

## CLINTON RIVERBOAT DAYS Mud Volleyball Tournament Rules

**Registration:** \$ 150.00 Per Team - Complete team roster required.

All teams registered by June 22, 2009, will receive their T-shirts during the coaches' meeting.

Registrations accepted after June 22, 2009 will receive their T-shirt during the event. Sizes requested can not be guaranteed.

**Coaches' Meeting:** Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m., at Happy Joe's. Brackets determined and t-shirts distributed.

**Fee Includes:** 1 - T-shirt per player (sizes - S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)

**Cash prizes:** 1<sup>st</sup> place (\$400.00), 2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$300.00), 3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$200.00), and 4<sup>th</sup> place (\$150.00) and all the mud you can fit in your pockets!

T-shirts will be given to team captains only. It will be their responsibility to hand them out to their team.

### Rules:

1. This is a Co-Ed 2 day tournament to be played on July 4<sup>th</sup> & July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Pool play will be held on July 4<sup>th</sup> with the winner of each pool advancing to a single elimination tournament on July 5<sup>th</sup>. The tournament will be held at the Clinton Riverboat Days festival grounds.
2. All contestants must be 18 years of age or older. All players and spectators must have either a Riverboat Days Fun Card or purchase a Day Pass at the gate for entrance to the tournament.
3. All pool matches will have a 30 minutes time limit. The team ahead at that time wins the game.
4. Pool match play games will be rally scoring, first team to 15 wins the game. The first team to win 2/3 games wins the match.
5. Pool winners will be determined by the best record for the pool. Ties will be decided in the following manner: 1. If 2 teams tie, head-to-head winner during pool play wins the pool. 2. If multiple ties, team with the total least points scored against them during match play wins the pool.
6. Co-ed Teams – needs to contain of at least Three (3) Women on the court at all times. Teams will play with up to Six (6) total players on the court. A team does not have to have 6 players to start. Players rotating in to play must rotate in to the service position.
7. Failure to meet player criteria will result in a forfeit 10 minutes after scheduled match time. Teams will not be reimbursed for forfeited matches.
8. A woman does NOT have to hit the ball before it goes over the net.
9. Serves may not be blocked or attacked. No team members hand shall break the vertical plane of the net to block or spike a serve. It will be the referee's call.
10. Each team captain must check in At least 30 minutes prior to their first game with a complete roster/waiver sheet. Players may NOT be added after this roster has been submitted.
11. Participants may play on only one team.
12. Line calls will be Referee calls with the understanding that the referee has the final decision.

13. The tournament director may eject any player who displays flagrant or gross unsporting behavior. Players will be given one warning by the referee for inappropriate behavior. A second warning will not be given.
14. Any ball which hits the sides of the court will be considered out, unless a splash occurs. Line decisions are made by the referees ONLY.
15. Serves must be made from the back bank. No serves can be made from inside the court. Teams must rotate positions.
16. Players may not purposely add mud to the ball. PENALTY: Side out/point to the other team. **NO MUD SLINGING!!**
17. Initial game service will begin with the home team. If a 3<sup>rd</sup> game is required, the referee will toss a coin to determine side vs serve. (Remember the 30 min time limit per match!)
18. All games will be played to 15 points using rally style scoring method (points awarded on all serves, including side-outs). Teams must win by two (2) points.
19. Only the captain may speak with the referee during the game.
20. Games may not be protested; referee's decision is final. Referees may seek help from the tournament director in reaching decisions. Individual players may not protest a referee decision during pool play.
21. Intentional delay of game will result in side-out/point for the opposing team.
22. Spectators must remain 20' from the court.
23. All participants play at their own risk. Every effort to insure safety has been made, but a mud pit carries an obvious natural risk.
24. Matches will continue in the rain. In the event lightning is sighted, the tournament director reserves the right to suspend play, alter, and/or cancel matches at their discretion.
25. If your team must drop out for any reason, please notify the registration tent.
26. **KEEP ALL CHILDREN (AND OTHER NON-PARTICIPANTS) OUT OF THE MUD AT ALL TIMES!**
27. Enjoy yourselves!! Have fun! This tournament is for players of all skill levels. Teams will be matched by random drawings, prior to the Coaches meeting.