



# Match rules

Season 2021 – 2022

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 largely played according to the rules decided by the Swedish volleyball association (SVBF) but in the spirit of recreational play, with the following clarifications:

1. Teams will help each other refereeing the match. **If the teams disagree the rally is replayed!**
2. Team leaders are obligated to inform their team members about the rules. All players are encouraged to report to others when they see or feel that the rally is over due to net touching, stepping over a line, etc. Team leaders have the additional responsibility to report mistakes of their own players.
3. The match is **stopped instantly** when another ball or player enters the court. **This applies regardless if the incident is disrupting the match or not!** The rally is then replayed.
4. **A player must not enter another court.** When a ball enters another court, it needs to be retrieved as soon as possible, and the point is lost, the same way that it is lost when the ball touches the ceiling. In other words, you can't "save" a ball from an adjoining court.
5. The teams shall be on the **correct court** and the **team members registered** on the protocol before the match starts (21:15 Mixed or 22:10 Free). Otherwise the first set is lost (0-21). If a team is not complete (according to section 9) 10 min after match start (21:25 Mixed or 22:20 Free) the team will lose the match 0-2 (0-21, 0-21).
6. A player is only allowed to play in one single team in each series.
7. Players are not allowed to play in the Swedish division 1 and be under 35 years of age or play in a higher series regardless of age.
8. All players must be members of Lunds VK and registered with the team. Exceptions can be made for new players to play without registration, but this has to be approved by the organizing group (verksamhetsgruppen) before the match starts. Breaking this rule means the team loses the match by WO.
9. The team in the Free series is complete if it consists of at least 3 players. In the Mixed series, a team can consist of at most 1 guy more than the number of girls and at least a total of 3 players.  
**Exception:** see next rule.

10. When a team in the Mixed series chooses to play with 1 girl and 3 guys on court, they 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 match. A mix team that only has 1 girl for a match 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 match.
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.
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.
15. It is allowed to touch the base line with a foot when serving, but not to step over it.
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 rule 19.
18. A point is given for every winning ball. First and second set are played to 21 points. A possible third set is played to 15 points. A single point difference is enough to win any set.
19. Winning by 2-0 gives a team 3 points in the placing table, winning by 2-1 gives the winning team 2 points and the losing team 1 point.
20. A possible 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.