



DIB CARNIVAL

2025

VOLLEYBALL RULES



Format:

1. A total of 6 teams will participate, divided into 2 groups with 3 teams each.
2. The top 2 teams from each group, based on round-robin results, will advance to the Semi-Finals.
3. Rankings will be determined by total points and number of wins.
4. If teams finish the league stage with the same points, qualification will be decided by point difference.

Serve Rules:

1. The serve must be taken from behind the end line until contact is made. Serves may be underhand or overhand.
2. The ball must be clearly visible to opponents before the serve.
3. A serve that touches the net and still lands legally on the opponent's side is considered valid.
4. The first serve of the match is decided by a volley; each following game is served by the team that lost the previous one.
5. Serves must be returned using a bump only—no setting or attacking the serve is allowed.

Scoring:

1. Rally scoring is used—every rally results in a point.
2. The serving team scores if the defense misses or the ball lands out of bounds.
3. The defending team scores if the offense commits an error, hits out, or serves into the net.
4. Matches are played to 15 points (best of 3 sets).
5. At 14-14, the next point wins the set (no two-point advantage needed).



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Playing the Game:

1. Each team may contact the ball a maximum of three times.
2. Players cannot hit the ball twice in a row (a block does not count as a hit).
3. The ball may be played off the net on both volleys and serves.
4. Balls landing on boundary lines are considered in.
5. A legal hit must be made with any body part above the waist and must not allow the ball to come to rest.
6. If players make simultaneous contact, it counts as one hit; those players cannot make the next contact.
7. Players may not block or attack a serve.
8. Only front-row players may switch positions after the serve.
9. Only six players per team may be on the court at a time.
10. Rolling substitutions are allowed.

Basic Rule Violations:

1. Stepping on or crossing the line during a serve.
2. Failing to serve the ball over the net.
3. Illegal hits such as carrying, palming, or throwing the ball.
4. Touching the net while the ball is in play (except when the ball forces the net into a player).

Reaching over the net except during:

1. A natural follow-through
2. A block on a ball being returned, without touching it before the opponent does (allowed only on the third hit)
3. Reaching under the net if it interferes with play or an opponent.
4. Serving out of rotation.
5. Back-row players blocking or spiking in front of the 10-foot line.



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VOLLEYBALL GROUPS



GROUP A	GROUP B
Gladiators	Knightriders
Thunders	Spartans
Avengers	Warriors



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VOLLEYBALL FIXTURES

18 DEC (THUR)	
8:00pm to 8:30pm	Gladiators vs Thunders
8:30pm to 9:00pm	Gladiators vs Avengers
9:00pm to 9:30pm	Thunders vs Avengers
9:30pm to 10:00pm	Knightriders vs Spartans
10:00pm to 10:30pm	Knightriders vs Warriors
10:30pm to 11:00pm	Spartans vs Warriors



20 DEC (SAT)	
4:00pm to 4:30pm	Semi Final 1
4:30 to 5:00 pm	Semi Final 2
21 DEC (SUN)	
8:30 to 9:00 pm	Finals