

Recreation and Parks Divisional Water Volleyball Policies & Procedures

(Effective January 2025)

The Villages Divisional Water Volleyball (WVB) Program is offered to residents of The Villages and is organized by the VCDD Recreation and Parks Department. Under the direction of the District Manager and the Executive Director of Recreation and Parks, the program is staffed by a full-time Recreation and Parks Manager.

The purpose of the Recreation & Parks Divisional Water Volleyball Policies & Procedures is to provide Divisional WVB with guidelines that help promote a safe, enjoyable environment. The following policies and procedures encompass all Divisions within Villages WVB. For more information about Divisional WVB please visit:

<https://www.districtgov.org/departments/Recreation/water-volleyball.aspx> or email: RecreationDepartment@DistrictGov.Org

1. Registration/Schedule:

- A. The schedule for Divisional WVB is available online, in the weekly Recreation and Parks Publication, and on the sports pool bulletin boards.
- B. Players are responsible for submitting an application/completing registration during the scheduled signup dates for each activity season/date. Players must sign a waiver of liability and the VCDD Recreation and Parks Department code of conduct if they wish to participate in Divisional WVB.
- C. Please contact specific Division volunteer leadership for more information.

2. Player Placement

- A. Divisional Play/Leagues/Tournaments
 - Division representatives will collect the completed applications with signed waivers and the Recreation and Parks Department Code of Conduct,

3. Divisional Water Volleyball Player Eligibility

- A. The age requirements to participate in Divisional WVB are: a male or female player must become at least 50 years of age during the calendar year to be eligible to participate in that calendar year.
- B. Each player must have a valid resident or renter ID. Guests may not participate in Divisional WVB.
- C. Participants must have a current waiver and code of conduct on file with the Recreation and Parks Department.
- D. All new or unrated players wishing to play Divisional WVB must first attend and complete an evaluation session and receive a rating. Players will play in their respective Division based on their rating received. For more information on Evaluations please visit <https://www.districtgov.org/departments/Recreation/water-volleyball.aspx>
- E. Players may be re-assigned to a different Division once they begin participating. Players can only be re-assigned due to an increase or decrease in skill level, not personal discrepancies. Please contact your Divisional Volunteer Leadership for more information on eligibility, attendance, and Re-Evaluations. Divisional Volunteer Leadership will approve and coordinate player re-assignments between Divisions.
- F. Division Volunteer Leadership is responsible for verifying that all players in their Division have been evaluated and are eligible per stated policy.
- G. The integrity of the Recreation Divisional WVB Program is dependent on players committing to be at and participating in their activities. Therefore, each division may create their own rule on attendance. **Players cannot be removed from teams/Divisions or suspended without the approval of the Recreation and Parks Department.** The ability for players to request a “leave of absence” due to injury, illness, family emergency, or any other acceptable reason shall be included in that rule. The request shall be in writing and submitted to Recreation Staff. Every request will be considered on an individual basis. The outcome of the request could have many possibilities. Examples of what the outcome of a request could be but are not limited to; the request being denied, the player being able to sign up for the next season with no suspension, the player being classified as a sub, or as a roster player.
- H. Eligibility of players due to violations of the VCDD Recreation and Parks code of conduct is the duty of the Recreation and Parks Department. A two-week suspension is mandatory for any spectator, player, captain, volunteer, or participant ejected from a Divisional activity. In the case of physical contact, the minimum suspension is 1 month. The Recreation and Parks Department will determine if further disciplinary action is necessary on a case-by-case basis. The Recreation and Parks Department has the sole ability to discipline or suspend players from all Recreation and Parks sponsored activities and programs.

4. Recreation and Parks Department Responsibilities for Divisional WVB, including but not limited to:

- Operation and support consistent with the Recreation and Parks facility guidelines.
- Policy Creation
- Facility Maintenance
- Scheduling of facilities, including indoor facilities for Divisions to conduct meetings, player drafts, etc.
- Disciplinary Issues
- Safety Concerns
- Purchasing of equipment & supplies and maintaining budget.

5. Resident Divisional WVB Volunteer Leadership Responsibilities, including but not limited to:

- Operation and support consistent with the Recreation and Parks Divisional Water Volleyball Policies & Procedures and RLVG guidelines.
- Represent and keep the best interest in mind of all participants of Divisional WVB to the best of their ability.
- Support the Divisional WVB and New Player Evaluation structure to foster a consistent WVB experience for players in all Divisions.
- Establish and maintain roles for Board Members and other volunteers which serve to efficiently structure, sustain, and organize their Division in perpetuity.
- One member of the Board or Board representative present at Divisional activities.
- Build schedules in coordination with the Recreation and Parks Department
- Recruit, coordinate, train, and supply volunteers to attend regularly scheduled New Player Evaluations, Divisional Play, Leagues, Tournaments, and other Divisional events or activities.
- Conduct regular elections for Board member seats.
- Hold regular Board meetings. Maintain meeting minutes and provide them to players and staff as requested.
- Maintain website and/or other forms of communication with Divisional peers and fellow Divisions.
- Approve and coordinate player re-assignments with other Divisions.
- Survey Division participants to gauge feedback on existing and future programming, activities, and/or rules.
- Other items pertaining to coordinating and organizing a fun, safe, and enjoyable Division for all WVB participants including but not limited to coordinating volunteers, referees, captains, scorekeepers, and other misc. duties.

The VCDD Recreation and Parks Department reserves the right to alter, modify, or update these policies as deemed necessary by Recreation and Parks Staff.