Beach Volleyball Tournament Rules

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS: Teams will consist of at least six players. Teams must have no more and no less than six players on the court at all times.

ROTATION: Team members must rotate on the court and must remain in that position until the serve has been contacted. The player in the back right hand corner of the rotation will be designated to serve and continue to rotate clockwise.

GAMES: All games will be played to 21 with a cap at 23 using "All Rally Score" scoring. All Rally Score scoring means that every time a point is finished, one team will be awarded a point, whether they served or not.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT: The tournament will be double elimination format (time and space permitting). In the event that this format is not possible, it will be a single elimination tournament with exhibition games between teams that are eliminated from the tournament.

REFS: ALL GAMES WILL BE SELF-REFFED.

SPORTSMANSHIP: The idea of I Want to Walk the Talk's Beach Volleyball Tournament is to have fun. We hope that all participants keep that in mind when becoming involved. Although the games may become intense, you still can be competitive while maintaining good sportsmanship.

PRIZES: Door Prizes will be given to all participants and a special prize will be given to the winning team's members.

PLAYING THE BALL

****Serves that hit the net and continue over the net to the opponent's side of the net will be live****

THREE CONTACTS: Each team is allowed a maximum of 3 successive contacts of the ball in order to return the ball to the opponent's area. (Exception: In the action of blocking an attacking ball, the touch, or contact resulting from the block attempt does not constitute one of the three successive contacts.)

ATTACKING THE NET: Only the three players that are in the front row of the rotation are allowed to attack the net.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CONTACT: The ball can contact any number of body parts down to, and including the foot, providing such contacts are simultaneous and the ball rebounds immediately and cleanly after such contact.

HELD BALL: The ball must be contacted cleanly and not held, lifted, pushed, caught, carried or thrown. The ball cannot roll or come to rest on any part of a player's body. It can rebound in any direction.

HAND SETS: A contact of the ball using the fingers of one or two hands to direct the ball toward a teammate is a set. The ball must come into contact with both hands simultaneously and leave both hands simultaneously to avoid a double hit call.

BLOCKING: Blocking is the action close to the net which intercepts the ball coming from the opponent's side by making contact with the ball before, during or after it crosses the net.

BLOCKING A SERVE: Blocking or attacking a serve is prohibited.

PLAYER CONTACT WITH THE NET: Player contact with the net in a manner not directly relating to or affecting the course of play is not a violation, however deliberate contact with the net to affect play will be considered a fault and the opposing team will be given a point.

INTERFERENCE: Beach volleyball allows any and all parts of the body to cross the center line as long as there is no interference with the opposing player.

Any dispute based on a rule not expressly written in the "Beach Volleyball Tournament Rules" will be decided by I Want to Walk the Talk Beach Volleyball Tournament's organizers. Their decision is FINAL.