

2015 Tri-Ball Tournament Rules (copywrite OuttaTownProductions.com 2009, updated 2015)

Basic rules:

- Coed teams of 3. Men's and women's tournaments are also possible.
- Each team plays 9 games, on every section of each court system, playing every other team at least once.
- The goal is to have the lowest total points accumulated over 9 games. Team's scores are added up at the end of 9 games
- Games are timed to 15 minutes.
- 3 contacts allowed per team.
- Each team starts at zero.
- Teams gain points in any situation, they would normally lose the ball in regular volleyball rules (if the ball lands on their side, if they do not get a serve over, if they hit the ball out, or have an infraction of the rules).
- When the timer starts all courts at once serve.
- The serving team serves until a point is scored against them
- Serve then moves to the next team clockwise, who serves until a point is scored against them, and so on.
- Teams must rotate positions (and stay there) every time they take possession of the serve. The server plays the LEFT side.
- All serves and hits can go over any net.
- Rally scoring with no receipt of serve with open hands, let serves are good, no contact with any of the net allowed, block does not count as a touch. No "deep dish" sets allowed.
- You can attack a serve at the third team, but not back at the serving team. If a ball has arched flight, it is not considered an attack back to serving team.
- The center pole is live play, but it can not bounce back on to your court on the third play.
- If you hit the ball over your net and under the connecting net, it is a point against that team.
- If you hit the ball into the second net and it runs the top or bottom of the net and drops out of bounds without being touched, it is a point against you.
- If end of game is signaled during a play, you must finish out that point.
- Grass and Sand Tri-Ball have identical rules. Only the court size differs. Grass nets are 32ft long and Sand nets are custom made to 22ft long.