## 2025 Dillon Youth Volleyball League

The DYVL was created to provide area girls from 3<sup>rd</sup>/4th – 6th grade an opportunity to learn about the fundamentals of volleyball while having fun in an atmosphere of flexible rules that allows girls of all ages to succeed. Positive support from ALL coaches to ALL kids is the foundation of this league and must be displayed in order to remain a part of this group.

## **TEAMS WILL NOT SWITCH SIDES DURING GAMES!**

**Scoring**: Rally scoring to 25 points will be used. We will start at 0 and go to 25. In all opportunities, teams that play in non-tournament games will play 3 sets. Upon agreement from both teams, final sets may be shortened to 15 points as an attempt to not run games too late. During tournaments, games of only 2 matches may be played as more games are generally played during the day.

Serving: \*if a player is playing up they MUST serve at that level.

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4th Graders will be allowed to serve 6 ft in front of the volleyball base line.

5th Graders will be allowed to serve 3 ft in front of the volleyball base line.

6th Graders will serve from behind the volleyball base line.

Have designated line marked on the court. Foot faults will not be called in 4th grade, but coaches should instruct their players to move back if necessary to avoid stepping over any of the lines mentioned above as the girls need to get use to not stepping over a serving line. 6th graders will be required to serve from behind the volleyball base line and foot faults will result in loss of service. \*Any teams that have players with special needs or requirements should communicate to the opposing team and referee before game time to allow for serving flexibility.

**Players:** Age divisions for this league will be 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. Girls may be moved up in divisions in order to complete a team. Teams may substitute as desired, but an attempt must be made to let all players play in each set – including serve. Proper substitution techniques (meeting at line, waiting for referee's whistle, etc) should be observed. No Libero player will be used in any division.

**Substitution:** Must also be done in a manner that no player would serve in succession of rotation any more than if the girl had remained in the game the entire time.

**Time Outs:** Each team will be allowed 2 timeouts per set which may not last more than 30 seconds each.

**Equipment:** Net will be set at 7 ft 4 1/8 inches – regulation height for girls. All age divisions will play with Volley Lite Volleyballs. All nets, standards, referee stands, courts, and surroundings must be in good working order and provide a safe environment for play.

Hosting Games: Each hosting team is responsible for supplying a referee, game ball, and scorekeeper (can also be the referee flipping score on the stand). Line judges are also needed, but each team should supply 1. The score should be displayed in some manner at all times – scoreboard, flip cards, etc. A hosting town may choose to charge an admission at the door, but please communicate this to any visiting team at least 2 days prior to the game. If games need to be cancelled, please give all teams proper notification and work together to find a make-up date if both teams agree they want to do so. Hosting town should contact visiting town to verify which grades will play, all times, locations, and if admission will be charged prior to the game day to make sure everyone is on the same page.

**Sportsmanship**: Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated at any DYVL event. Unsportsmanlike behavior consists of acts of deceit, disrespect, vulgarity, and includes taunting. The DYVL disapproves of any form of taunting which is intended to embarrass, ridicule or demean others under any circumstance, including, on the basis of race, religion, gender or national origin.

Any coaches, players, teams, parents or fans guilty of unsportsmanlike behavior will be asked to leave the school event. Any teams guilty of the same will forfeit their games for the day and the issue will be brought before the DYVL on whether or not to let the accused coach and their team continue to play for the rest of the season. This policy is meant to teach our youth that sportsmanship is a priority in our sports programs.

These guidelines should be supplied to and explained to all coaches, players and parents.

**COVID-19:** Covid Rules will vary by host team guidelines which will be given to the visiting team no later than 24hours before game time.