



Tachikara FAQ

What is the recommended height of a tetherball pole?

Tetherball is considered a recreational playground activity and is not governed by official rules for play, though some do exist. The length of a tetherball pole can vary anywhere between 9' to 10'.

What is the recommended amount of inflation for my ball?

The recommended inflation (PSI) of each Tachikara ball should be marked around its valve core. Be sure to moisten the inflation needle before inserting it into the valve. You can also refer to the Official Rule Book of the sport for more exact inflation (PSI) requirements.

What is the distance from the top of pole to the ball?

The tetherball should be suspended from the top of the pole so that it is suspended between 3' and 4' from the ground, depending upon the height of players.

What is composite leather?

Composite leather is a man-made material manufactured with a high fiber content that simulates the properties and durability of natural leather.

What are the dimensions of an outdoor volleyball court?

The rectangular playing court is 59' long by 29' 6" wide for official outdoor play. The height of the net for women should be 7' 4 1/8", and 7' 11 5/8" for men. Height should be measured at the center-point of the net.

Should my new leather volleyball have wrinkles?

A leather ball could potentially have wrinkles along the surface that will diminish once inflated or competitively played with over time. This is a characteristic of natural leathers and it does not affect the playability or quality of the ball.

How do I store my leather or composite leather volleyball?

Tachikara indoor leather, micro-leather, and/or composite leather volleyballs should be stored inside in a temperature controlled environment and should not be exposed to extreme temperature fluctuations or outdoor elements. Balls can be stored inflated or deflated in the off-season. If deflated for storage, when ready to reinflate, hold the valve area firmly between your thumb and index finger and notice the recommended inflation instructions (PSI) marked around the valve core. We suggest you moisten a standard size inflation needle (1040/1043) with glycerin before inserting it straight down into the valve. Please have an inflation gauge nearby to accurately measure the PSI, so as to not over-inflate.

How do I know when my ball is fully inflated?

We recommend using an inflation gauge to determine the exact amount of pressure, such as the Tachikara GAUGE available for purchase on this web site. Do not use a high pressure compressor like

those used at industrial sites or filling stations. Rather, we highly recommend using a small inflator or hand-pump like the models available from Tachikara. Refer to inflation instructions marked around the valve core on most models. Over-inflation can be problematic to the construction and intended performance of a ball, which will void its warranty.

How do I clean my indoor leather volleyball?

A mild soap and water solution is recommended for cleaning.

How can I preserve the leather on my ball?

The best thing you can do with a leather ball is use it to release the natural oils and properties of the material. Comparable to "breaking in" a fine pair shoes. We do not recommend any topical ointment or creme to preserve the leather. We do not recommend leather balls for outdoor play.

How can I be sure that the ball I purchase is acceptable for official play?

Refer to the Official Rule Book governing a sport for a list of approved products and specifications. Tachikara models that are "officially endorsed" will bear an authenticating mark for an organization, which should also be identified in the products description on a web page.