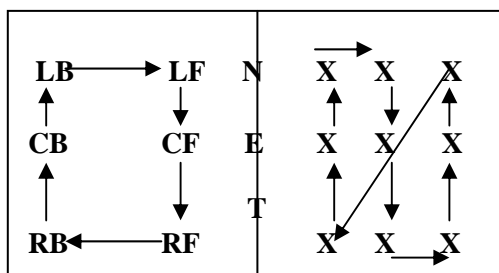


6th GRADE VOLLEYBALL STUDY GUIDE

Volleyball was originated in 1895 by William Morgan. Early rules called for a 25 foot by 50 foot court with a net 6 feet 6 inches from the ground, and provided for the game to be played in innings, by any number of players on a side. Rule changes have been made gradually and consistently since 1900, resulting in the present rules. The court is now 30 feet by 60 feet divided into 2 halves, with the net height varying for men, women and co-ed. The game calls for 6 players designated as left, center, and right fronts, and left, center, and right backs. When it is a team's turn to serve, every player rotates one position clockwise and the right back serves. (There are special cases where 8 or 9 players are on a team. Rotation for this amount is a backward S.) A game consists of 25 points, with a team winning by 2 (that is, if score is 24-24, one team must have 2 consecutive points to win.) A match consists of 2 out of 3 games.

ROTATION:

6 player team
(2 lines; clockwise)



8 or 9 player team
(3 lines; backward S)

SIMPLIFIED RULES:

1. The ball must be served by the right back, behind the end line.
2. A playable serve is one that clears or skims the top of the net.
3. It is a foul for a player to touch the net, reach under the net, or step over the center line.
4. Side out shall be declared and the ball given to the opponents to serve when the serving team commits a foul. A point is also awarded the opponents.
5. When using rally scoring, a point is scored with every serve.
6. A ball landing on a boundary line is "in."
7. The ball may be played only three times by one team in a volley and a player may not play it twice in succession but may play it twice if it is played by a teammate in between.
8. When the ball is contacted by 2 people simultaneously (can be 2 opposing players such as over the net, or 2 teammates) it is considered just one contact on the side, and either may hit the ball for the second hit on the side.