



GAME RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Referees cannot see everything all the time, so players are expected to play by the honor system. If you think you may be out, go out. Keep the games fun. **REFEREES DECISIONS ARE FINAL – NO EXCEPTIONS.**
2. Teams are made up of 5 -7 players. Only 5 players on the court at a time. Substitutes may only enter the court **AFTER** the other player has exited **NO MORE THAN 5 PLAYERS ON THE COURT AT A TIME**. In order to keep the tournament on schedule teams must start or continue playing if they have at least 4 players.
3. Game begins with all balls placed on the center line. Players take position behind their end line. Following a signal from the referee, teams may approach the center line to retrieve balls. This signal officially starts the game.
4. **Each game will be limited to 3 minutes.** The first team to legally eliminate all opposing players will be declared winner. If time expires and both teams still have players remaining, then there will be a 2 minute overtime. At the end of that overtime period, if the game is still tied, there will be a coin flip to determine the winner.
5. During play, all players must remain within the boundary lines. Players may leave the boundaries to retrieve a stray ball, but all throws must occur within the court.
6. Players are eliminated if they are hit anywhere on the body shoulders and below. Shots to the head or face are not permitted and will result in the thrower's elimination.
7. Players are also eliminated if a ball is caught that has been thrown by the opposing team. In this instance, the player who threw the ball is out, and the team of the player who caught the ball adds another player of their choice.
8. Only one person can be eliminated per throw. If a ball strikes one player and then hits another player, only the first person who was hit is out.
9. If a ball comes in contact with another ball, both balls are dead.
10. **Players may cross the half court line to get a ball with 1:00 minute remaining in the game. Players must be back on their own side of the court before throwing the ball.**
11. "Life Bands" may only be used once per game and may not be shared with other players.