



# Shannonville Agricultural Society

4 players on the court at all times

Minimum of 1 female playing at all times

2 Matches to 25, you must win by 2 points (no cap)

If there is a tie after the first 2 matches, a third match is played to 15, again you must win by 2 points

Each serve is counted as a point

Rally for the first serve, it must go over the net a minimum of 3 times before the rally starts

The ball may be served from anywhere along the endline and between the outside sidelines

A “net serve” is legal

If a player touches the top net tape immediately before, during or after the action of playing the ball it is a fault. A player can touch the bottom of the net at any time.

## **Team Hits**

- maximum of 3 hits (includes unintentional contact with the ball using any body part)
- player may not hit the ball two times consecutively (except when BLOCKING; see blocking rules)
- ball may touch any body part

## **Illegal Hits Include:**

- Carrying the Ball – prolonged contact with the ball
- Throwing/Scooping the Ball – must be clean contact with the ball
- Palming/Lifting the Ball – making contact with an open palm or lifting the ball with an open hand
- Directing the ball with your fingers

You may not reach over the net (into the opponents court) except:

- when executing a follow-through (contact MUST be made in your own court) OR
- when blocking a ball in the opponent’s court, the blocker MUST NOT contact the ball until AFTER the opponent who is attempting to return the ball makes contact (refer to blocking rules)

## **Blocking:**

Definition – blocking is the action of players close to the net to intercept the ball coming from the opponent by reaching higher than the top of the net and “blocking” the ball

The first hit after the block, may be executed by any player, including the one who has touched the ball

at the block.

**Beach Rules for 4 & 6's:**

Blocking contact doesn't count as a team contact or hit. Therefore the blocking team is allowed 3 contacts or hits to return the ball after a blocking attempt.

**Blocking Faults:**

If the blocker touches the ball in the opponent's space either before or simultaneously with the opponent's attack hit, it is a fault. A point is then awarded to the opponent's team.

If you are the winning team, please inform Dave Prevost of the score.

REMEMBER.....GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!!!