

Grande Prairie Ladies Volleyball League Rules

The Grande Prairie Ladies Volleyball League follows the rules of the Volleyball Canada Rulebook. For any questions regarding the rules please contact the President or check the rules book online.

Players:

1. **Player Eligibility: Age limit to play in the GPLVL is 18 years of age and above.**
 - 1.1. **All** players are required to sign the liability waiver. Failure to do so will result in that player being ineligible for play and could impact the entire team's eligibility to play that night or the rest of the season.
 - 1.2 Any player who is currently playing college volleyball is only eligible to play in ladies' league as a sub, and only one sub from a college team can sub on any specific team at one time. This is to prevent stacking teams. This rule will also take effect at the tournament.
 2. **Subs:** Anyone may substitute for any given team throughout the year.
 - 2.1. Subs must also sign a waiver form prior to playing.
 - 2.2. All subs must be listed on the score sheets in the appropriate place.
 - 2.3. Teams are allowed to pick up players for season league play during the season.
 - 2.4. If you wish for them to participate at the tournament they must have played 3 nights in the league and at least one night with the team being joined for the tournament.
 - 2.4.1 **You may not play with a team in the tournament if you're on another team's roster. And you can only play on one team during the tournament, otherwise both teams must forfeit.**
- 2.5 Only three substitutes will be allowed to play on a team during the tournament.**
3. **Player Release:** If a player wants to be removed from a team, they must email the board their intentions and advise their team captains of their departure. If they are going to another team, they are still required to have 3 games played within the league and at least one night with that team prior to the tournament. Any member of a team wishing to change teams during the regular season must have informed the board prior to the Christmas break in order to properly re-assign you to the new team for the 2nd half of the season. If there are any changes in team rosters the GPLVL board must be notified ASAP.

Game Nights

1. **Scores:** The first two games in the match will be played until the first team reaches 25, winning by 2 points over the opposing team with a cap at 26-27. The 3rd game of the match is played to 15 with a two-point win, no cap.
 - 1.1. All games are to be played in the rally cap style.
 - 1.2. *All matches are BEST of 3.
2. **Score Sheets:** Make sure that the score sheet and roster has been filled in correctly.
 - 2.1. If there are names on the roster and a player who is not there is named, that player must be removed.
3. **Game Play: One hour time limit for each match.**

3.1. Games are played as follows:

	COURT 1	COURT 2
7pm	1 vs 3	2 vs 4
8pm	1 vs 4	2 vs 3
9pm	1 vs 2	3 vs 4

3.2. ****Games are to start on time. Games not completed by 10pm, will be stopped immediately and the score at that time is the final score and will be used to determine the stats.**

4. **Amount of Players:** A minimum of 5 players per team are required to play a game. Any team unable to provide at least (5) players for a match, will forfeit that match to the opposing team.
 - 4.1. If a team does not have a minimum of 5 players 7:10 p.m. or 10 minutes past the designated start time of a gym, then the 1st game is forfeited.
 - 4.2. If the 5th player does not show at 20 minutes past the hour or the designated start time, then the 2nd game is forfeited. Matches are all best of 3 so match over, 2 sets – 0 sets. Scores for these games would be 25-0 and 25-0.
 - 4.3. **NOTE:** If a team who has all their players agrees to start play with the other team that is short players, this decision and the outcome of the decision are final. The outcome will be used to determine tier placements and will not be revoked by council.
5. The tier bag must be present each night of play.
6. **Tier Standings:** The GPLVL runs on a tier system that works as follows. Points are accumulated to determine the standings in the GPLVL. Placing order is determined by the placement of teams in a tier on each night of play.
 - 6.1. That has the most matches won goes up a tier, and is in 4th place in that tier for the next week of play.
 - 6.2. With the 2nd most matches won stays in that tier and is in 2nd place, **and takes a tier bag.**
 - 6.3. With 3rd most matches won stays in that tier and is in 3rd place.
 - 6.4. With the least matches won, goes down a tier, and is in 1st place in the lower tier for the next week of play.
7. ***All teams are required to have at least 1 player remain at the school until all game are finished playing and placements have been determined.**

TIES:

1. **2 Way Tie:** If there is a 2 way tie, it will be determined by who beat who.
2. **3 Way Tie:** If there is a 3 way tie it goes to games for and against

2.1. Example:

Team A	Team B	Team C
2W / 1L	2L / 1W	
2L		2W
	2W / 1L	2L / 1W
2W / 3L	3W / 3L	3W / 2L
3 RD	2 ND	1 ST

2.2. If there is a 2-way tie after this step it goes to who beat who.

2.3. If there is still a 3-way tie after these steps, it goes to points for and against.

2.4. Example:

	Team A	Team B	Team C
	25-20 +5 pts	20-25 -5 pts	
	25-15 +10 pts	15-25 -10 pts	
		25-19 +6 pts	19-25 -6 pts
		25-10 +15 pts	10-25 -15 pts
	16-25 -9 pts		25-16 +9 pts
	20-25 -5 pts		25-20 +5 pts
Add point difference from each game:	5+10+(-9)+(-5)	(-5)+(-10)+6+15	(-6)+(-15)+9+5
Total Points:	1	6	-7
Placement:	2 nd	1 st	3 rd

2.5. The games vs the team not in the tie are excluded.

Team Responsibilities

1. **Team Responsibilities:**

1.1. Beginning of the night- **ALL TEAMS MUST HELP set up nets.**

- 1.2. End of the night- **ALL TEAMS ASSIST with taking down of nets and putting equipment away.**
- 1.3. Games start at 7PM.

2. Stats and Equipment Verification Entries

- 2.1. **Stats** will be entered by the top team in the tier on the GPLVL website (www.gplvl.com) only unless otherwise directed by the GPLVL board. **The stats have to be entered no later than noon, 12:00 pm, following the day of play.**
- 2.2. **Equipment Verification** will be entered by the 2nd place team in the tier on the GPLVL website. The 2nd place team is responsible for ensuring that they take the tier bag with all the required equipment and stating it on the verification form.
- 2.2. *Because of the nature of the tier system there will be no rescheduling matches. No exceptions!! Failure to field a team will result as a forfeit.*
- 2.3. Should more than one team forfeit in a tier in one evening, the first team to forfeit will be in the 4th position, 2nd in the 3rd position and so on.
 - 2.3.1. Should the league have to cancel a night of play for unforeseen reasons, a random draw will occur to place the teams.
3. **Net Height:** The height of the net for women's volleyball is 2.24 meters.
4. **Fines:** The following infractions will incur penalties as per the schedule below:
 1. Failure to bring the tier bag.
 2. Failure to keep a representative at the gym until all the games are completed
 3. Failure to enter stats or equipment verification by noon the day after a league night
 4. Forfeiture of an evening of play. If you are unsuccessful with fielding a team, you

MUST:

- a. Make a post on the GPLVL Facebook page as soon as possible once the decision has been made to forfeit and tag the post with an @everyone tag so all members of the page receive a notification of the forfeiture.
- b. Email the board indicating the forfeiture.

Play will not be permitted until **ALL FINES HAVE BEEN PAID**. Each team will be given one warning following which the following will apply:

First Infraction = WARNING

Second Infraction = \$25 fine

Third Infraction = \$50 fine

Fourth Infraction = \$100 fine

General Rules:

1. The ball may touch any part of the body.
2. The ball may not be caught and/or thrown.

3. The 1st hit on any play can be a double hit but cannot be caught or thrown and it must be one continuous action, i.e. going to set the ball with a double hit is okay but hitting it with one arm and then with a second is not.
 - 3.1. The 2nd hit, if in an overhand finger pass (setting motion), can be a double hit as long as it remains on your side of play. If it goes over the net, the play ends with the point going to the other team. The 2nd hit must not be caught or thrown and be a continuous action.
 - 3.2. The 3rd hit must be clean. Cannot be a carry. (see next point)
4. The ball may touch various parts of the body if the contact takes place simultaneously.
 - 4.1. It is a *double hit* if it is more than one consecutive contact on the body, i.e. hits hands then forearms
 - 4.2. If it rolls across the body, it is a *carry*, i.e. rolls from the hands up the forearms before going into the air
5. **Back row attack:** A back row player can complete an attack at any height from behind the attack line, as long as their foot has not touched or crossed the attack line on take-off.
 - 5.1. A hit can be made in the front zone by a back row player if at the time of contact, a part of the ball is lower than the top of the net.
6. **Rotation/position faults:** Rotation order is determined by the team's starting line-up. Player placement on the court must abide by the rotation order until the server has made contact with the ball.
 - 6.1. If you are deemed out of rotation after the server on your team has served, play is dead and your team will lose serve and a point. The opposing team gains serve.
7. **Net:** Contact with the net by a player between the antennae, during the action of playing the ball, is a fault.
 - 7.1. This includes any part of the body..
 - 7.2. Honesty is the responsibility of the teams playing. **PLEASE CALL YOURSELF ON THE NET.**
8. **Center line:** Any part of the body can cross the center line as long as this act does not interfere with play. If it interferes with the play, the offending team will lose the rally and the point.
 - 8.1. The **entire** foot crossing the centerline is a fault.
9. **Serving:**
 - 9.1. The server has 8 seconds to complete once the server is behind the service line. Only 1 toss is allowed. You cannot retoss the ball if it was a bad throw, it must be hit on the original toss otherwise it is a loss of serve and point.
 - 9.2. You cannot touch or cross the back line while serving. If you do, it is a loss of serve and point.
 - 9.2.1. Some gyms do not have much space behind the serving line, if there is 3 feet available behind the line, no step in will be allowed. Under 3 feet, one step is allowed but you must still start behind the serving line.
 - 9.2.1.1. Starting on the serving line or in the court will result in a loss of serve and point.
10. **Play off the Ceiling.** New rule that has come into effect 2026-27 Season.
 - 10.1. On the first or second team contact, if the ball hits the ceiling or object attached to the ceiling above the playing area, play can continue as long as the ball remains on that side of play. Should it cross the net, the play ends and a point/serve is granted to the other team.

10.2. Walls, curtains, or items such as basketball nets that are not attached directly over the playing surface, will result in play ending and a point/serve to the other team.

10.2.1. **If a basketball net is attached outside of the playing area, despite when it is raised that it enters over the net or playing area, a ball striking this will be considered end of play with a point/serve going to the other team.** Please contact the board if you need clarification.

11. **You CANNOT HIT OR BLOCK A SERVE.**

12. **Antennas:** If present use them, if not present, be honest and play fair.

13. **Liberos:** This is an optional player; you do not have to use this position. You may use this position ONLY IF your team notifies the ref and opposing teams that you are using a Libero.

14. **Officiating:** All teams will be officiating themselves. **Honesty and fair play are expectations.**

15. **Sportsmanship:** Unnecessary language and unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated towards players, refs, or anyone else in the building.

16. **Supervision:** When taking children to any scheduled game you become totally responsible for their well-being.

16.1. **CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED CHILDREN TO RUN AROUND FREELY NOR USE ANY SCHOOL EQUIPMENT;**

16.2. This includes between plays/games even within the gym.

16.3. They must remain in the gym and will be supervised at all times.

16.4. If we receive further complaints from the schools and other teams, the privilege of bringing children to games will be taken away.

17. **School Property:**

17.1. **ANYONE CAUGHT SMOKING, VAPING, POSSESSING/USING ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES or POSSESSING/DRINKING ALCOHOL ON SCHOOL PROPERTY (INCLUDES PARKING LOTS/PLAYGROUNDS) DURING LEAGUE OR TOURNAMENT PLAY, WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE EXPELLED FROM THE LEAGUE.**

17.1.1. If you smoke, do so in your vehicle off of school property and do not leave cigarette butts anywhere on school property.

17.2. No exterior door can be propped open. This includes for letting late players in or for cooling off "warm" gyms.

17.3. As per our contracts with the City and the schools, the custodians have the authority to evict any user group if they feel it is necessary.

17.4. If the gym doors do not open until 7:00pm, your full team should still be present before then. So that when you do get into the gym, you are ready to start **immediately**. Do not be offensive or aggressive with the school staff even if the doors are opened late. Please advise the GPLVL board if there are issues with the doors being opened on time.

17.5. Only water is permitted in the gyms. No food or other beverages.

18. **Disciplinary Action:** We as an executive board of the GPLVL reserve the right to initiate disciplinary action against any individuals, teams, or officials, as we deem necessary.
- 18.1. **Unprofessional behavior will not be tolerated.** This is a team sport and each player/team represents the entire league.
- 18.2. Illegal players will result in disciplinary action.
- 18.3. Smoking, vaping, having/using illegal substances or drinking alcohol on school property will result in expulsion from the league for the remainder of the season.
19. **Gym Cancellation:** If your gym is unfortunately canceled at the last minute or you rescheduled at the last minute, it is not the executive's fault. Rescheduling will be attempted but this is not a guarantee as gym space is limited.
20. **Cold Weather Policy:** There will be no gym cancellations during inclement weather, all games will proceed as scheduled. 20. **Complaints:** If your team wishes to lodge a complaint:
- 19.1. You must wait **24 hours** after the end of your matches to email or call in a complaint.
- 19.2. Only one person from the team is to lodge a complaint on behalf of the team.
21. **Refunds:** There will be NO REFUNDS in whole or in part given to any team(s) who leave the Grande Prairie Ladies Volleyball League, either of their own accord or otherwise.

Executive

The Volunteer Executive is made up of the following people:

Wendy Hunt	Amanda Smith	Tannis Van Buskirk	Muranne Haight
President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer

If you ever have any questions regarding the league please feel free to contact anyone on the executive. You can contact them through the contact portion of the GPLVL website or to the president email: president@gplvl.com .