

# How to Play Water Volleyball

## Rules and Game Play

1. Water volleyball is played by two teams, each composed of four or six players, and is played as the best out of three sets of games.
2. The first team to score 11, 15, or 25 wins the set. The length of a game is decided by both teams, considering what works best for them.
3. The winning team should have a 2-point lead to end the game.
4. If there is only 1 point separating both teams at the agreed-upon game length, they will have to play until one team has a 2-point advantage.
5. The teams should announce "match" or "advantage" after each service to identify which team is in the lead.
6. One team is picked to serve first, usually by doing a coin toss.
7. A player from the chosen team will start the game by hitting the ball over the net and onto the opponent's side, within the boundary lines.
8. Both teams should rotate clockwise after a team wins a service, or after they get the serve back from the other team.
9. On each service, the server should announce the score before serving the ball.
10. A member of the opposing team should hit the ball back and vice versa until a team scores a point.

## Service

The most common water volleyball serve is an overhand serve. However, a player may also serve an underhand or sidearm service, as long as the ball is hit above the water and is not carried.

## Scoring

1. Regardless of which team is serving, the points are scored in Rally Scoring, wherein every serve results in a score.
2. A point is scored when a player from the opposing team double-hits the ball.
3. A point is scored when the ball hits the water over the net and within the boundary lines of the opponent's side.
4. A point is scored when one player makes an illegal hit by pushing, carrying, or catching the ball.
5. A point is scored when the ball is hit at the same time by two players of the same team.
6. A point is scored when a player touches the net while the ball is in play.