

# Hawthorne's Backyard Volleyball League Rules

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1. There will be two separate seasons. Spring season runs from May 3rd thru mid July (weather permitting). Summer season runs mid-July – September (weather permitting). Game times will be 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15 & possible 10:15 makeup matches. All teams are guaranteed 9 weeks of play, 7 weeks of round robin play plus 2 weeks of playoffs. Teams that have no rain makeups may get additional play. Hawthorne's Backyard gift certificates will be awarded to the teams that finish in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the regular season and for the team that wins the playoffs for each night & division.
2. Team fees will be \$ 410.00 per season. Team fee is required with entry form. Teams will not be accepted that do not include payment in full with entry form. Checks are to be made out to Hawthorne's Backyard. Only one check per team. Payments from individuals will NOT be accepted. Please include team name on check.
3. **Returning teams from the previous Summer season have first choice to sign up for the current Spring season.** *Definition of returning team:* The team captain that is listed on the current spring entry form will be recognized as the returning team. If any player(s) choose to split from a team to form a different team, they now are considered a new team and will be placed on the waiting list if the night/league they are applying for becomes full with either returning teams or any new teams on the waiting list ahead of them. **Teams that miss the sign up deadline will risk losing their spot.**
4. **Waivers:** All players are required to sign a waiver. Any player(s) that is caught playing in any league game/match who has not signed a waiver shall be expelled from the match and the team on which the player was playing on shall forfeit any game this player participated in. This rule is retroactive to the start of the season. The roster/waiver form will be kept on premises so additional players may sign in at any time. Minors under 18 years old will be allowed to play with the league director's approval and providing that the minor and his/her parent both sign the roster/wavier form.
5. **Rainouts:** Decisions regarding rainouts **will not** be made any earlier than **1 hour prior** to your scheduled game time. **Do not call earlier!** If a match is cancelled due to inclement weather, it will be posted on our website and face book or you can call Jay at 630-913-0200 or Bob at 630-661-8322. If your match is cancelled please follow the next week's schedule as posted, you will be notified of reschedules. **ONLY RAINOUTS** will be rescheduled. Teams will have a minimum of 24-hour notice of any schedule change.
6. Standings will be displayed and updated weekly and updated on the Hawthorne's Backyard Facebook volleyball page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/487628617940612/>
7. **Safety:** Players are **NOT ALLOWED TO JUMP THE FENCE** to retrieve a ball. Any player who jumps the fence shall cause their team to lose that game. Players are to use the gate next to each court.
8. Players are required to enter and exit through the front entrance. **ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED!!** **Anyone caught bringing in food or drinks (including bottled water) will be permanently expelled from the premises.** Players are NOT allowed to park their vehicles on McQueen Street. Only the volleyball officials are allowed to park next to the courts.
11. Unsportsmanlike conduct toward players, officials or staff will not be tolerated. Any violation of these rules will result in expulsion from the court, premises and/or league.