



## Dubuque County Fair Mud Volleyball Tournament July 25 & 26, 2009

Tournament play will be postponed or cancelled in the event of severe weather (thunder and lightning), but rain will not stop play. The team registration fee is non-refundable for any reason. No refunds will be given for postponed or cancelled play.

Team Entry Fee:       \$20 per team member  
                              \*this fee includes gate admission to the fair

All teams must be co-ed. Players must be 16 years of age or older. At least 2 people of each gender must be on the court at all times. There must always be 6 people on the court. Teams can include up to 8 players.

All team members will be required to sign a waiver/release form.

There will be 2 tournaments. One July 25 and one July 26. The tournament that your team wishes to compete in will be indicated on the registration form and will be confirmed at a later date. Tournaments will be filled on a first come first served basis.

### Tips for naming your team

- ✓ If you do not choose a team name, one will be assigned.
- ✓ Choose an alternate name in case your 1<sup>st</sup> choice is not available.
- ✓ Vulgar or obscene names will be changed.
- ✓ Try to avoid names beginning with "Mud" or "Muddy".

Registration Forms are due July 10, 2009 to:

Dubuque County Fair Association  
14569 Old Highway Road  
Dubuque, IA 52002  
Phone: (563) 588-1406  
Fax: (588) 588-1162  
[dbqfair@dbqfair.com](mailto:dbqfair@dbqfair.com)

Please make checks payable to DCFA.

After the registration form has been received you will receive a confirmation packet. Entry fee and waivers will be required at check in on the tournament day.



## 2009 MUD VOLLEYBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

All participants play at their own risk. Every effort to insure safety has been made, but a mud pit carries an obvious natural risk. The Dubuque County Fair Association is not held liable for any injuries due to objects that might be found in the mud pit.

1. All teams are coed. A minimum 2 females and 2 males must be on the court at all times. Teams will play with six (6) total players on the court. A team may not begin play until these requirements are satisfied. Failure to meet these requirements will result in a forfeit. Teams will not be reimbursed for forfeited members.
2. Each team captain must check in 30 minutes prior to their first game with a complete roster/wavier sheet. Players may not be added after the roster has been submitted. Players may play on only one team.
3. Teams must be present 30 minutes prior to the game. If a game finishes early the next game will begin play. If the team is not present prior to a game ending early the then the team without a full team will forfeit their game.
4. The tournament supervisor may eject any player who displays flagrant or gross unsporting behavior. Any player arguing with an official will be asked to leave the game and immediate vicinity. Failure to leave will result in forfeiture. Players removed from the match will not be allowed to participate in future matches.
5. A female does *not* have to hit the ball before it goes over the net.
6. The courts will be flagged in the corners. No other out of bounds lines will be in place.
7. Any ball which hits grass and dirt, not mud, will be considered out of bounds. Any ball which land on the boundary will be considered fair.
8. The ball is dead if:
  - a. It touches the ground of serving area, teammate of the server, the net, or
  - b. Passes under the net or crosses the net entirely outside the sides of the net, or
  - c. Land out of bounds.
9. It is a violation to spike with two hands.
10. Only the front line is permitted to spike.
11. Touching the net or its supports with any part of the body while the ball is in play is considered a foul. However it is not considered a foul when the ball is driven into the net, it touches an opposing player.
12. A ball must be distinctly batted; it may not be lifted, pushed or thrown.
13. For safety purposes, players may not step outside of the mud pit to play a ball. Any ball outside of the pit will be declared dead and the appropriate side-out/point will be awarded.
14. Servers must start out with one foot touching the end of the mud pit. Servers are allowed one step off the boundary.
15. The ball must be served by the right back player and may be hit in any manner with the hand.
16. Players on the serving team must rotate clockwise when receiving the ball to serve.
17. At the beginning of the game, players shall take their respective positions and remain in that sequence throughout the game. The order may be changed for each new game.
18. Three hits to a side. A player may not hit the ball twice in succession. A block is not considered a hit.

19. Each team is allowed to play with up to six players on the court with two players remaining on the side lines and substituting in at the serving position. (Remember that you must have at least 2 females and 2 males on the court at all times.) Substituting is allowed from the serving position only, except in case of injury.
20. Players must not purposely add mud to the ball. Penalty: side-out/point to the other team.
21. Winner of a coin toss chooses serve or side at the start of each match.
22. All games will be played to 20 points using rally scoring method (points awarded on all serves including side-outs.) Team must win by two points or until the first team reaches 24 points.
23. Each team is only allowed one time out, each one minute in length per game.
24. Only the team captain may call time out.
25. Referees decisions are final. Games may not be protested
26. Rules are subject to referee's interpretation.
27. Serves may not be blocked or attacked.
28. All ball may be played by any part of the body.
29. Intentional delay of game will result in point for the opposing team.
30. Spectators and substitute players must remain 10' from the court.
31. All participants play at their own risk. Every effort to insure safety has been made, but a mud pit carries an obvious natural risk.
32. Matches will continue in the rain. In the event of lightning sighted, the tournament director reserves the right to suspend play, alter, and/or cancel matches at his/her discretion.
33. Shoes must be worn at all times for safety reasons. No bare feet, open toed shoes, sandals, spikes, or cleats will be allowed. Failure to comply could result in a player being removed from the game or forfeit.
34. If your team must drop out for any reason please notify the registration table.
35. Please keep all children and other spectators out of the mud at all times.
36. Bracket will be determined by the following:
  - a. Most matches won
  - b. Most points overall will break any ties that may occur
  - c. If a tie still exists then a match to 10 points will take place between the two tied teams.
37. No alcohol may be brought onto the premises. ID's are required in order to purchase alcohol. Please leave all ID bracelets on for purchasing alcohol or you will be required to show ID again.

### Helpful Hints

- ✓ Wear denim or tightly woven clothing. Please remember that wet clothing becomes see through in many cases and that this is a family event. Anyone wearing inappropriate clothing may be asked to change clothing or leave the event.
- ✓ No Jewelry allowed including facial piercing. These are extremely dangerous during this event.
- ✓ Taping shorts to tucked-in shirts prevents shorts from falling.
- ✓ Wearing swimsuits under clothes makes showering easier.
- ✓ Contact lenses are not recommended.
- ✓ Swim goggles may be helpful.
- ✓ Flat bottom shoes are mandatory, such as tennis shoes. (no cleats allowed) Duct tape may be helpful to keep shoes on.
- ✓ Bring plenty of towels.
- ✓ A spray bottle filled with water helps clean off your face.
- ✓ A bucket of water helps for quick clean ups.
- ✓ Bring a cover for your vehicle seats.
- ✓ Have fun and enjoy a mud bath!



## MUD VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

Fill out the registration form completely and return, with payment to:  
Dubuque Co. Fair Assoc., 14569 Old Highway Road, Dubuque, IA 52002  
Registrations will be accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis.  
**All forms and payments must be received by July 10, 2009**

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Preference (circle one): Saturday July 25, 2009 OR Sunday, July 26, 2009

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Co Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee is \$20 per team member. This fee includes gate admission to the fair.

# Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Payment may be made by:

- cash to the office in the Grand Ballroom.
- check made out to Dubuque County Fair Association (DCFA)
- OR by credit card (Mastercard or Visa)

Credit Card Payment Option:

Carholders Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One:            MasterCard            Visa

CVC #: \_\_\_\_\_ (3 digits on back of card)

Expiration: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

As Team Captain, I understand that I am responsible to meet the basic requirements to assure that my team is ready for play. In addition I will inform all team members of the rules of play.

Team Captains Signature \_\_\_\_\_