2024 Mud Volleyball Rules and Regulations

**Location & Time:** - The Mud Courts are located in the Nauvoo State Park, on Route 96 in Nauvoo, Illinois - Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. with games beginning at 8:00 a.m. - Times of first game will be called into the team Captain on Friday, August 30th. If team Captain is not reached, they are responsible for calling in and getting their own times prior to Saturday. Contact Mary at (309) 333-6742 if necessary.

**Requirements:** - The team must have a team name and a Captain. The captain is responsible for all documentation required and shall also be responsible for acquainting all the team players with the rules and regulations prior to the game. - All Teams shall include both male and female members; but must always have three (3) females on the court. - Each team must consist of a minimum of six (6) players with the maximum of ten (10) players. - Each member must be 15 years of age or older. Any player under the age of 18 MUST have a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian before the game begins. - Each team shall provide 1 referee for the next match. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit of next game or one win reversed as a loss. - It is recommended that each player wear shoes in the pits. - No using portable Potties outside of the Mud Volleyball Area! Be respectful of other Grape Festival goers!

**Rules & Regulations:** 1. There must be at least 3 women players in the pit at all times during the game 2. All players must be 18 years of age or have a signed waiver prior to game \*Waivers are available on www.nauvoograpefestival.com 3. Once a player has signed in on a specific roster, he/she is a member of that team and may only play for that team 4. Rally scoring is in effect, points will be scored on each serve. 5. Recreational format / Underhanded serves ONLY 6. Double elimination will be used to determine champions 7. The first 2 matches will be played to 11 points and must win by 2 points. If at 11 points, a winner cannot be declared, play continues to 15 points. If a 3rd game is needed, that game will be played to 7 points. If winner still cannot be declared, play will rally to 15; and sudden death will declare the winner after that. 8. The ball must be served behind the rear out-of-bounds line on the right side. 9. Server must announce the score prior to serve 10. Server CANNOT load ball with mud prior to serve 11. Players must rotate clockwise when receiving the ball to serve 12. Return of serve must be bumped. Absolutely no spiking or blocking the serve 13. A maximum of three (3) hits to a side. A player may not hit the ball twice in succession. A block is not a hit 14. Only the front line is allowed to spike or block 15. Rules are subject to the referee’s interpretation and are final! There will be no protests. (Remember common courtesy, the referees are not officials, they are players like you.) 16. Roster changes allowed until the 1st game; otherwise, a roster change will result in forfeiture. 17. There are no refunds 18. If the ball hits a sandbag, it is considered in play 19. There are no do-overs 20. If a team is not on the court and ready to play within 2 minutes of the schedule time, that team must forfeit. 21. No substitutions on your roster after play begins. 22. Pick up trash in your area and keep our grounds clean, PLEASE!