



HALTON WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE ADDENDUM to the 2021/2022 Constitution

Due to the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic and requirements from the Government of Ontario and City of Burlington related to playing indoor sports, the Halton Women's Volleyball League (HWVL) includes this addendum to the 2021/2022 Constitution in order to capture changes to the league structure. Key changes to our structure of play from September 21, 2021 to January 1, 2022 are below. Unless otherwise stated, all other Articles in the Constitution on pages 3 through 10 of this document prevail.

COVID-19 Related Requirements:

- The Government of Ontario announced that vaccine passports are required for all sport and recreation facilities as of September 22, 2021. The requirement also stated: *Individuals who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical exemptions will be permitted entry with a Doctor's note until recognized medical exemptions can be integrated as part of a digital vaccine certificate.* Therefore, for the most part, this means players must have two vaccinations plus 14 days. **Please keep abreast of any changes of requirements through the Government of Ontario and/or Halton Public Health.**
 - Proof of the 2nd dose of COVID-19 vaccine will be required on the first night of play, September 21st. It will be recorded along with the waiver and attendance.
- Waivers must be signed by all players on roster AND substitutes before entering the court.
- HWVL requires attendance and sign in each night for contact tracing purposes.
- If the HWVL waiver is not completed or a player refuses to sign-in, that player will not be permitted to play until these two conditions are met.
- Masks are required when you are not on the court (i.e., substitutes and when not playing, such as refereeing).
- Maximum of eight players per team in attendance at the gym each night.
- No spectators allowed.
- Players are required to sanitize hands and balls on entry and between matches.
- Players are not permitted to congregate in Tansley Woods Recreation Centre (TW) and can only enter the premises less than 10 minutes before your designated start time. Therefore, please be ready to play, as best as possible, when you enter the TW premises.

HWVL Structure from September 21, 2021 through January 1, 2022 ("first portion"):

- Gym allocation received from the City of Burlington is from 8:30pm to 11:00pm at TW.
- 12 teams are confirmed to play for this first portion of the season.
- In order to accommodate 12 teams at TW only, we will play two time slots: 8:30pm to 9:45pm and 9:45pm to 11:00pm. This means teams will need to be ready to play right at 8:30 and 9:45.
- There will be three teams assigned per court; so each team will play two other teams each night.
- We will play two 25-minute time slots with point tally.
- Team will not switch sides at any increment.
- No timeouts permitted, except in extenuating circumstances (i.e., medical reasons), due to the timed nature of games.
- When not playing, the team sitting off will assist with sanitization, doing lines and refereeing if required.



Fee Structure and Refunds:

- Fees will be based on this first gym allocation and only paid through December.
- Team fees must be paid by the captain by e-transfer prior to the first night of play (September 21st).
- If your team commits to play, money will **not** be refunded if you **choose** not to play for any reason.
- The league will not cancel unless the region declares a shutdown and facilities are closed. In that scenario, money will be refunded to teams as long as HWVL receives money back from the City.
- Defaults will not be charged the \$30.00 amount for this first session, however, team defaults will be tracked and assessed for impact to the league at the end of this first portion of play.
- To help avoid a default situation, a team is permitted to have a player(s) from the team that is sitting off on that court play with them temporarily.

Other:

- HWVL will receive another gym allocation from the city for January through April in the coming months and will have a second registration fee for the 2nd portion.
- Teams who choose not to play will **not** lose their spot in the league for the next season.
- End of year playoff structure will be determined based on the structure at that point in time.
- Please note that the Constitution is not being revised to account for temporary changes to the league structure and temporary changes to our gym permits issued by the City of Burlington due to the pandemic. This addendum has been added instead.

We know that this is not our typical league structure and we will not be playing many minutes each night, but with 12 teams confirmed, we are doing the best we can with the allocation we received from the City. We kindly ask that HWVL players understand this is an unprecedented time and that the league will need to be flexible and adaptable in order for us to have a successful 2021/2022 season. Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.



HALTON WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE CONSTITUTION 2021/2022

Article 1: Name

The name of the league shall be "HALTON WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE" ("HWVL").

Article 2: Purpose

The purpose of this league is to provide a recreational night out in the form of competitive volleyball for women in the Halton Region.

Article 3: Membership

Membership each year is open to women who have reached the age of 18 years or at the discretion of the Executive.

Article 4: Dues and Defaults

League dues must be received by September 30th each year. The captain is responsible to collect and submit payments for their teams. Only team payments will be accepted; no individual payments will be accepted. After September 30th, late fees or player eligibility will be discussed.

The fee per team shall be determined each year by the Executive Committee.

A non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 is required at the final league meeting in May to secure your team's position in the league for the following season. The league fees for the upcoming season are \$2,000.00 (less the \$150.00 deposit) including team insurance fees. Deposits are due June 30th. Following this there will be an extra fee of \$25 for deposits received after June 30th. A fee of \$50 will be charged for deposits received after July 31st. Deposits received after August 31st will be charged an additional \$75. The additional fees will not apply to any new teams.

If a team defaults a whole night, that team will be charged a \$30.00 fee for expenses incurred. This \$30.00 is paid in the teams deposit each season. If they do not default the \$30.00 will carry over to the next year. If a team defaults a second whole night, that team will be charged \$60.00. If a team defaults a third whole night, that team will be charged \$120.00. For the 2nd and 3rd default the team must pay the league within 2 weeks. If a team defaults 3 full nights they will meet with the executive about remaining in the league. If a team defaults during the playoffs they will automatically be eliminated from playoffs and will not be eligible to win a division or any prize money.

Article 5: League

The league shall comprise 14 teams.

Article 6: Teams and Team Representatives

Each team shall be able to produce a minimum of 4 players each night of play.

Team Representatives: Each team is required to have a team representative. The team representative (if not an Executive Member) is welcome to attend Executive Meetings but is not required to do so unless a meeting is called that may require a vote from each team in the league (in which case attendance of the team representative, if not an Executive Member, is mandatory).



The team representative is responsible for communicating with the team and the Executive; is required to distribute all paperwork and communicate minutes of Executive Meetings to their team members; and to provide input to the Executive where required. Each team representative (who is not an Executive Member) must be willing to assist when required. Copies of the Minutes of each Executive Meeting will be posted under the news section on our website.

Team Captain: There shall also be at least one Captain chosen to represent the team on the court during play. The Captain may or may not be the Team Representative. The Captain is the only person who may approach the Referee during play.

Replacements: New players may be rostered at the beginning of each new rotation. No players may be rostered in the last rotation without the approval of the Executive. The league neither collects nor refunds dues to individual team members. A team may not pick up players that are not already rostered for the playoffs without the approval of the Executive.

Article 7: Position

Each team shall be guaranteed its position in the League for the next year upon receipt of a \$150.00 non-refundable deposit.

Article 8: Meetings

Executive Meetings shall be called periodically at the discretion of the League President.

Article 9: Decisions

From time to time, the Executive may have to make a decision that affects the league immediately. These decisions may only be made at a meeting where each team is represented. Such decisions remain binding for the duration of the year in which they were made. These decisions will come forth as proposed changes to the Constitution at the Annual General Meeting.

Article 10: Amendments

All changes to the Constitution shall be made following voting at the Annual General Meeting. Such decisions remain binding for the duration of the year in which they were made. **It is mandatory to have team representation at this meeting in order for a vote to count toward league changes.** Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be given to the Executive in writing so they can be communicated to the other teams prior to the Annual General Meeting. Any proposed changes to this Constitution shall be discussed and voted upon at the Annual General Meeting each year. Changes approved shall be incorporated into the Constitution for the following year. Changes cannot be made retroactively.

Article 11: Ethics Team

From time to time it may be necessary to discuss conduct within the league. At such times, a team will be formed consisting of the Executive and Team Representatives.

Article 12: Executive Members

President – Naomi Khan – Social Scene

- to coordinate all committees/activities related to the league
- to call the Executive Meetings when the need arises and to chair those meetings



- to be responsible for ensuring any problems/crises are solved immediately
- to be the league contact with the City of Burlington

Treasurer – Naomi Khan – Social Scene

- to collect all league fees and ensure all teams are fully paid
- to coordinate the mandatory liability insurance
- to be responsible for all payments including: gym rentals, referees' fees, and other costs

Secretary – Maddie Kovacs – Social Scene

- to obtain the permits for the gyms from the City of Burlington
- to cancel games due to inclement weather
- communications (i.e., email management, communicating with other roles as required)

Referee Coordinator – Meaghan Quennell – Nice Tips

- to co-ordinate the procurement and scheduling of referees
- to ensure that all referees are thoroughly familiar with all rules and they maintain a consistent standard of refereeing utilizing OVA rules
- to ensure that referees have the equipment they require and are aware of their responsibilities

Administration Coordinator – Terri Van Loon – Slammers

- to create the schedules, input scores and update webmaster accordingly to ensure schedule and standings on the website are accurate and up to date
- to ensure the binders located at each court are up to date with schedules and score sheets

Equipment Coordinator – Natalie Annett – Pancake Tuesday

- to maintain all equipment and purchase new equipment required
- to ensure that all teams know the combination to the locks on the cages at both facilities

Webmaster – Alison Hilborn – Shibby

- to maintain the volleyball website by:
 - ensuring there is a current schedule posted
 - ensuring the standings are always as up to date as possible
 - updating the other pages as the website as required

Article 13: Playing Regulations

League Play

Each week every team will play 2 matches - one match, consisting of two sets, against two different teams. To begin the season, there will be a 5-week round robin. After the five nights of play, teams will be placed in division one or two as determined by their match results. Approximately every 8 weeks the top two and bottom two teams from each division will exchange places.

Schedule

Copies of the schedule will be available on the website. There will also be a schedule in the binder on each court.



Time

Games at Tansley Woods shall start promptly at 8:00 p.m. (see below) and 9:25 p.m. (please be at the gym and prepared to start the late games as soon as the first games are finished). Those teams scheduled to play the second set of games must be ready to start as per the scheduled time. Games at M.M. Robinson will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m.

Defaults

Game start time has been set at 8:10 p.m. in both facilities. Teams must have 4 players on the court ready to play by 8:10 or when the nets are up, whichever is later. If a team is not on the court ready to play, they must wait for their 4th player to avoid default. Once the 4th player arrives the games will begin. Scores will be awarded for games that are finished to 25 or 15. Any other games unfinished will count as default. If a team does not have 4 players by 8:30 the entire match will be recorded as a default and the team will be charged a fee. All default situations are at the discretion of the referee.

Order of Play

The order in which the matches appear on the schedule is the order in which they must be played.

Nets

The staff at Tansley Woods provides net set up and tear down.
All teams are responsible to set up and tear down the nets at MMR.

Cancellations

Cancellations by the President or Secretary (due to inclement weather or accidents) will be communicated to the Team Reps. An initial email will be sent out by 12pm to indicate the possibility of a cancellation. A final decision and email to team reps will be sent by 5:00 p.m. on the day of play. The Referee Rep must also be informed.

If we receive a last minute (one month or less) cancellation at M.M. Robinson from the City, Tansley Woods Recreation Centre will remain open to ALL teams to practice, scrimmage, etc. The scheduled games will not count for that night.

Number of Players

A team will be allowed to play with a minimum of 4 players. There is a league waiting list in case players are needed. Rostered players from another team may be asked to play for a team that is short players and in a default situation. The team may pick up as many players as they need to get to 4 players. To avoid default, a team may not pick up players from other teams who are playing games at the same time, regardless of how many spare players there may be.

Matches/Games and Scoring

Each game will consist of two rally point games played to 25, cap 27 and one rally point game to 15, cap 17. All games will start at 4 points. Game times must start as closely to the scheduled time as possible to get games in. Refs should indicate a 2-minute warning before the end of the game/match. The Referee will record the score after each game. Captains will be asked to sign the score sheet and enter their team roster at the end of each game. The winning captain (or team



member) will be asked to take a picture of the score/roster and send it to **Terri at 905-320-9317 or tvanloon@cogeco.ca** to ensure that accurate standings are updated each week.

Points

There will be two points for a win, zero points for a loss and 1 point for a tie or a game not started. There must be a spread of three in the third game to determine a winner, i.e. the higher scoreless the lower score must equal three or greater for a team to win (e.g. 10-7; 10 wins, 3-1; game is split). If the game is completed, i.e. one team has 15 points it is a win even if it's 15-13.

Captains

The Captain is the only person who may approach the referee during a game.

Coin Toss

A coin toss will only be performed for the first set of each match. During all subsequent games the teams will alternate service.

Rotation/Substitution

Teams may choose to either rotate or substitute players. Whichever system is chosen must be continued for the duration of the game. Once a substitution is made those players can only substitute for each other. The Libero rule is optional - teams may designate a back row defensive player for the whole game who may rotate in and out for any player in the back row.

Time-Outs

Each team will be allowed one 30-second time-out per game. After the two-minute warning no time-outs will be allowed.

League Standings

League standings will be posted on our website. In the event of a tie, 1st place will be determined by a) number of wins and b) total points for/against c) head to head between the two teams.

Discretionary Calls

- A. First hit of the ball after a serve may be 'unclean' but cannot be a deliberate lift or throw (referees discretion).
- B. Centre line of the net, a foot and hand can go halfway over the centre line.
- C. Full body contact including feet is permitted. This includes kicking the ball in a reactionary method. No follow through or intentional kick play will be allowed.
- D. Net calls:
 - At Tansley Woods: all nets are out and re-serves will not be called if a ball contacts a net during play.
 - At M.M. Robinson: all nets are re-serves if the ball contacts them on serve or during play.
 - If any calls are unclear, the **two playing Captains** will decide the appropriate course of action based on the general intent of obstruction calls relative to the game of volleyball.

Player Conduct

If a referee has any problems or concerns with any aspect of the league including teams and/or individual players, please bring this to the attention of the Referee/Equipment Reps who will then take it to the President.



Penalties for arguing with the referee or displaying unsportsmanlike conduct shall be: warned the first time. If the conduct continues, a 3-game consecutive suspension will be handed out (the game in which the suspension is given out will be considered the first of three games). The second time such an infraction occurs. The player will receive a 6-game suspension. The refs in conjunction with the Executive will address the situation.

Jewellery

Wear at your own risk.

End of Year Playoffs

Playoffs will occur during the last three weeks of the season, on Tuesday nights. It will be a round robin format with semifinals and finals to decide division champions. There will be prizes (cash) for 1st and 2nd place in each division. In the event of a tie after the round robin, the criteria to determine 1st place will be:

1. Total Wins
2. Total Points (plus/minus)
3. Head to head

All players are playoff-eligible provided that they played **at least three nights of play for the same team within the season**. Team Captains are responsible for ensuring their players' playoff eligibility. If a Captain is unsure about player eligibility, they are to contact the League President for guidance on next steps. If a team defaults during the playoffs they will automatically be eliminated from playoffs and will not be eligible to win a division or any prize money.

Prizes

Prizes will only be awarded for the final league winners in each division.

UNLESS SPECIFIED ABOVE, CURRENT O.V.A. RULES WILL APPLY.



Article 14: H.W.V.L. Payer Code of Conduct – 2021/2022

1. Players who participate in the H.W.V.L. are expected to conduct themselves in a professional, courteous and sports person like manner within their team, while in competition with other teams and to all referees and volunteer executive members.
2. Ownership and responsibility for each individual team falls under the leadership of the team representative (rep).
3. Team reps are elected by each individual team without any involvement by the league executive. The only exception to this rule is when space for a new team arises and it is necessary for the executive to appoint someone to take responsibility for organizing the team until a future team rep may be determined.
4. In the event of a discrepancy within a team the ownership for resolving the discrepancy lies within the jurisdiction of the team rep and each individual team member.
5. If for some reason this combination of leadership is ineffective at resolving the discrepancy, the team may then approach the league executive to act as a mediator to resolve the situation.
6. The league executive will then assist the team in the best possible manner to determine a resolution to the problem.
7. In addition, players who act in an un-sports person like manner as deemed by the referees will be given a verbal warning and then will be carded. If the player does not take corrective action immediately for their conduct the refs will be obligated to report them to the league executive. If this should occur the league executive will then deal with the player and their conduct.

