

RULES & REGULATIONS

Facilities

- The FFS (Fédération des Francophones de Saskatoon) rents facilities from private facilities to provide for our FrancoForme tournaments. Please respect the facilities so we can continue using them.
- No outdoors shoes, marking/black-soled shoes, or shoes that may scuff the floors on the volleyball courts.
- Leave the gym the way you found it. Please throw away your garbage.
- If you do not adhere to the above rules, you will be asked to leave the gym.

Equipment

- The Tournament Organizers will provide volleyball nets, volleyballs, and scoreboards.
- Any other equipment (i.e. knee pads) is optional and is the players' responsibility.
- Players must wear appropriate court shoes.

Roster

- 6 Players on the floor at a time - 2 must be female.
- Minimum 4 players on the floor to play - 2 must be female.
- Teams are also encouraged to have subs if needed. We recommend teams of 8 players.
- Teams can add to their roster at any point.

Spectators

- For this tournament, people of all ages are allowed into the facilities.
- However, we are dealing with fully grown adults who are running, throwing, and spiking at high speeds. The Tournament Coordinators will not be held responsible for the injury to a minor, a spectator, or a player.

Defaults

- If a volleyball team is not ready 10 minutes after the posted game time they will lose by default 2-0. We recommend the game be played regardless, if possible.
- Minimum 4 players on the floor to play - 2 must be female.
- If a team misses one game or does not meet the minimum roster requirements then they will lose by default 2-0.
- If both team captains agree, the minimum requirement can be waived, and the game can be played and count towards the standings.

Officiating

- All round-robin games are self officiated, unless volunteers come forward. This means players are responsible for making their own calls.
- This is a fun tournament and we rely on our players being honest. When you are guilty of an infraction, don't assume no one saw you. Captains should speak up and call their own players fouls if they see them.
- If a team continues to not call themselves, the Tournament Coordinator will warn them. If the same player or team continues to not call their infractions, then they will be asked to sit out.

Objectionable Behaviour

- Reckless, aggressive, threatening, or unsportsmanlike behaviour will result in being ejected from the game. If this behaviour is repeated, the player may face ejection from the Tournament. If this is a team wide issue, the volleyball team may be ejected from the Tournament.
- If a team or individual is found guilty of objectionable behaviour, the Tournament Coordinators have the right to:
 - Warn a player
 - Ask a player to sit out
 - Ask a player to leave the gym
- Judgment calls made by the Tournament Coordinators are final and protests will not be considered. Players or teams that argue with the Tournament Coordinators will be subject to suspension or ejection from Tournament. This means: no arguing, no swearing towards the Tournament Coordinators or other teams, and no complaining.
- The Tournament Coordinators are not trained referees. They are there to keep the game running and ensure games start and end on time. Please respect them. They have the right to make any player sit out or

leave the gym. If asked to do either, you must do so immediately.

Pre-Game

- Teams should arrive at the gym 5 minutes prior to the scheduled game time.
- Teams should not be on the court until the games before them are finished.
- A five-minute warm up will be available prior to the start of the game.
- Games must start and end on time. If your game starts late it does not get to run late.
- Teams must appoint a captain.
- Service and sides will be determined at the start of the match by a Rock-Paper-Scissors. The winner either chooses to serve/receive OR the side of the court. The loser will take the other decision.

Subs

- Substitutes may rotate in at any time during a stoppage in play.
- Any alternate is to rotate out players in the last position before service and rotate in players at service.

Service

- A serve may be over hand or under hand. However, it must be done so legally.
- When serving, one step into the court is allowed.
- The server has 5 seconds to complete the serve.
- Once a team has scored 5 points with the same server they must rotate one position. The team remains serving but a new server comes in from rotating.

Boundaries

- Games are played within the regular volleyball court lines.
- The ball is considered "in" if it strikes part of the court lines.
- A player may step on the centre line under the net, but may not step across the centre line.
- Some courts may be short and a step into the court while serving is allowed.

Game Play

- The net will be measured and set up at the height of 2.35 metres
- Games will be played to 25 and teams must win by two points.
 - The third game of the best of three will be played to 15.
- Players rotate clockwise prior to their team's serve.
- A player may not touch the ball more than once in succession.
- No more than three touches may be made per team before the ball is returned over the net.
- A block at the net does not count as a touch.
- A block on a serve is illegal.
- The ball must be hit legally - no holding, carrying, lifting or throwing.
- A player cannot touch, reach over, or under the net to hit the ball.
- Only when returning the ball may a player follow through over the net.
- Back row hitting is allowed as long as the player leaves the ground behind the attack line or does not leave the ground at all.

Scoring

Rally Point Scoring: Using this scoring system, a point is scored during any stoppage in play (unless it is a re-serve). This means any team can score a point, whether they are serving or not.

Points are awarded when:

- The ball touches the ground.
- A team has played the ball more than three times consecutively.
- A player touches the ball twice consecutively.
- The ball is held or pushed.
- The ball touches obstructions - such as basketball nets or ceiling.
- A player touches the net or a vertical marker on the antenna.
- A player completely crosses the centre line under the net.
- A player contacts the ball above the opponent's court.
- A back-row player, while in the attack area, hits the ball into the opponent's court from above the height of the net.
- The ball lands outside or touches an object outside the lines of the court.

- The game is delayed persistently (taking longer than five seconds to serve).
- The players wave arms, jump, or form in groups of two or more with the purpose of forming a screen to conceal the server's actions.
- The served ball crosses the net with the help of a teammate.
- A service is blocked.

Playoffs

- Only the top two teams of each pool will play in the Playoffs. Every team is therefore guaranteed at least 3 games during the tournament.

Alcohol Consumption

- Open alcohol will not be allowed in the gym. We will have designated areas in our rented facility in which alcohol will be permitted.
- A spectator with open alcohol in the gym will be asked to leave the drink or will have their alcohol confiscated and dumped out.
- A player with open alcohol in the gym will be given a warning and the alcohol will be confiscated and dumped out. If a player brings open alcohol into the gym a second time, the player will be ejected from their game.
- Any player found to be unfit to play will be asked to sit out for a game without refund. The Tournament Coordinators can determine a player unfit to play the whole tournament without refund.

Rescheduling

- Gym time is limited. The Tournament Coordinators will not reschedule games for any reason.
- Should you cancel or not show up for your game, you will lose by default.

Sportsmanship

- This is a fun tournament and we expect all players and teams to have a fun first attitude.
- Any complaints about the opposing team should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Coordinators and be done in a respectful and polite way at the end of the game.
- Not playing to an opponent's ability will result in poor sportsmanship. This means smashing a ball when the other team clearly cannot defend or return it.
- Any issues throughout the game should be brought to the attention of your captain and the Tournament Coordinators. The Tournament Coordinators will then bring both captains together to discuss a solution. No one other than the captain should discuss these issues with the opposition.

Scores

- Captains are responsible for reporting scores to the Tournament Coordinators following games.
- Teams should confirm scores after each point.

Refunds

- Registration fees are refundable, minus a \$10 administration charge, up to 2 weeks prior to the beginning of the tournament.
- After this, the FFS assumes you have committed and all fees are non-refundable.
- We require this time frame in order to create teams and to complete scheduling.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Time	Court 1	Court 2
	Round-Robin Pool A	Round-Robin Pool B
9:00 am	Team 1 versus Team 2	Team 5 versus Team 6
10:00 am	Team 3 versus Team 4	Team 7 versus Team 8
11:00 am	Team 1 versus Team 3	Team 5 versus Team 7
12:00 pm	Team 1 versus Team 4	Team 5 versus Team 8
1:00 pm	Team 2 versus Team 4	Team 6 versus Team 8
2:00 pm	Team 2 versus Team 3	Team 6 versus Team 7
3:00 pm	Semi Final 1 1 st from Pool A versus 2 nd from Pool B	Semi Final 2 1 st from Pool B versus 2 nd from Pool A
4:00 pm	Full Gym Final Winner of the SF1 versus Winner of the SF2	