# Heritage Lake Volleyball Code of Conduct

The intent of the code of conduct is to establish a set of guidelines each of us should heavily consider adopting as we mount the courts for fun and sun with our friends and neighbors.

* Have fun!!!
* Be considerate of others. Your fun should not cause hardship on your teammates, your opponents or the local community. If your idea of fun is creating problems for others, please consider changing your behavior.
* Be kind to everyone. They might be having a bad day.
* Respect the facilities. The beach area is not just here for the volleyball crowd. The beach exists for the express enjoyment of all Heritage Lake property owners and their guests. Please consider taking the appropriate actions to preserve the beach and the surrounding area.
* Please place all cigarette butts in an empty can.
* Please place all empty cans in the trashcans.
* Please place all bottle tops in the trashcans.
* Please place all garbage in the trashcans.
* If you have significant others, which aren’t keen to picking up after themselves please help remind them where the trashcans are located.

**COVID-19 Precautions**

Although we are returning to normal Wednesday evening, every team will still need to understand and acknowledge the health and safety risks of participating. Please consider all the precautions below:

* If you or any member of your family is sick, experiencing a fever, or have been in contact with anyone diagnosed with or showing symptoms of COVID-19 we ask that you remain home.
* Maintain social distancing by remaining 6 feet apart from teammates and opponents while on the court
* Sanitize the game balls before and after starting your game
* Utilize hand sanitizer before and after games
* Avoid shaking hands after the games
* Avoid congregating in groups larger than 10 people before or after the games and maintain 6 feet of social distance.
* It is encouraged to only invite teammates to the game to avoid large groups.
* It is suggested to leave children at home as the playground and beach are technically still closed.
* It is encouraged to arrive 5 minutes before game time and leave promptly after your game ends to avoid large groups of people congregating.

\*\*These are merely recommendations\*\*

# Conduct on the court

The reason this league exists is to have fun with our friends and neighbors. With this basic premise in mind we (majority of volleyball players) collectively have intentionally restrained from creating a large set of rules, which may otherwise restrict this lighthearted venture. Below are guidelines one should consider adopting to maintain harmony within the league.

# Rules of the game

* Please show up early and often.
* The victory-challenged (a.k.a. losers) of the second match please take down the nets.
* Please stay out of the net, if you hit the net call yourself on it and give the other team the point. This rule is for everyone’s safety.
* Please avoid “lifts” (in lieu of a bump pass using palm of the hand, palm facing up, to hit the ball up) as a form of hitting the ball.
* One rostered team member must be an HLA member
* Four team members must be on the court, two of which must be female by 15 minutes after scheduled game time else one game is forfeited.
* Two females must be on the court and able to play for each game to count.
* One non-team member can play on a given team at a time for the game to count. A team member is defined to be an individual listed on the roster submitted to the Commissioner. A team member cannot be recorded on 2 teams.
* Rally point will be the scoring format used throughout the season. Rally point scoring is defined as every serve results in a point.
* The first team scoring 25 and winning by 2 points wins the game.
* The team who wins two of three games wins the match. Only the match win loss record will be recorded in the standings.
* Games should start on time and are limited to no more than 1 hour of play time.
* NEW RULE: If you play at 6pm, at least 2 representatives from your team must come by 5:45pm to set up nets. Please see instructions on how to set up nets.

**Commissioners job description** The commissioner’s responsibility simply put is to facilitate a comfortable playing atmosphere. The league is governed, operated and enjoyed by the residents of Heritage Lake and their guests. Heritage Lake property owners reserve the right to modify their policies as they see fit.

Sincerely,

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