

Volleyball

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1.1 The JCC Maccabi Games Volleyball competition shall be conducted under the following rules and regulations except as they may be modified by the Sports Advisory Committee (SAC) of the Continental Governing Body (CGB).
- 1.2 The competition in volleyball shall be conducted in accordance with the USA Volleyball Rules (USAV) in force at the time of the competition. This includes the libero rule (back row specialist). In the event of a conflict between the USA Volleyball Rules and the rules and regulations below, the JCC Maccabi Games rules shall apply and be binding.
 - 1.2.1 One service tossing error per service will be allowed.
- 1.3 The Organizing Committee of the Host Community shall establish a Volleyball Committee, with an overall volleyball commissioner, to oversee and run the competition, and to resolve any controversies that arise. The decisions of the Volleyball Committee and/or the overall volleyball commissioner with respect to protests, disputes, and appeals shall be final. Protests must be submitted in writing within thirty (30) minutes after the completion of a game, and shall relate solely to the interpretation of the rules.
- 1.4 Prior to the start of the Games all rules questions shall be resolved by the Volleyball Committee, in consultation with the SAC, in accordance with the USAV rules in force during the previous volleyball season (See Rule 1.2).
 - 1.4.1 A member of the host community must be available at each venue at which volleyball is played to help manage the volleyball tournaments in accordance with JCC Maccabi Games guidelines, control issues as they arise, and if applicable, to receive protests.
- 1.5 Rachmanus Rule--Rachmanus plays a key role in athletics and the JCC Maccabi Games. Compassion and good sportsmanship shall be displayed by athletes, coaches and spectators at all times during the JCC Maccabi games both on and off of the playing field. For more information on the Rachmanus rule please refer to

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2. VENUE AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

2.1 The Organizing Committee of the Host Community, acting through its Volleyball Committee, shall ensure that the following venue requirements are met:

2.1.1 Courts shall be regulation size and free from obstructions so as not to impede play;

2.1.2 Balls must conform to USAV rules.

2.2 At least one (1) referee shall be assigned to each match. These officials shall hold USA Volleyball certification and must be at least 18 years old. All semifinals as well as Gold and Bronze medal matches must have 2 referees.

2.2.1 Athletes who have attained a higher level of competency must be identified by the delegation's head coach to possibly serve as line referees during the course of the JCC Maccabi Games volleyball competitions. A completed listing of all these athletes must be presented to the host city Games Director no later than July 1.

3. PARTICIPANTS

3.1 Each team shall have a minimum of seven (7) and a maximum of ten (10) players.

3.2 Each team must begin play with six (6) players. One phantom player, i.e., playing with five (5) players solely because of the ejection of or injury to a player, shall be allowed.

4. COMPETITION FORMAT

4.1 All matches in the preliminary rounds shall consist of two (2) sets, with set one (1) and two (2) won by the team which scores 25 points with rally-point scoring and a minimum lead of two (2) points. In the case of a 24-24 tie, play is continued until a two (2) point lead is achieved or one team reaches thirty (30) points.

4.1.1 In the preliminary rounds, a team shall receive one (1) point for a win and zero (0) points for a loss for each set played. Standings to determine playoff positions shall be determined by the total number of points received in preliminary play.

- 4.1.2 Medal round matches shall be single elimination and be best two (2) out of three (3) sets.
- 4.1.3 Time permitting: Bronze Medal and Gold Medal matches shall consist of best of three (3) out of five (5) sets. In case of a 2 to 2 tie, the deciding game is played as a tie-breaker with rally-point scoring to 15. There is no point cap; a team must win by 2 points.
- 4.2 Teams should report a half hour before the scheduled start time.
 - 4.2.1 A team shall be allowed a ten (10) minute grace period after the scheduled start time before the set is forfeit. The game shall not be delayed if and when at least the coach and six (6) players from each team are present.
 - 4.2.2 Warm ups: Each team will have the net for five minutes for hitting independently. They will then have a shared two minutes for serving (standard). There should be no hitting during those two minutes.
- 4.3 There shall be no limit on the number of team or individual substitutions allowed.
- 4.4 Coaches of both teams must sign the game results' card and return it to the referee, who shall turn the card into the volleyball site coordinator or member of the Volleyball Committee.
- 4.5 If there are ties in the standings after preliminary rounds, the following procedures shall determine team rankings.

If 2 teams are tied:

1. Head to head competition (if applicable)
2. Record against common opponents in preliminary round play (if applicable)
3. Overall opponents' won-loss record in preliminary round play
4. Score differential versus common opponents in preliminary play (if applicable). Maximum points differential of twenty (20) per game.
5. Draw names to determine seeding. First name drawn is the higher ranked (better) seed.

If 3 or more teams are tied:

1. Head to head competition (used only if all 3 teams have played one another)

2. Record against common opponents in preliminary round play (if applicable)
3. Overall opponents' won-loss record in preliminary round play
4. Score differential versus common opponents in preliminary play (if applicable). Maximum points differential of twenty (20) per game.
5. Draw names to determine seeding. First name drawn is the higher ranked (better) seed. Continue process until all names have been drawn.

Notes:

- A. If 3 or more teams are tied, using the procedures listed above; the highest seed of the 3 (or more) shall be determined. If there are still 3 or more teams tied follow the same instructions above, pulling out one team at a time then restarting the entire process until there are two teams than only one left.
- B. A member of the Volleyball Committee and/or the overall Volleyball commissioner or designee will draw names. Delegation heads will be notified of the results.

- 4.6 In addition to Rule 4.2.1 above, a team shall forfeit a match under the following circumstances:
 - 4.6.1 If a team refuses to play a set or withdraws from the court before the end of a match without a valid reason, as determined by the Volleyball Committee, in such an event, the team shall be disqualified from the tournament, and all previous and subsequent sets shall be forfeit by a score of 15-0.
 - 4.6.2 If a team cannot put five (5) players on the court because of ejections or injuries, the team shall retain points earned and the opposing team shall be credited with at least fifteen (15) points or enough points to produce a two (2) point advantage.
 - 4.6.3 If the coach is ejected from the game, and no other member of the coaching staff remains and no credentialed adult from the delegation, excluding spectators, is available to assume the coaching duties.

5. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- 5.1 The format for all team and individual sport competitions shall be created by the Sports Advisory Committee (SAC). Final sports competition formats will be determined after consultation between the applicable SAC Chair and the Host Community.
- 5.2 Slotting of teams for the preliminary rounds shall be done by a blind draw conducted by a member of the Sports Advisory Committee.
- 5.3 Every effort will be taken to create a tournament that allows each team to participate in a minimum of five (5) games.

6. DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 Clean and customarily acceptable volleyball attire shall be worn by all players. If there is any doubt as to the acceptability of the attire, the decision of the Volleyball Committee shall be final.
 - 6.1.1 All players on a team shall wear the same uniform, except the Libero who must wear a different color uniform or some sort of identifying apparel such as a piney or their opposite team jersey (home or away).
 - 6.1.2 Numbers not less than three (3) inches high on the upper front and no less than six (6) inches high on the back shall be worn on the uniform top. The numbers 1 through 99 are acceptable.
 - 6.1.3 Players must wear the same number throughout the tournament.

Note: The Libero numbered shirt may have a different number from the player's non-Libero shirt.
- 6.2 All players shall wear appropriate shoes, and black sole shoes shall not be allowed.
- 6.3 The following equipment rules shall apply:
 - 6.3.1 A guard, cast, or brace made of hard and unyielding leather, plaster, pliable (soft) plastic, metal or any other hard surface, even though padded, shall not be permitted on the finger, hand, wrist, forearm or elbow.
 - 6.3.2 Supports are permitted on other parts of the body as long as they are soft and yielding or covered. All metal frames on any braces shall be padded.
 - 6.3.3 Artificial limbs are permitted when, in the judgment of the

Volleyball Committee, they are no more dangerous than the corresponding human limb or adequately padded.

6.3.4 Any equipment, which in the judgment of the Volleyball Committee, increases a player's advantage is prohibited.

6.3.5 Players shall not be permitted to wear any jewelry.

6.4 Teams are required to bring their own practice balls and equipment

6.5 A player taking part in the medal ceremony must wear shoes and her competition uniform.

7. MEDALS

7.1 The following medals shall be awarded:

First Place	JCC Maccabi Gold Medal
Second Place	JCC Maccabi Silver Medal
Third Place	JCC Maccabi Bronze Medal