

**Team Entry**

1. Entry Fee per team is \$160.00. Team captains are responsible for collecting entry fees for their team.
2. Full payment of league fees and the completed team roster must be turned in by **February 27**.
3. Register at the Recreation Office during regular business hours; after hours place form and money in the drop box located on the southeast side of the Recreation Building; mail to P.O. Box 308, Iola, KS 66749; email to [recreation@cityofiola.com](mailto:recreation@cityofiola.com); or online (24/7) by visiting the recreation page at [cityofiola.com](http://cityofiola.com). We accept cash, checks payable to the City of Iola, or Credit Card (Fees Applied).

**Player Eligibility**

1. All players must be 18 years of age and older by the first scheduled league game, a high school graduate, and are not currently playing on a college team.
2. As a participant, you agree to accept all of the risks of injury or accident while involved in this program. You agree to release the City of Iola, their employees, agents, representatives, officials and all volunteers associated with this program from any liability resulting from any circumstances that may arise in connection with this program.

**Rosters**

1. An official team roster must be completed, all information on the roster must be legible: printed name, age, shirt size and signature, and turned in to the Iola Recreation Office or the official scorekeeper prior to your team's first game.
2. **Rosters will be available at the gym for additions up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of scheduled league games.** It is the responsibility of the team captain to make sure all team members have their name and signature on the roster prior to playing their first game.
3. If a player has failed to sign the roster or if the name is not legible, they will be considered an ineligible player.
4. Any player whose name and signature appears on a team's official roster will be bound to that team for the entire season.
5. Any team that is discovered to be using an ineligible player will forfeit all games in which that ineligible player has participated. The ineligible player will be ineligible to participate in the league for the remainder of the season.
6. Teams may have as many players on their roster as necessary, but **all players listed on the tournament roster must have played in at least 3 matches during the regular season.**

**The Game**

1. League play is scheduled to begin Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The league will provide the game balls. Iola Recreation will make the league schedule, set up the tournament, and assign officials for league and tournament play.
2. There needs to be an equal number of women and men, or more women on the court at all times.
3. Teams can play with a minimum of three and a maximum of six players on the floor. If a team does not have enough players to start the game, a forfeit will be called. Teams cannot have players from another team's roster play if they are short of players. Players are not permitted to change teams.
4. The team captain is responsible for providing the team lineup to the scorekeeper ten minutes prior to game time.
5. A match will consist of best two out of three games played rally scoring to 25 points (must win by two points). The third game will be played to 15 points.
6. The official will be responsible for starting all games at the scheduled time.
7. If a team contacts the ball more than one time during offensive action, one of the contacts must be by a female player, but there is no restriction preventing all three team hits from begin made by female players. Contact of the ball during blocking actions does not count as one of the three team hits. Therefore, after a block, a male player may play the ball back over the net as such contact would be considered the first team hit.
8. **Game time is forfeit time.** Any team that forfeits two games will be dropped from the league without any refund.
9. Only players are allowed to sit on the team bench. Spectators must sit upstairs in the designated seating area away from the players and scorekeeper.
10. All other rules will follow the official NFHS rules.
11. The Recreation Department and officials have the right to make a ruling regarding any situation that is not covered by these rules.
12. A post-season tournament will be held at the end of the season. The tournament setup will be determined by the number of teams and league standings at the end of the season.

13. Iola Recreation will provide only up to a maximum of 10 short sleeve shirts per team for League Champions and Tournament Champions, regardless as to the number of players on the roster.

#### **Player Conduct**

1. Each player must wear clean shoes with no black soles that will leave skid marks on the floor.
2. All players are to abide by the rules and policies of the game. Team captains are asked to relay this information to their team players and spectators, and deescalate situations quickly.
3. All players and spectators are expected to demonstrate appropriate and good sportsmanship behavior before, during and after games. The official has final say on all calls, **arguing with any official will not be tolerated**.
4. Any event or events that occur during a game and are considered to be unsportsmanlike or flagrant will result in the suspension of that player or players for the rest of that game and all of the next game that the player is present for. A player who gets a 2nd violation will automatically be excluded from any further league or tournament play.
5. All teams must abide by facility use rules as directed by the Iola Recreation Department. There will be no smoking or alcohol allowed inside the facility. Any infraction of this rule will result in the immediate disqualification and ejection of that player from the game and suspension from further league play the rest of the season.
6. **The league director reserves the right to remove any participant or spectator from league activities.** Severe verbal abuse or any form of physical violence will result in immediate dismissal. Anyone dismissed for those reasons may not be allowed to participate in future Iola Recreation activities at the discretion of the Iola Recreation Department.

#### **Protests** - Only protests on rule interpretations or an ineligible player will be allowed.

A protest must be filed in writing in the Recreation Office within forty-eight hours of the situation being protested and accompanied with a \$25.00 protest fee for protests regarding rule interpretations. If the protest on a rule interpretation is upheld the game will be replayed from the point of protest and the \$25.00 protest fee will be returned. If the protest is denied, the protest fee will not be returned. Regarding ineligible players, a written protest must be turned in to the Recreation Office within forty-eight hours. If the player(s) being protested is found to be ineligible and the offending team wins the game, the game will be declared a forfeit in favor of the non-offending team. The ineligible player will be ineligible to participate in the co-ed volleyball league for the remainder of the season.