



League Rules – Revised April 23, 2021

General

- All leagues are considered recreational (BB & below) except Wednesday-Early, which is an Advanced league and Wednesday-Late, which is a “Draft League”.
- All of our leagues are coed
 - Coed 6’s requires a **minimum** of 2 females on the court unless the team is playing with 5 players; then the requirement is 1 female minimum.
 - See substitution rules below.
- **Aussie’s provides the game balls if needed. These balls may not be used during warm-up period.** Each team is responsible for bringing balls for warm-up period. During league play you must attempt to warm up as to not interfere with a match in play. Each match is given a warm-up period prior to play.
- **Leagues are cancelled only due to court flooding, heavy rains and lightning.** This determination will not be made until **1 hour prior** to your game time. If cancelled, it will be posted on our website’s main page; www.aussiesaustin.com. Captains will be notified of the makeup scheduled as it is determined. All make-ups will be made up at the end of the season. Playing in typical weather, including light rain, can be expected.

Timeouts/Substitutions

- Each team gets **1 timeout per game**, with a **30 second time-out limit**. Players may not leave the court during timeouts & there is 2 minutes allowed between games 1 & 2.
- Teams may pick up a player at any time that **does not currently play for another team in the same league**.
- Teams may pick up a player from another team that is in the same league **if** the following criteria are met:
 - The player is added **only to prevent forfeit**. If the team satisfies the minimum number of players, you may not add a player from another team.
Example: if you have 5 players, you may not pick up another player from a team in your league.
 - Each team must have a **minimum** of 5 players to participate in league play.
 - If playing with 5 players, **only one female** is required. At **no** time can a team play with 6 players if only one player is a female.
 - You may not play with 4 players under any circumstances, **unless the other team releases the Forfeit and wishes to play the match anyway**.
- If your match has begun and you have started with only 5 players and your teammate arrives, he/she may not enter until the next full game.
- If your match has begun and your teammate arrives, he/she must enter the next game **in the place** of the substitute player only. **(This only applies if the substitute is on another team in the league)**
- All player substitutions take place in the place after the service position upon your teams rotation to serve

Service

- Correct serving order must be followed. Serving out of rotation will result in sideout.
- The serve is the act of putting the ball into play by the right back-row player who hits the ball with one hand or arm from the service zone.
- Authorization (whistle blow) of the serve must be given to the server from the referee before the serve may be hit. Otherwise the ball is dead and will be re-served.
- You may serve from anywhere along the back line.
- You may not attack the serve
- A served ball that tips the net (called a “Let Serve”) is still a live ball
- All serves must cross the net inside the net Antennae

Rules/Scoring

- All matches are **best 2 of 3, rally scoring to 25, with a 25-point “HARD” cap in the first 2 games. Rally scoring to 15 points with a 17-point cap in all 3rd games.**
- Open hand dinks are legal.
- You may Open Hand receive the serve which includes doubling of the ball as long as it is not a “Lift”
- Players are not permitted to scoop, hold or lift the ball. The ball must be clearly hit.
- There is no centerline. You may cross under the net providing that you do not contact a player from the other side or hinder their play of the ball.
- The ball must cross the plane of the net before contact may be made unless it is the 3rd hit by the offense and the contact is made to block the shot.
- Contact with the net is a violation. This includes contact made by hats, hair or clothing.
- Crossing or playing over any of the ball guards is a dead ball.
- Crossing into the other court or onto the Outback patio is a dead ball.
- A stray ball onto court constitutes a replay unless the official declares the play dead before the ball encroached the court.

Officials

- **All of our Leagues are intended to be fun! Our referees are not “highly trained professionals” and will make mistakes. Please represent yourself in a courteous manner to them.**
- All calls by the referee are final.
- **Only the team captain may approach the referee to discuss or dispute a call.**
- Warnings (**yellow card penalty**) and point penalization (**red card penalty**) will be issued by the referee for flagrant violations of rules and for misconduct or foul language.
- Failure to adhere to referee’s direction will result in ejection from Aussie’s property.

Prizes

- First place teams in each league are awarded League t-shirts or comparable item for their team (**8 items per team**). Once winners are determined, team captains will be contacted for sizing and then again when the shirts have arrived.
 - **Aussie’s does not allow or tolerate unattended children in our facility. This is dangerous. If you cannot control your children, please take them home!**
 - **No outside food or beverage allowed inside our gates.**
 - **No alcoholic beverages may be removed from Aussie’s at any time.**
 - **No tobacco use is allowed in the court area**
 - **Any & all dogs allowed must be leashed at all times. Failure to do so or to clean up after your pet will result in ejection. DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE COURTS AT ANY TIME!**