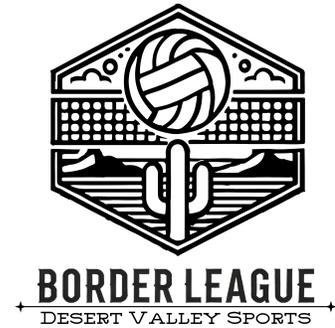


Desert Valley Sports



Border League — Official League & Tournament Rules

2026 Boys Spring Season

Welcome

Thank you to our Program Managers, coaches, volunteers, and families for your commitment to making Border League possible. This season includes **15 teams**, marking our largest participation to date. We look forward to an exciting and positive season for all athletes.

Season Overview

Season Length:

- 6 total weeks:
 - 1 scrimmage night
 - 4 weeks of league play
 - 1 end-of-season tournament

League Dates:

- **March 20** – Coaches Training + Team Scrimmage Night
 - Coaches Training: 5:00–7:00 PM

- Player Scrimmages: 6:00–9:00 PM
- Coach Jess will lead player warm-ups while they wrap up the coaches meeting. A guest speaker will also meet with athletes while coaches complete training.
- **April 3 - 1st official league games begin**
- **April 10**
- **April 11 (Optional Event):** Apex Men’s Pro Volleyball Clinic & Mini Tournament. Please register on our website so they can prepare for the appropriate # of children.
 - 10:00-11:30am 5/6th grade clinic
 - 11:30-1:00pm Apex men's teams scrimmage and poster signing for kids
 - 1:00-3:00pm 7/8th grade clinic
- **April 17**
- **April 24**
- **May 1–2:** End-of-Season Tournament

Scrimmage Night is required for team placement and division alignment. All coaches must attend the training session.

Teams will play **a minimum of two matches each league night** and will be assigned at least one officiating responsibility. Rankings from league play determine tournament seeding.

Details on weekly schedules will be given to coaches at the training clinic.

Program Managers

Each school has been assigned a volunteer Program Manager who will coordinate with their high school head coach.

Program Managers serve as the primary contact for:

- Team communication
- Practice information
- Jersey distribution

League-wide questions should be directed through Program Managers or coaches to our League Director Jessica Young 805-835-2700.

Each school program may operate differently based on head coach preferences. Please see DVS league position and functions document on our website under volunteers for a suggested breakdown of programs responsibilities.

School	Position	Name:	Contact Phone	Contact Email
Desert Hills & Dixie	Program Manager	Maren Jones	+1 (435) 229-1522	marenjones@yahoo.com
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Hurricane	Head Coach	Tia Stout	(435) 703-5607	tia.m.stout@gmail.com
Moapa	Program Manager	Cydney Witter	(702) 540-1160	cydney91@gmail.com
Snow Canyon	Program Manager	Malorie Ence	+1 (435) 467-2272	Malorie.ence@gmail.com

Game Nights & Venue

Game Nights: Fridays

Location: Nets On Fire

Gym Opens: 4:30 PM

First Matches: 5:00 PM

Last Matches Begin: Approximately 9:00 PM

Matches run continuously. Teams should begin warm-ups immediately after the previous match concludes.

Teams must bring their own warm-up balls. Game balls are provided.

Divisions

Beginner (Recommended 5th–6th Grade)

- LITE volleyballs
- Lowered net (7'4 $\frac{1}{8}$ " - standard women's height)
- Modified serving rules (see below)

Intermediate (7th–8th Grade Beginners)

- Regulation volleyballs
- Slightly lowered net (7' 8" - coed height)
- Modified serving rules (see below)

Advanced (Experienced/8th Grade)

- High school rules
 - Regulation (7 feet 11 5/8 inches - HS mens height)
 - No modifications
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Serving Rules

Beginner Division

- May serve from the 10-foot line in league play
- Maximum 5 consecutive serves
- Must step back after each successful serve
- Tournament serving line will move to **4 feet inside the court** (marked with tape)

Intermediate Division

- May serve up to 4 feet inside the back line (will be marked with tape)
- Must move backward after each successful serve
- Tournament expectation: serve from behind the end line

Advanced Division

- Must serve from behind the end line
 - Foot faults will be called
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Ball Handling

- Minimal ball-handling violations during league play for the beginner 5th/6th grade division to encourage development.
 - Second contact may be doubled if a third contact follows (high school rules).
 - Tournament officiating will be stricter and will call any doubles sent over the net.
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Net & Centerline Violations

- Any body contact with the net is a violation (hair does not count)
 - Under-net violations occur when a foot fully crosses the centerline
 - If part of the foot remains on the line, play is legal
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Officiating Responsibilities

Working teams are marked with a **(W)** on schedules.

- Electronic whistles provided
- A coach or assistant coach must serve as up referee
- Players may serve as line judges and scorekeepers
- No libero tracking or official score sheets will be used during league play

Teams assigned the first officiating slots must arrive **10 minutes early to begin warm ups.**

Score Reporting

Scores must be reported immediately after matches via text to:

Jessica Young – League Director

805-835-2700

PLEASE SUBMIT SCORES in the following format: Desert hills purple vs. Moapa Gold 25-10, 17-25. Split.

League rankings determine tournament seeding.

Tie-Breaking Procedure (at the end of league play)

1. Overall match percentages (W-L)
 2. Head-to-head result
 3. Set percentage
 4. Point percentage
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Match Format

- Will be determined by your division
 - Tiebreakers will be used during tournament matches
 - No third-set tiebreakers during league play
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Warm-Up Protocol

First Match of the Night:

- 5–5–1 (5 minutes each side, 1 minute shared serving)

All Other Matches:

- 2–2 (no shared serving unless both teams agree to forfeit their time to combine and do shared serving)

Warm-ups begin immediately following match completion.

Uniforms

Uniforms are required for all matches. T-shirts may be worn underneath jerseys.

Spectators & Facility Rules

- Spectators must remain in bleachers
 - Camp chairs are NOT permitted inside Nets On Fire
 - Players should store bags with parents or in designated areas
 - Only water bottles allowed on gym floors
 - No club-branded gear permitted
 - No gum allowed for players
 - Please clean up your benches and trash before leaving the facility so that we may continue to be allowed to bring food and drink into the facility. Towels will be available at all score tables to use for cleaning up spills. If you need more help find the league director or a staff member and they can assist you.
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End-of-Season Tournament Officiating

Each court will have **one hired up official** for the tournament.

Teams will assist with:

- Down referee (must be an adult coach)
- Two line judges
- Scorekeeper

Coaches must ensure all officiating duties are performed correctly. Coaches will receive instruction at the coaches clinic.

An adult coach must serve as second referee for every match.

Players may only down-ref if **both teams' coaches agree prior to match start.**

Closing

Thank you for helping create a positive, organized, and supportive environment for our athletes. Your cooperation allows the Border League to run smoothly and successfully.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

We can't wait to see everyone on the courts!