



SOUTHERN OHIO UNITED ASSOCIATION INC



Presents



CHAROTARIYA LEUVA PATIDAR SEVA SAMAJ-USA
CLPSS 1st GAAM
VOLLEYBALL
TOURNAMENT 2026

Rules & Regulations

- Each game will be played for **9 minutes or 9 points**, whichever comes first.
 - The committee reserves the right to adjust the time limit on a neutral basis if necessary.
 - No stop clock will be allowed except during time-outs or controversial situations.
- When time expires, the game will end except in the following situations:
 - If the serving team is behind by only 1 point and has a chance to tie the score (sudden death), or
 - If the score is tied.
- During service, the ball must be clearly tossed.
 - Touching the service line while serving will be considered a foul serve.
- After each game, **one player from each team must referee the next game.**
- If the ball touches any part of the perimeter line during play or service, it will always be considered IN.
- If the ball touches the ceiling or any part of the wall, it will result in a loss of point or loss of service.
- Only the Team Captain may question the referee's ruling.
 - If any player other than the captain questions the referee, the opposing team will automatically be awarded the point or service.
 - Captains are responsible for enforcing this rule among teammates.
- The referee's decision will be final.
 - Only the Tournament Committee may overrule a referee's decision in case of a controversial situation.
- Each team will receive **two (2) time-outs of 30 seconds each** per game.
- All standard volleyball rules and regulations will be observed throughout the tournament unless otherwise specified.
- Team groupings and advancement from preliminary rounds to semifinals and finals will be determined based on the total number of participating teams.
- In the event of a tie in standings:
 - Total points earned will be considered first.
 - If still tied, points allowed to opposing teams will be considered.
 - If still tied, a coin toss will determine advancement.
- No second or third hit is allowed unless:
 - The first hit touches the net, or
 - The opponent's ball clips the net while crossing.
 - If using a second or third attempt to return the ball, the final contact must be underhand.
- Players may not change positions after the serve.
- The following are prohibited:
 - Spiking on the 2nd or 3rd ball
 - Blocking except against a spike ball
 - Fingering/setting ("fingering") is not allowed**
- Games will continue without unnecessary breaks.
 - Teams must have a minimum of 5 players present within 2 minutes of their scheduled game time.
 - Failure to do so will result in a forfeit.
 - The present team will receive a 9-0 victory.
 - If both teams fail to appear, both teams will receive a loss with a 0-0 score.
- In the event of a dummy team in a group:
 - All teams will receive a win based on their tournament average score.
 - Example: If Team A scores 35 points and allows 5 points in 5 games, their score against the dummy team will be recorded as 7-1.
- All players must belong to the same GAAM.**
 - No Bhanyas or Jamais are allowed.**
 - In case of injury, teams may use ONLY a previously registered substitute player from the same GAAM.**
- Substitutions:**
 - Substitutions are allowed from any position.
 - The substitute must replace the same player and position.
 - Substitutions are only allowed when the ball is dead.
 - Each substitution will count as one time-out, except in the event of injury.
- The Tournament Committee will assign courts for all tournament games, including semifinals and finals.
 - A new volleyball will be provided for the Final Game.**
- SOUA Inc. and CLPSS USA are not responsible for any injuries occurring during the events on September 11-12, 2026.
- No food or drinks are allowed on the courts.
- Chewing or spitting pan masala, gutka, tobacco products, smoking of any kind, and alcohol consumption are strictly prohibited.

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Conflict Resolution Committee

The following committee members will handle conflicts or arguments during the event:

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