

## **2023 AIRIMMO King & Queen of the Court ECHTERNACH**

**Teams:** Each team is composed of 2 players of the same gender. Women teams participate in the Queen of the Court tournament, Male teams in the King of the Court tournament.

### **Gameplay:**

Right before the start of the game, there will be a draw to decide which team has the benefit of starting on the Queens/King's Side.

The Team that picks the "Queen" or "King" will start on the Queen's/King's Side and the service order is established by the order of the playing cards (highest to lowest) picked by each team (Ace, King, Queen, Jack, 10th, 9th)

The game will be played on a regular beach volleyball court.

The Queen's/Kings side of the Court is the only side where a team can score points.

The challenger's side is the side where teams can challenge the "Queens" or "Kings". When teams win the point on this side, they earn a spot on the Queens/King's side where they replace the team that occupied that side during the rally and the team that was replaced goes back to serve while respecting the service order.

Each rally starts with a serve from a team on the challenger's side.

The team that is serving can decide which player of the team is serving. There is **no** specific order and limitation on how many times one player can serve.

If the team on the Queens/King's side wins the rally, they earn one point and remain on the Queens/King's side.

There will be a maximum of 8 seconds between the end of a rally and the beginning of a new rally.

When a rally starts, the game will be played according to the regular beach volleyball rules.

Teams cannot take a time-out during a round. An official timeout of 60 seconds will be called after 10 minutes playing time.

If the team on the challenger side makes a service mistake, there will be no points awarded to the team on the Queens/King's side. Exception is every 3 service mistakes in a row. **During the last minute of a round, every service mistake is one point to the team on the** Queens/King's side.

When there are 2 teams with the same amount of points at the end of the round, the team with the longest stay at the Queens/King's side is considered higher ranked. If the longest stay is equal as well the team that had the longest stay first is considered higher ranked.

If there is 2 teams with 0 points, the team who entered the Queens/King's side the first is considered higher ranked. In case of neither team entering the Queens/King's side during the round, the team which started with higher ranking based on the draw will be considered higher ranked.

All rounds, except the final round, will be played on 15 minutes. After 10 minutes in each round there will be a 60 second break. The time out starts and the clock pauses when the rally that started after 10 minutes has ended.

The final round with 3 teams will be played until the first team reaches 15 points or in 15 minutes.

There will be a buzzer at the end of each round. When the buzzer goes, it means the round is over but the rally currently in play still counts.