and Open (any age) divisions. Players who choose to compete in the Open Division may not also compete in the Junior A or Junior B Division.

**17.1.2 Gender.** The competition host may determine whether separate competition divisions are held for males and females. When divisions by sex are not offered, team rosters may include any combination of all males, all females, or mixed-gender.

**17.1.3 Classifications.** There are no IDAF classifications for volleyball.

#### 17.1.4 Team rosters

**17.1.4.1 Number of players.** There shall be no fewer than 10 and no more than 12 players on a team. A team may not have alternates above the 12 player limit. One of the players, other than the libero, shall be the team captain.

**17.1.4.2 Submitting team rosters.** The competition host shall establish a process and deadlines for submitting team rosters. The team captain and libero players must be designated on the team roster.

**17.1.4.3 Mixed-country teams.** At World Dwarf Games, athletes whose countries do not have enough players to field a complete team may request to play on a mixed-country team. The competition host shall facilitate the formation of mixed country-teams.

**17.2 EVENTS.** Volleyball competition shall consist of 6-on-6 play.

### 17.3 RULES

**17.3.1 WOVD rules.** The World Organization Volleyball for Disabled standing volleyball rules (<http://www.wovd.info/Docs/Rules/Standing%20Volleyball%20Rules%202011-2012final.pdf>) shall apply with the following exceptions.

#### 17.3.2 Exceptions

**17.3.2.1 Playing court dimensions.** The playing court shall measure 13.4m in length (badminton court length) by 9m in width, with a center line dividing the playing area into two equal courts measuring 6.7m in length by 9m in width.

**17.3.2.2 Net height.** Net height shall be 6 feet (1.83m).

**17.3.2.3 Volleyball.** For Junior A and Junior B Division games, a lightweight volleyball (198-227g) of standard circumference and inside pressure shall be used.

**17.3.2.4 Match.** A set is won by the team which first scores 25 points with a minimum lead of two points, except that the deciding 3rd set is won by the team which first scores 15 points with a minimum lead of two points. A match is won by the team that wins two sets.

**17.3.2.5 Team captains.** For Junior A and Junior B Division games, the head coach or assistant coach shall supervise the team captain to fulfill the team captain responsibilities.

## 17.4 COMPETITION PROCEDURES

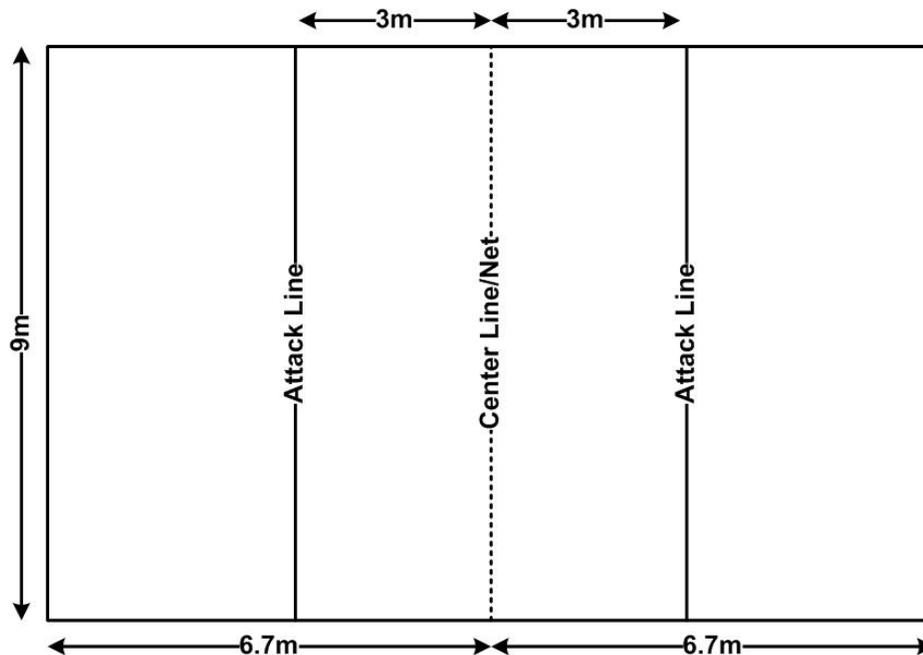
**17.4.1 Practice opportunities.** Players shall have a minimum of 10 minutes pre-game warm-up on the competition court prior to the start of the game. The competition host shall determine the schedule and location of additional practice time opportunities.

**17.4.2 Entry limit.** At World Dwarf Games, each country shall be allowed to enter as many teams as desired into each division of the volleyball tournament. Countries that enter more than one doubles team within a division shall designate one team "Team A," the next "Team B," etc.

**17.4.3 Tournament format.** The competition host shall determine the tournament format (e.g., pool play, bracket play).

**17.4.4 Check-in procedures.** The competition host shall determine check-in procedures.

**17.5 FACILITIES.** As noted in Section 17.3 above, the playing court shall measure 13.4m in length (badminton court length) by 9m in width, with a center line dividing the playing area into two equal courts measuring 6.7m in length by 9m in width.



**17.6 EQUIPMENT.** For Open Division games, a standard volleyball with circumference of 65-67 cm, weight of 260-280 g, and inside pressure of 0.30 to 0.325 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> (4.26 to 4.61 psi) shall be used. For Junior A and Junior B Division games, a lightweight volleyball (198 to 227g) of standard circumference and inside pressure shall be used.

**17.7 UNIFORMS.** Player uniforms will consist of a jersey (or T-shirt), shorts (or long pants), socks, and athletic shoes. Each player's shirt shall display a clearly visible unique number on both the front and back, with numbers ranging from 1 to 18. The team captain must have on his/her jersey a stripe of 8 cm x 2 cm underlining the number on the chest. Teams are required to wear a consistent shirt color amongst all players. If the players on a single team are not

consistent with the colors of their T-shirts, the players on the team will be asked to wear identically colored pinnies/vests to be provided by the competition host.

**17.8 OFFICIALS.** Section II (The Referees, Their Responsibilities and Official Hand Signals) of the WOVD rules (<http://www.wovd.info/Docs/Rules/Standing%20Volleyball%20Rules%202011-2012final.pdf>) shall serve as guidelines for officiating at IDAF volleyball competitions.

**17.8.1 Minimum number.** Volleyball games shall be officiated by a minimum of one referee, two line judges, and a scorer.

**17.8.2 Qualifications.** The referee shall be certified by a national or international governing body for volleyball. Whenever possible, the referee shall be independent of the host organization and of the players in the game. The line judges and scorer should have prior experience at those positions.

**17.8.3 Officials uniforms.** The referee and line judges shall wear either a uniform provided by the competition host or the customary uniform of the official's home country. The scorer should wear a uniform specified by the competition host.

## **PART 18: AMENDMENTS TO THE IDAF RULE BOOK**

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Written proposals for rule additions, changes, or deletions should be submitted to IDAF for consideration.