2015 National Rules for Volley Futbol

**Volley Futbol-**  This is a GREAT game for developing juggling skills and "first-touch". The best thing is that the kids LOVE IT! We all know how important it is to be able to quickly control bouncing balls during a game. Volley Futbol will create hundreds of quality touches while the players are having fun. Without even trying, they will learn to receive chest balls, thigh controls, instep volleys and head touches. Soon they will be sliding sideways to get in front of the pass instead of poking out with their legs and making miss touches.

**Game Rules**

·         Players are not allowed to touch the ball with their arms or hands, but any other part of their body, including shoulders, is allowed. Amateur (Beginning) players and teams are allowed up to five touches and two bounces. All five touches do not have to be taken before returning the ball. It is legal to return the ball after one touch. If five touches are taken, all three players do not need to touch the ball. For example, player A passes the ball to player B who then passes it back to player A, who then returns it to the opposing team. Semi Pro players and teams are allowed up to four touches and one bounce. Pro players and teams are allowed three touches and one bounce.

Important: The pass over is considered a touch. For example, player A passes the ball to player B and then player B passes the ball back to player A, who then returns the ball over to opposing team. This means three touches total have been made.

*Amateur or Premier (Beginning)* = 5 touches and one or two ball bounces (Size3, 4, or 5 Ball)

*Semi-Pro (Intermediate)* = 3 touches and one ball bounce (Size 3 Ball)

*Pro or Elite (Advanced)* = 2 touches and one ball bounce (Size 2 Ball)

*Ultimate* = 0 Touches on the ground (Any 3,2,1) All balls must remain in the air!

**Court and Equipment**

* Volley Futbol is played on a regulation size Volley Futbol court, 30 feet long and 15 feet wide. The court is divided in half by a net that is 32 or 36 inches high in the middle. All size soccer balls can be used for ages 9 and older. Shoes that have cleats, indoor surface, screw in cleats (not metal), or turf shoes, are allowed depending on weather conditions.

**Age Groups**

* The age groups and genders for the tournament are as follows. Anyone under the age of 9 years old may not participate in tournament play. Age groups are 9-10, 11-12 years old, 13-14 15-16 years old, 17 and older (Adults included). These are the age groups for all tournament play in any area.

**Ball Bounce Rules**

·         The ball is allowed to bounce only once before a player touches it. The ball does not have to bounce; a player can elect to return the ball only after one touch out of the air. An example of three touches and two bounces is when player A touches the ball, the ball bounces, player B touches the ball, the ball bounces a second time and then player C returns the ball back to the opposing team.

**Scoring**

·         A team does not have to serve or kick-off in order to win a point; the winner of a rally wins a point. Teams are awarded points when the opposing team commits a fault. Examples of faults are hitting the ball outside the court's boundary lines, a player touches the ball with his arm or hand, the ball is hit into the net, the server steps onto the playing field before or during the kickoff and a team has too many touches or bounces before returning the ball.

**Serving the Ball**

The ball must be served behind the cones or the out of bounds line in the back part of the grid. The service must not touch the net when going over. The player must serve a user friendly pass over the net. If the player does not serve the ball over the net in a friendly manner the referee will ask for a re-serve. If the player does not serve the ball in a friendly manner on the second serve awarded by the referee the player will then lose a point and the ball will change hands in service to the other team. If the ball hits the net and goes over, the referee will reward another serve to the server. If the player does this again, a point will be awarded to the other team. If the ball does not make it over the net or serve out of bounds then a point is awarded to the other team. The ball may be served over with the knee and foot only.

**Match Format**

A match consists of the best two out of three games in a 45 minute time frame. The first team or player to score 15 points wins each game. Players from each team compete. Unlimited substitutes per match are allowed for each team. In a co-ed match, at least one female player must be on the court at any given time. After each game, teams are allowed a 3 minute break and switch sides. If the game series is tied 1 to 1 then the 45 minutes rule or first to 15 rule takes place. If the player or team reaches fifteen first in the 1 to 1 series then that team wins. If the game is taking longer than the 45 minute rule takes place. The 45 minutes rule states that if the player or team is in a 1 to 1 series then the player with the highest number of points once 45 minutes of game play has gone by the player with the highest number of points wins.

**Kick-Off**

* A coin toss starts the match. The winner of the toss can choose to serve first or pick the side to start play on. The serve is referred to as a kick-off. The player who starts the kick-off must stand behind the baseline and has two attempts at getting the kick-off in play. He/She can kick the ball out of his hands or drop-kick the ball, allowing it to bounce before kicking it. The ball can land anywhere on the opponent's side of the court. If the kick-off hits the net and goes over, it is replayed. If the ball fails to go over the net or land within the courts boundaries it is considered a fault or a double fault depending on how many serves have been made. If a double fault occurs a point is awarded to the opposing team and they will start the next point.

**Catching the ball**

A player may catch the ball on his or her foot and it will only count as one touch. As soon as the ball has left the player’s foot, he or she may either continue juggling or to flick the ball over the volley futbol net and play may resume.

**Forfeiting Games**

Games will be forfeited when minimum amount of players do not show up on time for their games. For one on one games it will be one player that is responsible for showing up in the time allotted which is 10 minutes past regular game time. In the two versus two division if the team does not show up for their game on time, the team will have up to 10 minutes past the scheduled game time not to have all games (in the best 2 out of 3 series scheduled) end in a forfeit. All players do not have to be there for the game to start unless they don’t have enough to play. There must be at least two players to start the game. In the three versus three If the team does not show up for their game on time, the team will have up to 10 minutes past the scheduled game time not to have all games (in the best 2 out of 3 series scheduled) end in a forfeit. All players do not have to be there for the game to start unless they don’t have enough to play. There must be at least three players to start the game.

**Tournament Rules**

**Honesty Policy**

All players will be on the honesty policy because most games will be played on their own accord even though there 1 field judge for every 6 fields. Most of the games will be played between the two players without a field judge always present. All players will be requested to act professional and honest in all manners of field play. If players do not act honestly they will be judged and an evaluated according to all their actions on the field, good or bad.

**Tournament Play**

All tournaments will have a guaranteed four games per player or team. Player A will verse player B and then go one to Player C or Player D. It will go all the way down the alphabet. Example: Player A will play Player B in the best 2 of 3 games. The winner of the best 2 out of 3 will move on to the next round. In the other bracket Player C will play Player D and the winner of that 2 out of 3 match will play the winner out of Player A and Player B. This will happen throughout the tournament until there is a winner.

**Wild Card**

There will be a wildcard in most tournaments. If the wild card wins all of their games they will face the winner in the semifinals of other winner brackets. The top winner of all brackets will face the wild card of the other brackets. The semifinal games are the best 2 out 3. The winner of the semifinal games will face off in a championship round. There will be a champion after 3 out of 5 games, first to 3 games wins.

**Referees and Volunteers**

**Volunteers or Certified Referees -**VF community will be using volunteers as referees to control game play. Each volunteer will be issued a whistle, referee shirt, food vouchers, stopwatch, water, and a list of rules for all tournament play. Volunteers will be well equipped and will have to go through training to referee Volley Futbol tournaments. Trainings will be held a week before the every tournament for all potential volunteers and referees in the area.

Each regular size soccer field will 2 field judges and 18 volunteers or referees assigned to 18 small Volley Futbol fields. Overall we will have 72 referees and 18 field judges in most tournaments.

**Team Play and Substitutes**

**All Teams**

All teams must be registered and all players must be on the roster to play in any tournament. If a player or team is not registered before the close of the tournament then that player or team may not participate in that tournament. All teams except for one on one players are allowed up to two additional players per team. For example, if you are registered for two on two competitions then you are allowed up to four players on a registered roster. On a three on three team you are allowed up to six people on a roster. No player may be substituted if he/she cannot make the tournament in a last minute emergency. Players may play on multiple teams but no more than two categories. For example, a player may play one on one and also two on two coeds, but the player must pay double ($90) to play in both categories.

**Co-Ed Teams**

All co-ed teams must be registered and all players must be on the roster to play in any tournament. All co-ed teams must have at least two of the opposite sex on the roster. For example, the team is playing two on two co-ed so there must be two girls and two boys registered on the roster. A player of the opposite sex must be on the field at all times. For example if that same two on two team is playing in a tournament, they must have one boy and one girl on the field at all times. If a player or team is not registered before the close of the tournament then that player or team may not participate in that tournament. All co-ed teams are allowed up to two additional players per team. For example, if you are registered for two on two competitions then you are allowed up to four players on a registered roster. No player may be substituted if he/she cannot make the tournament in a last minute emergency. If the team does not show up for their game on time, the team will have up to 10 minutes past the scheduled game time not to have the game end in a forfeit. All players do not have to be there for the game to start unless they don’t have the right combination to play.

**One on One**

Players in this category play for themselves and have no substitutions. The first to the best two out of three games wins. If the player does not show up for his/her game on time the player will have up to 10 minutes past the scheduled game time not to have all games (in the best 2 out of 3 series scheduled) end in a forfeit.

**Two on Two**

Players in this category play as a team and have substitutions. The first to the best two out of three games wins. If the team does not show up for their game on time, the team will have up to 10 minutes past the scheduled game time not to have all games (in the best 2 out of 3 series scheduled) end in a forfeit. All players do not have to be there for the game to start unless they don’t have enough to play. There must be at least two players to start the game.

**Three on Three**

Players in this category play as a team and have substitutions. The first to the best two out of three games wins. If the team does not show up for their game on time, the team will have up to 10 minutes past the scheduled game time not to have all games (in the best 2 out of 3 series scheduled) end in a forfeit. All players do not have to be there for the game to start unless they don’t have enough to play. There must be at least three players to start the game.

**Out of Bounds Areas**

·         The out of bounds (OOB) areas include anything outside of the cones or lined field area, the area next to the net that no player can enter during run of play. The net area is two feet from the net on each side. The net area is also designed to create a fair play so players don’t get too close to the net and slam the ball over the net. Any player that enters this area whether on offense or defense will result in a point for the other team.

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Area of Play

Out of Bounds

Net

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