



5th Annual USA Catchball games

Feb 28 – Mar 1, 2020

Tournament Regulations

General Concept

The event is a friendship tournament. Major significance is attributed to the meeting and enjoyment.

Play sports, have fun, make friends...

The Rules

All matches will be played according to the latest **Official Catchball Rules**.

All matches will be followed by the **Game Protocol** (the toss, shake hands ceremony etc. - will be presented before the beginning of the tournament).

Team composition

A team may consist of:

8 players at least

one coach

one assistant coach.

A Team Manager is the team representative chosen to mediate between the organizers, officials (referees) and all the members of the team during the tournament.

One of the players is the Team Captain, who may communicate with the referees during the matches. Team Captain will wear an armband.

Equipment

A player's equipment consists of a jersey, shorts, socks (the uniform) and sport shoes.

The color and the design for the jerseys and shorts must be uniform for the team (except for the Libero).

Players' jerseys must be numbered (from 1). The number must be placed on the jersey at the center of the front and of the back. The color and brightness of the numbers must contrast with the color and brightness of the jerseys.

The Libero player(s) must wear a uniform (or jacket) which has a different dominant color from any color of the rest of the team. The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team.

Each team is required to have at least 2 official balls.



Finally

The organizers reserve the rights to change the tournament method or the schedule by their discretion.

Summary of selected Rules

1. The serve - the player must throw (not hit) the ball from the serving zone behind the end line, within 5 seconds after the referee whistles for serve.
2. The ball must be caught with a hand(s) and may be assisted by any part of the body, provided that the contacts take place simultaneously. Hitting (kicking) the ball intentionally is **not allowed**. At the **first contact** of the team, the ball may contact various parts of the body consecutively provided that the contacts occur during one action (catching attempt).
3. After catching a ball, the player must throw it without any delay.
4. Making steps while holding the ball:
 - while passing the ball to a team-mate or throwing the ball over the net **without jumping**, it is allowed to make one step;
 - while spiking (attack throw during jumping) or passing the ball to a team-mate **while jumping**, it is allowed to make up to two steps followed by a leap.
5. Contact with the net by a player is **forbidden**
6. It is permitted to touch the opponent's court, beyond the center line, with a foot or hand, provided that some part of the penetrating foot or hand remains in contact with the center line.
7. Each team is entitled to request **one** time-out (30 seconds each) per set.
8. Each team is entitled to request a maximum of **six** player substitutions per set. A player of the starting line-up may be substituted by a player from the bench, but only once in a set, and re-enter instead of the player who substituted her. That in-out substitutions count as two out of six that are permitted. The substitute player, who entered the court and then returned to the bench, cannot substitute again in the same set.
9. Each team has the right to designate up to **two** Libero players. The Libero is allowed to replace any player in a back-row position. Replacements involving the Libero are not counted as substitutions. They are unlimited, but there must be at least one completed rally between two replacements involving a Libero. The Libero can only be replaced by the player which the Libero replaced, or by the other Libero. The Libero is not allowed to complete an attack throw while **jumping** from anywhere. She may not serve, block or attempt to block.
10. Participants must accept referees' decisions with sportsmanlike conduct, without disputing them. Participants must refrain from actions or attitudes aimed at influencing the decisions of the referees or covering up faults committed by their team. Participants must behave respectfully and courteously in the spirit of FAIR PLAY, not only towards the referees, but also towards the opponent, team-mates and spectators.