

2018 Southern Swing Fall League
YOUTH Division
League Rules
October 7, 2018

1. Each team must have an adult coach present on the bench during all games.
2. Teams are responsible for their own practice facilities and warm-up balls. Game balls will be provided.
3. In the YOUTH DIVISION games will be played in a slightly modified format as follows:
 - The net height will be reduced to 7”
 - Games will be played with volley-lite balls
 - Players will be allowed to serve from a modified service line closer to the net

If an individual player successfully serves 3 points from the modified service line, they will be required to serve the subsequent serves from the traditional service line.

4. In weeks 1 – 3 of league play, each match will be 2 sets to 25 (rally scoring, cap 30). There will be a 40 minute time limit for each match. In the event of a tie score when the designated time period runs out, the next point wins the set. Teams scheduled to play the first match of the day should be warmed up and ready to begin at the scheduled start time. There will be no formal warm-ups for subsequent matches other than a brief period of peppering & ball handling while captains are called. Teams should stretch and be ready to play at the conclusion of the previous match – we will not wait to begin if matches are running ahead so please be ready.
5. Seeding for week 4 (play-off bracket) will be based on the percentage of SETS won during weeks 1 – 3 of league play. In the event of a tie at the end of week 3 the order of seeding will be determined as follows:
 - First – head to head results of the tied teams with the winner receiving the higher seed; if still tied then
 - Second – comparison of the total point spread between the tied teams with the higher point spread receiving the higher seed; if still tied then
 - Third – comparison of the total point spread over all opponents during the first 3 weeks of league play

ALL TEAMS will play in week 4 regardless of their seeding. The format for bracket play will be a single-elimination bracket.

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6. Each team must provide an adult scorekeeper and line judge for each match.
7. There should be no ball handling or warm-up in the Sports Center lobby, on the sidelines or on the sand court. Players and spectators should not be on the sand court or in the locker room or faculty areas of the Sports Center at any time. Please use only the designated public restrooms at the end of the rear hallway.
8. Please remind your players and parents to dispose of any empty water bottles or other trash in the lobby, bleachers and bench areas of the gym before they leave. No outside food or drinks other than water or sports drinks in containers with secured, screw-on lids are allowed in the gym. There are tables located in the lobby area of the Sports Center where your players and spectators may sit to eat and plenty of large trash cans available to dispose of trash. We consider it a privilege to be able to use the Victoria College Sports Center so please help us maintain that privilege by following these simple rules.
9. Game cancellations will not be made up. The canceling team will be credited with the losses.
10. Teams may play with a minimum of five players. Teams playing with five will observe a “ghost” spot for the sixth player resulting in a loss of serve when that position reaches the server’s spot. Teams with less than five players may still play but will be required to forfeit the match for purposes of league standings.
11. If a team is 10 minutes late, they will forfeit the first set. If they are 15 minutes late, they will forfeit both sets. Time will begin immediately after the conclusion of the previous match. If a team must forfeit for any reason, they should contact Southern Swing immediately by phone at **361-210-6876** or by email at **ssvball@yahoo.com**. Please give as much advance notice as possible so that other teams can be notified and schedules can be revised.