

Playing in Two Divisions

The Steel City Volleyball League offers the opportunity for rated players in higher divisions to play down to the next lowest rated division. Playing down a division requires that you act as a mentor to the lower rated players and help them by teaching, coaching, and guiding emerging players in development of their skills.

We have 5 divisions of play:

- Recreational Division (Beginner, unrated)
- Intermediate Division focuses on a level of play consistent with C-level volleyball (simpler offense, less fast-paced, 4-2 rotation).
- Competitive Division focuses on a level of play consistent with a low-mid B level (simpler offense, fast-paced, 5-1/6-2 rotation).
- Power Division focuses on a level of play consistent with a high-B up to mid-BB level (complex offense, less fast-paced, 5-1 rotation).
- Power Plus Division focuses on a level of play consistent with a mid-BB to A level (complex offense, fast-paced, 5-1 rotation).

The benefit of the new five-division structure is that it will help focus and define more qualitatively the level of play expected in each division, which will make it easier for players to develop their skills and progress upward if they choose to do so.

If you are rated as a Power Plus player, you may – for an additional \$20 – play in the Power Division.

If you are rated as a Power player, you may – for an additional \$20 – play in the Competitive Division.

If you are rated as a Competitive player, you may – for an additional \$20 – play in the Intermediate Division.

If you are rated as an Intermediate player, you may – for an additional \$20 – play in the Recreational Division.

If you elect to play in two different divisions, we ask that you are mindful of the skill set for each particular division.

When playing down, you should expect a level of expertise that is not your own. We encourage you to exercise patience and understanding. You will be serving as a mentor to help increase the skills and knowledge of the players in that division, and your attitude should reflect the capacity of that role.

If you have any questions or seek further clarification, we are happy to help you. Please contact the SCVL Board via email at info+doc@steelcityvolleyball.org or through our website <https://www.steelcityvolleyball.org/contact-us>.