



# Match rules

Season 2020 – 2021

Mixed series: 21:15-22:00 (3rd set must be started latest 21:55)

Free series: 22:10-22:55 (3rd set must be started latest 22:50)

All matches are played according to the rules decided by the Swedish volleyball association, with the following additions/exceptions:

1. Teams will help each other refereeing the match. **When the teams can't agree on a refereeing, no point is given and the team that served last will serve again!**
2. Team leaders are obligated to inform their team members about the rules. All players are encouraged to report to others when they see / feel the ball is settled due to net touching, foot violation, etc. Team leaders have a responsibility to see mistakes of their own players.
3. The game is **stopped instantly** when another ball or player enters the court. **This applies regardless if the incident is disrupting the game or not!** No point is given and the team that served last will serve again!
4. **A player shall not enter a court where a game is in progress.** When a ball enters another court, it needs to be removed as soon as possible, and the point is lost, the same way that it is lost when the ball touches the ceiling. So, one can't "save" a ball when it has entered an adjoining court.
5. The teams shall be on the **correct court** and the team **members registered** on the protocol before the game starts (21:15 Mix and 22:10 Free). Otherwise they lose the first set (0-21). If a team cannot present players according to section 9, 10 min after game start (Mixed 21:25 or Free 22:20) the team will lose the match automatically with 0-2 in sets (0-21, 0-21).
6. A player is only allowed to play in one single team in each series (you can be part of one team in the Mixed series and another team in the Free series.) Players are not allowed to play in the Swedish first division and be under the age of 35 years, or a higher series regardless of age.
7. All players must be members of Lunds VK and registered to the team. Exceptions can be made to allow new players to play without registration for maximum 2 games. The player must be registered before the 3rd game. You can try out for different teams, but after you've registered for one team, you are not allowed to play for another team. If a team use a player that isn't registered for that team but is registered for another team or already has tried out 2 times, that team will lose the match.

8. A team can maximum have 10 try-outs per season.
9. The team in the Free series is complete if it consists of at least 3 (three) players. In the Mixed series, a team can consist of at most 1 (one) guy more than the number of girls and at least a total of 3 (three) players. **Exception:** see next point.
10. When a team in the Mixed series chose to play with one girl and three guys on court, they – in case of winning one or more sets – will automatically lose 1 point of the final result of the match (no minus points if they lose by 2-0). All sets shall be played as with a normal game. A mix team that only has 1 girl for a game can choose to play with 1 girl and 2 guys. The team will then not automatically lose any points, but points will be awarded as for any other game.
11. In a team with 3 players the player in the serving position is defined as a back-line player and is therefore not allowed to attack in front of the 3-meter line if the ball is hit over the height of the net, in accordance with the rules of the Swedish volleyball association.
12. A time-out of 1 minute is allowed only once per team and match.
13. Only rotation substitutions are allowed, meaning players can be substituted in conjunction with server change on any back-line position, though always at the same position. In case of more than one substitute player you leave the court in the same order as you entered. In case of injury the injured player may be substituted regardless of position. In the mixed series girl switches with girl and boy with boy.
14. Libero is **NOT** allowed in the Mixed series. In the Free series libero is allowed, but the team which uses a libero must inform the other team before the game and make it clear who is the libero. The team leader for the team using libero needs to take an extra responsibility to make sure the rules are kept (and of course abort and give the point to the other team if the rules are not kept)
15. It is OK to touch the base line with a foot when serving, but it's not OK if the entire foot is inside the court.
16. It is NOT allowed to raise or spread the arms as a front-line player when your team serves.
17. Matches are played, best of 3 sets. **Exceptions:** see section 19.
18. A point is given for every winning ball. First and second set are played until one team has 21 points. A possible third set is played to 15 points. A single point difference is enough to win any set.
19. A win of 2-0 in set will give the winning team 3 points, 2-1 in sets will give the winning team 2 points and the loser 1 point.
20. A third set is played only when more than 5 minutes remain of the match time (**Mixed series 21.55 and Free series 22.50**). If less time remains the match result will be 1-1. Note that a third set should be played until 15 points, even if the match time has passed.