

AURORA LADIES VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Constitution, By Laws & Playing Rules

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND OBJECTIVE

This organization shall be known as the **Aurora Ladies Volleyball League**. The objective is to promote and improve ladies **AMATEUR** volleyball in the Town of Aurora and surrounding area.

ARTICLE 2: AIMS

To foster good team play and good sportsmanship and to promote community spirit.

ARTICLE 3: EXECUTIVE

The Executive will consist of a *minimum of a* **President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and a Statistician**. A Captain on the executive will only get one vote.

- a) Executive and Captains positions will be a minimum of 2-year term of office. It is recommended that a maximum of 2 positions change in one year. Search for new executive members and/or captains will be initiated the January prior to the term of office beginning. If a Captains position needs to be filled during a season it will be filled at the time of vacancy from a member of the existing team.
- b) An executive position and/or captain position can be elected from anyone from the league.

If a **Captain** or **Executive** member is found to be unsuitable or not meeting the guidelines, there will be:

- A VERBAL WARNING
 - WRITTEN COMMUNICATION
 - DISMISSAL BY THE EXECUTIVE
- c) Nominations should be presented to the executive a week prior to the elections. Nominees should be familiar with league operations.
 - d) A review of the Constitution will take place, by the executive, after the start of each season of play.

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e) Any **Member** of the league who violates any part of the constitution is subject to any of the following:

- WARNING
- WRITTEN WARNING
- DISMISSAL--NO REFUND

ARTICLE 4: DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE

PRESIDENT:

- Shall conduct Executive meetings, keep records of the agendas of each meeting and act as liaison between Executive and Captains. Will also arrange permits & clinics, organize the draft, publish a newsletter regarding the opening of the season and ensure ordering of any equipment and/or shirts.

VICE PRESIDENT:

- Shall prepare the year's schedule of games and arrange the banquet and assist in obtaining awards for the banquet. Will maintain the first aid kit and supplies and also assist with registration.

SECRETARY –TREASURER:

- Shall keep a master list of Captains and teams up-to-date. The Treasurer will also handle bank account (co-sign with President or Vice President) collect fees, pay officials and assist in registration, banquet and draft.

STATISTICIAN:

- Shall collect scores weekly and update the standings to be handed out to the captain each week. Also responsible for putting write-ups in the local papers for York Region and maintain eligibility statistics (record players having played each week and be responsible for determining the eligibility of players for the playoffs) throughout the year. Also assist in registration, banquet and draft.

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ARTICLE 5: GENERAL RULES

- a) The rules of volleyball apply as set out in the O.V.A. Rule Book – except all play off games will be 25 point games with a 27 point limit as per regular season games and the use of a Libero Player as stated in the Libero Rule (Volleyball Canada rule 4.1.2).
- b) A match will consist of three (3) games with one point awarded per game.
- c) Each team must start the season with a minimum of eight (8) players and a maximum of ten (10) players.
- d) Game time will be set at the start of the season.
- e) Each game will be played to twenty-five (25) points with a twenty-seven (27) point cap.
- f) A time-out will not be allowed to be called by either team in the last 2 minutes of any game.
- g) Game three (3) will be played in its entirety only if time permits. The referee shall let the Captains be aware of the last 2 minutes of play in the game.
- h) Each team shall field five (5) players, failure to do so will result in default of that game. However they may play subsequent games should their players arrive. The default times will occur at 10 minutes, 25 minutes and 40 minutes after the start time of each match for each game respectively.
- i) Uniforms are mandatory for league and playoff games and must be displayed while playing. Each team should carry one extra shirt. Requests for exceptions for logos should be presented to the executive. Players will be allowed on the court without displaying a uniform but five (5) points will be awarded to the opposing team for one of the games of each match. New players entering the league after registration that do not receive a team shirt should have a similar coloured shirt for the remaining part of the season, no penalty applies in this situation.
- j) In the case of injury during a game, a team of four (4) may continue to play.
- k) All players entering the league after the date of registration must play 60% of the remaining league games to be eligible for play-offs.

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- l) Linesmen and scorekeeping duties are the responsibility of the teams playing.
- m) A doctor's certificate is required for pregnancy and the player may play up to the end of the FOURTH month. Cost of certificate is the responsibility of the player.
- n) All players in the league shall be in attendance for 60% of the games to be eligible for playoffs. Exceptions will be made for injured players to qualify.
- o) A player who has not been in attendance for 3 consecutive play dates and not contacted her team captain, her eligibility for play shall be reviewed. (A dismissal may result with out refund.)
- p) Only 1 foot may be placed into another court during play. If the other court is not in play it is up to the discretion of the referee to allow leniency in this rule. The safety of all players must be ensured.
- q) Spectators under the age of four years old need to be supervised by a Non-ALVL player while all league games are in play.

ARTICLE 6: LEAGUE RESPONSIBILITY

- a) The ALVL does not accept any responsibility for any injury to players, executive or spectators.
- b) The ALVL does not accept any responsibility for any debts incurred by any team.
- c) The ALVL does not accept any responsibility for any injury to referees, scorer's spectators or any other person's present working in the League games or activities.

ARTICLE 7: REGISTRATION

- a) All players must be 18 years of age and older as of the date of registration of the calendar year.
- b) The ALVL will retain a \$25.00 administration fee and will refund the balance of any registration fee, only to the end of October, should a player decide to withdraw from the league.

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- c) The fees for players entering mid season is determined by taking the full season registration fee and dividing it by the number of play dates in the full season. This determines the cost of each play date. The player joining mid season is the responsible for paying the total cost for all remaining play dates in the season.
- d) Players leaving the league can do so at two points of time for refunds. Prior to the end of October the player will receive their registration minus the \$25 administration fee. If a player leaves the league from the beginning of November through to January 1st they are entitled to the return of 50% of their registration fees. After January 1st no refunds will be issued.
- e) A 50% discount off of the full season registration fee for is available to all members of the executive committee for the previous season. Members of the executive committee who are eligible for this discounted registration fee are outlined in article 3 and include the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and a Statistician.

ARTICLE 8: DRAFT

- a) The number of teams will be decided after the rating of players.
- b) Three (3) nights will be designated for try-outs at the start of the year in September. The executive and the captains will rate all new players at that time. The previous year's players are to be rated by their captains at the end of the previous season's play.
- c) All players must be rated A, B or C before the draft. A player may be replaced with a player of the same caliber by:
 - I. selecting a rated player from the available players list
 - II. if no players are suitable on the available players list a player may be recruited from outside the league, provided the player is approved by all captains before starting regular league play.
- d) New players to the league in mid-season must be rated. All captains must agree upon new players and the team they are to be drafted to. The goal is to ensure consistent league play.

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- e) The draft system is to be determined on draft night by the captains, prior to the draft, annually. The draft procedure will be based on the caliber of players and captains in the league each year.
- f) The caliber of all teams must be as even as possible and agreed upon by all captains before the draft is completed.

ARTICLE 9: BLOOD RULE

If at any time a player injures herself to a point of bleeding play must be stopped. The area must be sterilized, and the player must be removed from the court. Play can only resume once these steps have been taken. The player may return to the court once bleeding has stopped. Any open wounds must be properly bandaged and any blood stained clothing must be changed.

THIS RULE SUPERSEDES THE UNIFORM RULE-A PLAYER MAY PLAY WITHOUT A LEAGUE UNIFORM ONLY IN THIS SITUATION.

ARTICLE 10: EQUIPMENT

The equipment is the property of **ALVL** and to be used by them only.

ARTICLE 11: REFEREES

- a) Of the referees retained by the league one of them will be designated as the # 1 referee.
- a) It is the responsibility of the #1 referee to declare the start times & default times.
- b) It is the responsibility of the referees to advise the scorekeepers & linesmen of their duties and to advise them at the start of each match as required.

ARTICLE 12: Spectators

- a) Spectators under the age of four years old need to be supervised by a Non- ALVL player while all league games are in play.