



USA Beach Junior Tournaments are *designed to be:*

1. Player administrated – **NO COACHES** –
2. Parents are expected to input positive encouragement.
3. ***Parents are NOT allowed to officiate.***

Rule clarifications/differences from indoor:

- 1) When serving, a player may toss the ball only once.
- 2) When receiving a serve, players **must** "bump" the ball, or receive with hands together. A player may not take the serve with open hands, no double contact, no lift.
 - 2a) A "down ball" may be taken as a double contact without violation.
 - 2b) A "free ball" should be taken as a bump. If taken with the hands, it must be clean (No double contact. This contact can be judged similar to the "set" or second contact)
- 3) When setting, a player must be facing the way the ball travels - i.e. a player may set a ball forward or backward, but may not set a ball over the shoulder to the side. If wind redirects the ball, this is not a violation.
- 4) When hitting, players may not open hand dink, or "redirect" the ball with the fingers. The hand must be closed or a "roll shot" can be used.
 - 4a) There is **NO** center-line. Players can go under the net, as long as they do not interfere with play on the other side
- 5) When blocking, if the block contacts the ball, it counts as a contact. The team then has two more contacts to put the ball over the net.
 - 5a) The blocking player may play the ball up after blocking, i.e. take both first and second contacts (same as indoor).
- 6) When refereeing, the officiating duties are lined out in the tournament format. Players officiate themselves. ***Parents are NOT allowed to officiate (or keep official score).*** Teams are scheduled for reffing duties.
 - 6a) Primary Referee Duties: 1) keep score, 2) record results in pool sheet, 3) help with serving order, 4) help settle disputes – ***playing teams should call their own.***
- 7) Any competition disputes are first settled between the teams, then to the referee, if the dispute is not solved, then the teams should ask a tournament official.
- 8) Court Dimensions: per side is 8 meters by 8 meters for all age divisions.