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VOLLEYBALL classification guidelines

Team captains are asked to ensure their players fall into the appropriate category for their league. If you have questions or concerns about an opponent's classification, please notify the league supervisor immediately.

Often teams are comprised of players with varying levels of skill. **Sign up at the level of the highest skilled player on your team.** For example, if your team of friends & family consists of a C Rec player, a C Major player, and two 2 B players, sign the team up as "B". During the season, we may re-classify teams based on how they perform. Our format is designed to re-assign teams to the most appropriate division before playoffs begin, however, we can't guarantee that everyone will win! Keep in mind that the ultimate purpose of the league is to provide a physical challenge in a fun, social atmosphere.

If you feel your team needs an exception to these guidelines, please discuss it with the league supervisor before registering.

Here are characteristics of our divisions:

C Rec Players

Players who have some knowledge of the game and have played at picnics or drop-in with friends, but not in an organized league.

C Rec Teams usually serve underhand and have no strategy other than hitting the ball back to their opponent.

C Major Players

Rookies = Young, athletic players with experience in other sports, but no volleyball experience.

Veterans = Players who have experience playing in organized leagues, however, their skills are aged, rusty, or just never progressed in the power hitting or power serving category.

C Major Teams serve underhand & overhand, but do not have any jump servers. C Major teams have a bump, set, hit strategy...but cannot always coordinate all three. When things go wrong, they can still keep the ball in play due to their youthful athletic ability or their years of experience.

B Players

Players with athletic ability and experience in organized volleyball leagues. Players whose passing, setting or hitting skills are better than beginners and performed somewhat consistently. Players who, given a good set, sometimes hit with power.

B Teams may serve overhand with pace & power, but don't jump serve. B Teams usually have a strategy that includes designated setters on offense. B Teams are inconsistent about putting up a block, and usually it's just a single-block.

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B Major Players

Players with very good athleticism and volleyball skills. Players with high school varsity, college, club, high-powered city-league or tournament experience. Players with very good passing, setting, hitting, and blocking skills that are performed consistently. Players that may specialize in a position. Players who, given a good set, can consistently hit with great power.

B Major Teams serve strategically or with power and may have effective jump servers. B Major teams usually have a strategy that includes designated setters on offense and double-blocking on defense. B Major teams consistently put up effective blocks.

A Players

Players with college or advanced club play experience. Players who regularly participate at a high skill level through tournaments or club play. Players with dominating hitting/blocking skills, or whose knowledge, experience or specialized skill allows them to contribute on a high-powered team. Players who can hit with power from almost anywhere on the court.

A Teams understand advanced offensive and defensive strategies and have the skill level to execute them consistently against other A teams.

No matter what your skill level, our leagues still require sportsmanlike conduct. The goal of our leagues is to provide a physical challenge in a fun, social atmosphere. It is not our goal to determine who is the best player or team in town. If your team has the best record you'll probably get some shirts, however they are not as important as the opportunity to be active, challenge yourself, and enjoy connecting with other people who love volleyball.

**Questions or Concerns? Please contact
Olympia Parks Arts and Recreation Department
360-753-8380, M-F, 8am – 5pm**

<http://olympiawa.gov/community/parks/sports-information.aspx>

**The league supervisor reserves the right to
reclassify teams or individuals
in the best interest of the league.**