

# KĀV Policies

*The KĀV is a unique place. We strive to provide the most enjoyable athletic experience that can be provided here in Western New York. In order to accomplish this, we have developed certain policies to be as progressive, inclusive, and transparent as possible.*

What We Do	Why We Do It
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We only schedule the first 3-4 weeks of each league.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Teams often sign up for an inappropriate division. This allows potential realignment of divisions, if needed.</li> <li>- In case registered teams don't show up for the first few weeks.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We do not delineate the different divisions (in the standings/schedule) until later in the season.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- See above</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sometimes, teams from different divisions play against each other.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If there is an odd number of teams in a particular division, we <i>could</i> assign a BYE. Instead, we schedule that team to play against a team in a higher or lower division.</li> <li>- <b>**You can always let us know if you'd really prefer not to play against a different division.</b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have as many playoff brackets as possible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our goal is to create competitive matches. A match between the 1 seed and the 16 seed would NOT be a competitive match. Instead, we split the divisions into smaller playoff brackets to give everyone a chance.</li> <li>- We are able to give out more prizes!</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We allow for and encourage referee discretion in the calls that they make.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We wish to empower our referees in their decisions. Volleyball is inherently a subjective game, and they are instructed to use their best judgment in certain situations to encourage competitive matches.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Ex. The score is 23-12. The wrong server serves. Instead of making the "right" call and getting to 24-12, the referee might choose to just have the correct server serve again.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>- We seek out and select officials who are certified in NYS, whenever possible.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We solicit feedback each year from our players.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our players' feedback drives the improvements that we make each year. 500 heads are better than 3...</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We plan (at least) one cookout week each session.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We truly appreciate our players enjoying our leagues. We try to show that appreciation by giving you food.</li> </ul>

**Do you have a better idea? Please let us know! We are ALWAYS seeking feedback to make our leagues better. Or, have you ever wondered why we have a certain policy?**

**ASK US!**