

Rules & Expectations for Fife HS/Columbia JH Summer League

1. Officials need to arrive no later than 5:45pm. Please plan your travel accordingly as the Fife exit off of I-5 and the left-hand turn lane to the school can be a challenge in the late afternoon.
2. Varsity teams in this league include: Fife, Eatonville, Emerald Ridge, Graham Kapowsin, Wilson, Gig Harbor, Puyallup, Bethel, Bonny Lake, Auburn/Riverside, Todd Beamer, Rogers, Sumner, and Stadium.
3. All 3 games are played regardless of winner:
 - a. All games are to 25 points, no cap, starting at 4-4.
 - b. Do not change sides at 13 pts. of the 3rd game but do have a coin toss to determine who serves and who receives.
4. Warm-ups:
 - a. 1st match of evening, 4 minutes on court alone, 1 min. serving within the 4.
 - b. After the first match, 4 min. shared (no cross court hitting due to liability issue) and 1 minute shared serving within the 4.
 - c. If both coaches agree, play may start without warm-ups.
5. Timeouts:
 - a. Two per game, 30 seconds in duration. Officials will be lenient as coaches are instructing during summer league.
 - b. Coaches may walk out onto the court to instruct and demonstrate during a timeout.
 - c. We do not expect players and coaches to be all the way off the court---water, however, should be as this again is a liability issue.
6. Teams may play with five (5) players and also players from other teams but no fewer than 5 players.
7. Leniency on the sub rule:
 - a. Teams WILL show up short of players. Please do not worry about it or penalize a team or player if they sub into a different position.
 - b. Unlimited substitutions will be allowed
8. Liberos MUST wear pinnies provided by the Fife summer league staff otherwise they cannot use a libero. Liberos may also serve.
9. Explain during the captains meeting that the ball may be played by any part of the body (new rule.)
10. Game balls are furnished by the teams playing on your court.
11. **NO JEWELRY: This is a liability issue. There is NO flexibility with this rule.**
This includes posts in ears, bobbie pins, barettes etc.
12. Proper attire and appropriate tennis shoes must be worn at all times by the players.
This is also a liability.
13. Teams must provide score flipper and lines people.

14. Besides getting feedback from an observer from the Officials Board, coaches have been asked to provide feedback to you as well. They have been asked to provide this feedback in a professional, non-threatening manner in which they may approach you in between games or at the end of a match to provide you with their perspective. Because this is a learning opportunity, please treat it as such. We are not saying that coaches are always correct as many do not understand some of the finer points of officiating just as we do not always understand the finer points of coaching. But, we believe that understanding what a coach is thinking in certain situations or how they might interpret a call that you have made, is a valuable learning opportunity. Specifically, coaches have been asked to NOT yell across the court to provide feedback nor to make disparaging remarks about your officiating even if they disagree with your calls. We ask that you evaluate their on-court behavior during each game and consider this part of the learning experience. At the same time, if you feel a coach is out of line with their actions and words, then it is certainly permissible to verbally warn them or issue a yellow or red card as needed. Hopefully this will not be the case. Please report any problems to Jan Kirk, the summer league director, and Marc Blau, Assignor.