

# **Amarillo Elk's Lodge 923 Mudd Volleyball Tournament Rules**

1. Once entry is paid – NO REFUNDS!
2. Team captains are responsible for making sure all players read, understand and abide by all Rules.
3. All team players must have a signed waiver turned into the Tournament Director(s) before being allowed to play. No exceptions.
4. Tournament is double elimination.
5. Games will have a 20 minute running clock time limit.
6. The team that is ahead on points at end of the time limit is declared the winner.
7. In the event of a tie after time has expired, next point wins. (Team who has position of the ball at the end of the game will continue).
8. Games will be timed at 20 minutes and teams are allowed 10 minutes to get to their next scheduled game. This will keep play moving forward.
9. The ball will be served from the back outside the pit. After ball is served, must step back into pit.
10. Balls will not be loaded with mud before serve. Wipe off excess mud.
11. Team players will rotate clockwise (to the right) when your team receives the ball for serve.
12. The ball must be hit (batted). Holding, lifting, pushing, or throwing the ball while in play is a foul.
13. Only three (3) hits allowed per side. A player may not hit the ball twice in succession. A block is not considered a hit.
14. The ball may be hit (played) with any part of the body (will be considered as a hit). NO kicking!
15. It is a violation to spike with two hands.
16. Shoes are optional but recommended (no spikes). Duct tape is recommended to secure them to the body.
17. Play is for fun to benefit Elk's Sweetheart Program, unsportsmanlike conduct, arguing, and fighting will not be tolerated and you will be asked to leave the event. Failure to leave the event will result in your team forfeiting the game.
18. Persons removed from the event will not be allowed back at future events.
19. There is a minimum of 6 players in the pit and a maximum of 8 on the roster. (No more than 6 people in the pit at any time and the teams must be coed all times.)
20. A player of the opposite sex does not have to hit the ball in any turn.
21. Substitutions must be made into the middle back position only.
22. SAFETY is the top priority of the tournament.
23. All Tournament Director(s) decisions are final. There are no protests allowed.
24. Players may only play on one team throughout the tournament. The Tournament Director(s) may make exceptions in the case of injuries.
25. Tournament volunteers will act as the referee, scorekeepers, keep track of time-outs, settle immediate disputes concerning game play, and bring the score sheets to the registration tent.
26. Attacking the ball (player reaching across the net) is not allowed and the other team will receive the point.
27. Players must keep proper relative positioning before each serve.
28. All jewelry, watches, necklaces, rings, etc. are encouraged to be removed. Tournament committee, volunteers, or any other persons are not responsible for your lost items.
29. If the ball hits mud it is in, if it hits hard ground, poles or cables it is out. If the ball hits the net on a serve and goes over, it is still playable.
30. Any method may be used to serve the ball as long as it is HIT and NOT Thrown. The Referee(s) will determine if it was good on questionable serves.
31. You may play the ball before it hits the ground outside of the pit but you must keep at least one foot in the mud.

32. The score keeper will call out the score before each serve indicating the serving team score first and then motion for the serve.
33. Each team is allowed one "Mudigan" per game if purchased. Team Captains must wear mudigan bracelet and it's use will be recorded by score keeper.
34. It is a foul for players to get into or touch the net during play. The penalty for fouls is loss of possession.
35. Team players must be at least 13 years old on the day of the tournament.
36. Each team is allowed one Time Out per game for 20 seconds, but this will not stop the game clock. In the case of an injury teams will not be charged a time out and clock will stop at the referee's discretion. Team captains should call the time out.
37. If the official sounds his/her whistle by mistake, a play over will commence.
38. Intentional delay of game, as determined by the referees, will result in a point for the opposing team.
39. There will be no alcohol, children (under 13) or pets allowed in the playing area as identified by the flags attached to t-posts. If you consume too much and start arguing and/or whining excessively you'll either forfeit the point, game, or tournament.
40. The tournament will continue in the rain. In the event of lightning, the Tournament Director(s) reserve the right to suspend play, alter the brackets, and/or cancel the tournament.
41. The Amarillo Elk's Lodge pool will be off limits to non-members. It will only be open to members only. If anyone jumps into the pool with mud, they will be escorted out of event.
42. The Amarillo Elk's Lodge is NOT responsible for you and/or your children. Please watch them at all times.

#### Helpful Hints:

Please remember this is a family event – dress appropriately.

Wearing swimsuits under clothing makes cleanup easier.

Taping shorts to tucked-in shirts helps stop shorts from coming down.

Do not wear contact lenses without protective eyewear (i.e. goggles).

Bring plenty of towels.

A spray bottle with water helps clean your face.

Swim goggles may keep the mud out of your eyes.

Duct tape helps your shoes stay on.

Please be respectful to property.

Bring chairs and a canopy/tent.

Bring money. Food, drink, canned beer, and other things will be sold on premises. NO outside alcohol is allowed.



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