



# AUSTRALIAN BEACH VOLLEYBALL SCHOOLS CUP

## TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Australian Beach Volleyball Schools' Cup (ABVSC) is a new sporting event in Australia targeting teams from across Australia and internationally; and is owned and delivered by Volleyball Australia. These regulations have been developed to provide an event that is professionally delivered and fair to all who participate. Providing an environment that encourages ever increasing levels of competition that are the prime ingredients in maximising the enjoyment of everyone involved. Regrettably, penalties for non-compliance become necessary but are set to be reasonable considering the impact non-compliance has on the organisers and other participants.

1.2 "States" refers to State or Territory.

1.3 The following abbreviations have been used in these regulations:

VA	Volleyball Australia
ABVSC	Australian Beach Volleyball Schools' Cup
TCC	Tournament Control Committee
TD	Tournament Director
RD	Referee Delegate

1.4 The ABVSC Tournament Control Committee (TCC) is made up of:

- National Events Director
- Tournament Director
- Referee Delegate

1.4.1 Any person of the TCC may nominate a representative to replace them during the event for operational reasons if required.

1.4.2 The TCC may rely on information and advice from other individuals they determine in their sole discretion to be reasonable to assist in making any decisions concerning but not limited to the events sporting regulations, operations and tournament play.

## 2. COMPETITION

### 2.1 Competition

2.1.1 The ABVSC will be using the FIVB Beach Volleyball Official Rules (current) and the official FIVB 4 vs 4 Beach Volleyball Rules (current) unless where specifically amended within these Championship Regulations. Copies of the rules can be viewed on the FIVB website [http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Document\\_Refereeing/FIVBBeachVolleyball\\_Rules\\_2017-2020-EN-v05.pdf](http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Document_Refereeing/FIVBBeachVolleyball_Rules_2017-2020-EN-v05.pdf) and Volleyball Australia website <http://www.volleyballaustralia.org.au/page/beach-junior-events>

2.1.2 The tournament shall be conducted as separate competitions for boys and girls.

2.1.3 Only female students may play in girls' competitions.

2.1.4 Male or female players may play in boys' competitions (only in 4-a-side)

2.1.4.1 The competition is not mixed; however, females have permission to compete in a boys' division. During the nomination process, any school that has females participating in a male division will be required to outline this in the confirmation of entry form that will need to be approved by the school Principal. By signing this form, the school Principal is aware and supports the female player/s participating in a male division. During matches, a maximum of one (1) female player per team is allowed on the court in a Boys Division at any time and a maximum of two (2) female players can be on the team list within a boys' team.

### 2.2 Competition Format

2.2.1 Teams shall be given a 10 minute warm up on the match court. This will consist of:

- 4 minutes general warm up (with balls)
- 4 minutes spiking
- 1-minute serving
- 1-minute match preparation

2.2.3 Pairs

### 2.2.3.1 Match Format

- 2.2.3.1.1 To win a match, a team must win 2 out of 3 sets in a best of 3 sets format.
- 2.2.3.1.2 All sets are played with Rally Point Scoring System (every rally scores a point)
- 2.2.3.1.3 The first 2 sets to 21 points with a 2-point advantage. 3<sup>rd</sup> set to 15 points with a 2-point advantage.
- 2.2.3.1.4 In sets 1 and 2 teams will be required to change ends every 7 points. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> deciding set, teams will be required to change ends every 5 points.
- 2.2.3.1.5 There are no technical time outs.

### 2.2.4 4-a-side

#### 2.2.4.1 Match Format & Duration

##### 2.2.4.1.1 Pool Matches

- 2.2.4.1.1.1 Sets are played to 21 points. A team wins a set when they have a score of at least 21, with a lead of 2 points. Any number of sets may be completed within the specified playing time. In particular the match does not end when a team is leading 2 sets to nil.
- 2.2.4.1.1.2 The winner of a match shall be determined by the number of sets won.
- 2.2.4.1.1.3 Each team is allowed one (1) time out per set which can only be called by the team Coach, or team captain if no coach is present.
- 2.2.4.1.1.4 There are no technical time outs
- 2.2.4.1.1.5 Teams will be required to change ends when the first team reaches 11 points.

##### 2.2.4.1.2 Finals Matches

- 2.2.4.1.2.1 Such matches come under headings of 'Qualifiers', 'Quarter Finals', 'Semi Finals' or 'Playoffs' in the draw.
- 2.2.4.1.2.2 To win a match, a team must win 2 out of 3 sets. All sets are played with Rally Points System (every rally scores a point).
- 2.2.4.1.2.3 A set is won by the team which first reaches 21 points with a 2 point advantage, except in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and deciding set where it is 15 points with a 2 point advantage. There is no point limit in any set.
- 2.2.4.1.2.4 In sets 1 and 2, teams will be required to change ends when the first team reaches 11 points. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> deciding set, teams will be required to change ends when the first team reaches 8 points.

- 2.2.5 The TCC reserves the right to amend any Competition Rules, Match Formats or the Event Structure during the event should unforeseen circumstances (e.g. extreme weather) occur.

## 2.3 Divisions

Divisions on offer are:

	Year 7/8	Year 9/10	Year 11/12
Girls	Pairs	Pairs	Pairs
	4-a-side	4-a-side	4-a-side
Boys	Pairs	Pairs	Pairs
	4-a-side	4-a-side	4-a-side

- 2.3.1 The TCC retains the right to merge divisions; or age groups; or to create divisions based on the final entries.

## 2.4 School and Team Composition

- 2.4.1 All Schools must register all their team staff members at the time of nomination.
- 2.4.2 School must provide a minimum of 1 registered team staff member per 4 teams
- 2.4.3 Pairs team composition may only consist of two (2) players nominated to a team.
- 2.4.4 All 4-a-side divisions must have a minimum of four (4) players with a maximum of six (6) players can be nominated to a team.

## **3 TEAM ELIGIBILITY**

### **3.1 Australian Teams**

Team nominations will only be accepted from schools where all players are bonafide students of the school and who are registered members of VA via their relevant state volleyball association.

### **3.2 International Teams**

- 3.2.1 School teams from countries other than Australia may be accepted into the event subject to the following criteria. Such schools:
- a) must be ratified by their National Federation;
  - b) must provide a letter of endorsement from their National Federation to compete in the ABVSC; and
  - c) are ineligible to win the Champion School Trophy or the Australian Championship.
- 3.2.2 There is no limit on the number of International teams accepted into any division.
- 3.2.3 Multiple pairs teams from any one country will be ranked by their National Federation and accepted on this basis only.

## **4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

### **4.1 General**

- 4.1.1 A player will be eligible to participate in the ABVSC if they:
- 4.1.1.1 Are a registered member of VA via their relevant State Volleyball Association;
  - 4.1.1.2 Subject to clause 3, each player conforms to the year level and gender requirements of the team for which they are nominated. During the team nomination process, if a player is outside the year level bracket indicated in section 2.3 the school Principal must approve this by signing the confirmation of entry form. By signing this form, the school Principal is aware and supports the player/s participating in a higher age group/year level.

### **4.2 Enrolment**

- 4.2.1 A player will be eligible to participate in the ABVSC if they are a bona fide student. A "bona fide student" means one who is enrolled and in attendance at a school where they can comply with the State/Territory Education requirements for certification, and:
- 4.2.1.1 Subject to clause 4.2.3, have been enrolled, and in attendance, at the school which is registering them:
- 4.2.1.1.1 For the duration of the current school year; or
  - 4.2.1.1.2 If the student is enrolled in subjects and in attendance at more than one school in the current school year, they are to be registered at the school which they spend a majority of the time compared to the other school; or
  - 4.2.1.1.3 If a student transfers schools and is enrolled in more than two schools in a school year then that student is tied to the school where they are in current attendance. Provided they transfer prior to 1<sup>st</sup> March otherwise the player will be ineligible.
- 4.2.2 VA's full-time scholarship holders (AVA) are ineligible to compete at the ABVSC event. Any school with Australian Volleyball Academy (AVA) athletes registered with the Australian Institute of Sport, are permitted to participate for the school they are currently enrolled in without restriction. AVA players are also permitted to play for their school of origin on the basis that Principals from both schools provide written formal agreement along with a formal signed exemption. These documents must be submitted by the eligibility exemption due date as per the key dates (appendix 2).
- 4.2.3 The school Principal countersigns as verification that each student listed on the Confirmation of Entry is a bona fide student of the school, complies with the age/year level requirements for that team and the other entry requirements.

### **4.3 Playing for Two Teams from the Same School**

A player can only play for one team during the tournament. Under special circumstances (injuries/sickness) a team may, on written application to the TCC, request that a player or players move to a higher division or age group. Once a player has moved, they can no longer play for their original team. Normal eligibility rules apply.

## 5. EXEMPTIONS AND APPEAL PROCESS

### 5.1 Exemptions

- 5.1.1 Schools should apply in writing to the TCC for consideration of exemptions to **clause 4**.
- 5.1.2 Schools must submit the Exemption Pro Forma (this form is available on the ABVSC website or can be requested from VA directly) to the TCC for consideration by the due date.
- 5.1.3 The following Exemptions exists:
  - 5.1.3.1 Exemption requests for students who transfer schools after 1<sup>st</sup> March will not be considered by the TCC.
  - 5.1.3.2 Exemption requests for International students who transfer after the 1<sup>st</sup> March will not be considered by the TCC.

### 5.2 Appeals

Notice of an appeal of an exemption decision by the TCC, relating to clause 4 must be lodged in writing to the TD and all other relevant parties within 7 days of publication of the TCC decision. The appeal will be heard by the TCC. The decision of the TCC will be published within 7 days of the decision. The TCC shall be authorized to deal with any matter, including disciplinary action relating to participants, and their decision shall be final. The TCC will hear appeals to sanctions decisions.

## 6. ENTRY PROCESS

### 6.1 Nomination

- 6.1.1 Schools nominate teams for the event via the VA website. [play.volleyball.org.au](http://play.volleyball.org.au)
- 6.1.2 **Online nominations will only be accepted. Faxed and mailed nominations will not be accepted.**
- 6.1.3 Nominations received after the closing date will incur a \$100AUD late fee per team.
- 6.1.4 Nominations of teams for the event is deemed acceptance of and adherence to VA's policies. Policies include:
  - Acceptable Photography Policy
  - Protocols for treatment of misconduct by students, parents, spectators and officials
  - VA Member Protection Policy, Anti-doping Policy, Blood Spill Policy, Privacy Policy
  - Risk Management policies
  - Social Media Policy
  - Match Fixing PolicyPolicies are available on the VA website.
- 6.1.5 Teams nominating after the closing date risk not being accepted into the tournament should planning have proceeded to such an extent that inclusion of additional teams is impractical.
- 6.1.6 The acceptance of any team that nominates late will be subject to terms and conditions set by the TCC at that time. The conditions laid out herein apply only to teams nominating prior to the advertised closing date.
- 6.1.7 Placement of teams into divisions is at the discretion of the TCC.

### 6.2 Acknowledgement of Nomination

Shortly after the nominations closing date a Tax Invoice for all entry fees and bonds will be sent to the school. This invoice constitutes an acknowledgement of receipt of nomination.

### 6.3 Payment of Fees

- 6.3.1 All fees, as per the invoice issued in 6.2 must be paid by the due date.
- 6.3.2 A late fee of \$100AUD will be applied to invoices not paid by the due date.

### 6.4 Confirmation of Entries

- 6.4.1 After the payment of fees due date, VA will publish to each school:
  - 6.4.1.1 A receipt for all monies received.
  - 6.4.1.2 Team Confirmation documentation for all teams/divisions accepted.
  - 6.4.1.3 This documentation must be verified by the school and returned to VA by the due date, to ensure acceptance into the event and as verification that:
    - All listed players are full time, bona fide students at the school.
    - All listed dates of birth are correct.
    - Delegates representing the school agree to comply with the Tournament policies.

- Any applications for exemption to any of the Tournament Regulations by the School have been assessed, adjudicated and confirmed by the TCC.

## 6.5 Team Finalisation

- 6.5.1 Schools will be required to finalise all teams online by the date specified in (Appendix 2). Failure to finalise teams may result in exclusion from the tournament.
- 6.5.2 Evidence, verified in writing by the relevant School Principal or his/her appointed delegate, must be provided for any player added to the team after the finalisation of team's date, prior to the commencement of the event that they are a registered member of VA and satisfy all other eligibility requirements to compete in this event.
- 6.5.3 A representative from each school must attend the technical meeting. Each school will be required to sign in and failure to do so will result in a \$50AUD fine which will be taken from the bond.

## 6.6 Technical Meeting and Ceremonies

- 6.6.1 The technical meeting will take place at the Beach Volleyball Competition Venue immediately prior to the commencement of the competition. It is compulsory for all schools to attend. Times and dates will be advised in advance.
- 6.6.2 The awarding ceremony will be held on centre court at the conclusion of the final match.

## 6.7 Withdrawal of Teams

- 6.7.1 Any team withdrawing immediately after the nomination closing date, will forfeit half their entry fee.
- 6.7.2 Any team withdrawing **following the closing date**, will forfeit their entire entry fee (refer to key dates document for specific date).
- 6.7.3 Teams who withdraw during the tournament and fail to complete their scheduled matches will incur a penalty fee of \$200AUD per forfeited match. Penalties may be reviewed by the TCC in the situation where teams can provide evidence, they have been prevented from playing due to circumstances beyond their control.

# 7 MATCH CONDUCT

## 7.1.1 Net Heights

Division	Girls	Boys
Year 7/8	2.10	2.24
Year 9/10	2.15	2.35
Year 11/12	2.24	2.43

## 7.1.2 Substitution Rule for 4-a-side divisions

- 7.1.3.1. Within a set, once players are substituted, they can only be substituted again for the same player and remain in service rotation.
- 7.1.3.2 If a player is injured during a set and is unable to continue, then they can be substituted. The injured player may return if deemed fit to play. There is no Medical Time Out and the match must continue as soon as the injured player is safely removed from the playing area.
- 7.1.3.3 Only in the case of an injured player, a team can continue with three (3) players. If there are only two (2) players able to continue, the set and/or match will be defaulted.
- 7.1.3.4 There is a maximum of four (4) substitutions allowed in one set. Any player of the starting 4 can only be substituted one time in the set and can only replace the player that substituted him/her. The 2 players registered as substitutes before the beginning of the set, can replace any player in the starting 4 one time during the set.

## 7.1.4 Multiple Penalty Rule

- 7.1.4.1 A penalty is defined in the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules under Rule 20 Misconduct and its Sanctions. Penalties such as a coach losing an "on the spot" protest will not be included in the cumulative penalties count.
- 7.1.4.2 If a player or coach is sanctioned with a penalty twice (two red cards) during the Tournament, they will be automatically sanctioned with a one match suspension.
- 7.1.4.3 If a player or coach receives any further penalties during the Tournament; a review will be conducted by the TD and/or the TCC, where they will determine the appropriate sanction, their decision will be final.
- 7.1.4.4 If a player or coach is sanctioned with an expulsion (red and yellow card together) or disqualification (red and yellow card separated) they will be liable for a suspension or exclusion from the Tournament. A review will be conducted by the TD and/or the TCC, where

they will determine the appropriate sanction, their decision will be final.

#### **7.1.4 Competitions Points**

Win	Draw	Loss	Forfeit
3 Points	2 Points	1 Point	0 points

- 7.1.4.1 If a draw on competition points exists for progression into the next round, teams shall be separated first by Set Ratio and then, if required by Point Ratio.



### 7.1.6 Set Ratio

If a tie exists after Competition points, the order of ranking will be determined by Sets Ratio, with the team with the highest set ratio (to three decimal points) will be awarded the higher placing in the round robin.

$$\text{Set Ratio} = \frac{\text{Sets Won}}{\text{Sets Won} + \text{Sets Lost}}$$

### 7.1.7 Points Ratio

7.1.7.1 If the tie still exists after the calculation of the Sets Ratio, the order of ranking will be determined by Points Ratio. The team with the highest Points ratio (to three decimal points) will be awarded the higher placing in the round robin:

$$\text{Points Ratio} = \frac{\text{Points Won}}{\text{Points Won} + \text{Points Lost}}$$

7.1.7.2 If the tie still exists after the calculation of the Points Ratio, the order of ranking will be determined on the basis of aspects of matches completed between the tied teams.

### 7.1.8 Blood

Matches cannot proceed if there is a bleeding player, or blood on balls, equipment, the court or clothing. Should bleeding occur, the player must be removed from the game and cannot take their place on the court until there is no more evidence of blood or bleeding. Matches shall be halted until such time as all blood has been removed from playing equipment and players' uniforms. Play will only be resumed on confirmation by a Referee Supervisor.

## 7.2 Matches and Times

### 7.2.1 Playing schedules

7.2.1.1 A draft tournament draw will be posted via the VA website. The TD is authorised to make changes to the draw up to and including the Technical Meeting.

## 7.3 Number of Matches

7.3.1 Each team will receive a minimum of five (5) matches in the competition

## 7.4 Match Start Times

7.4.1 Matches are to start the first rally at the time shown on the schedule or as soon as possible after the completion of the previous match.

7.4.2 If a team is 5 minutes late it shall default the first set (21:0). If it is a further 5 minutes late it shall default the second set (21:0) and the match would be deemed a forfeit. Teams defaulting an entire match shall be deemed to have forfeited and shall be penalised with a fine of \$200AUD.

7.4.3 The TD has the authority to approve the delay of a start time due to exceptional circumstances and this decision shall be final.

## 7.4 Rescheduled Matches

7.4.1 The TD has the sole discretion to reschedule forfeited matches upon application from a team. If the team can demonstrate that they have been disadvantaged due to circumstances beyond their control. The rescheduled match shall not take place within 2 hours of another commitment of the team that was in attendance (this concession shall not apply to the forfeiting team).

7.4.2 If matches are delayed, for any reason, the TD is authorised to reschedule/relocate such matches. Unless otherwise advised, teams should always be prepared to play at the scheduled time.

## 7.5 On the spot Protest

ALL GAMES: On the spot protests will be adjudicated in the first instance by a Referee Supervisor. If not resolved to the satisfaction of the team, the RD may be asked for a ruling. Resolution will be immediate, and the match will resume as directed by the Tournament Director. The match will not be replayed. If a protest is upheld the match will resume immediately. If the protest is rejected the coach will be issued a penalty and the game will resume immediately.

## 7.6 Uniforms and Dress Regulations

7.6.1 All teams are expected to play in team uniform predominantly / exact same colour, design and type. Team members who are not in uniform shall not be allowed to take part in the match. Team

- uniforms from AVSC (Indoor) are accepted. Numbers are required to be worn on uniforms or drawn on the arm of players to assist in duty teams ensuring correct service order is maintained.
- 7.6.2 Any uniform exemptions must be submitted in writing to the TD prior to the commencement of competition; and resolved prior to the first match of that team.
  - 7.6.3 No jewelry may be worn during a match (including watches).
  - 7.6.4 It is encouraged that players wear hats.
  - 7.6.5 Shoes in this event are not permitted but sand socks are accepted.
  - 7.6.6 Clothing required for religious purposes is acceptable, but written notification must be given to the TD prior to the commencement of competition.
  - 7.6.7 Display of sponsorship logos on uniforms (shirts or shorts) is encouraged, subject to the following regulations:
    - 7.6.7.1 Any logo or message must not conflict with any event sponsor, as identified in any documentation distributed to schools up to three months prior to the registration day of the event.
    - 7.6.7.2 Should a potential conflict arise with a pre-existing team sponsor, and any event sponsor identified up to three months prior to the event, it shall be the responsibility of the team to advise the TCC of such potential conflict and the TCC, shall then determine further action.
    - 7.6.7.3 Any team who fails to advise the TCC of a potential sponsorship conflict prior to the event may be required by the TCC to remove or blank out the offending sponsor's logo or message before being permitted to compete in the event.
    - 7.6.7.4 Any logo or message on playing uniforms must be consistent across all members of a team.
    - 7.6.7.5 The maximum size of any logo or message on the front or back of a playing shirt shall not exceed 25cm in width and 10 cm in height and shall be at least 5cm clear of the playing number.
    - 7.6.7.6 The maximum size of any logo or text on playing shorts shall be 10cm in width and height and may only appear on the front of the shorts.
    - 7.6.7.7 Should any logo, graphic or text, attached to or printed on a playing uniform in any form, be it sponsorship related or not, be judged to be offensive by the TCC, the team shall not be permitted to compete until such time as the offensive item is removed or blanked out.
    - 7.6.7.8 The TD is authorised to rule on the acceptability of a uniform logo, graphic or text should a sample uniform or full-scale artwork be submitted prior to the event.

## **8 OFFICIATING AND COACHING**

### **8.1 Referees**

- 8.1.1 Each school must provide accredited officials for all team duties as listed in 8.1.6.
- 8.1.2 Each school must nominate the teams' referee(s) during the online team nomination process. Multiple nominations are permitted.
- 8.1.3 Referee qualifications are those published by VA.
- 8.1.4 Non-playing referees (adults or students) are encouraged and may officiate for multiple teams; provided alternative qualified referees are nominated and are available should the duties of those teams' clash.

8.1.5 The following referee qualification requirements shall apply for this event:

<b>4-a-side Competition</b>	<b>1st Referee</b>	<b>2nd Referee</b>	<b>Scorer</b>	<b>Adult Supervisor</b>
Medal Playoffs	Duty Team provide a minimum Level 1 Accredited Referee <b><i>(VA may provide where possible)</i></b>	Duty Team <b><i>(If VA provide 1<sup>st</sup> referee, Duty Team to provide a minimum Level 1 Accredited Referee)</i></b>	Duty Team	Year 7/8 teams must provide 1 team staff member
All other matches	Duty Team provide a minimum Level 1 Accredited Referee	Duty Team	Duty Team	Year 7/8 teams must provide 1 team staff member

  

<b>Pairs Competition</b>	<b>1st Referee</b>	<b>2nd Referee</b>	<b>Scorer</b>	<b>Adult Supervisor</b>
Medal Playoffs	Duty Team provide a minimum Level 1 Accredited Referee <b><i>(VA may provide where possible)</i></b>	<b><i>(If VA provide 1<sup>st</sup> referee, Duty Team to provide a minimum Level 1 Accredited referee)</i></b>	Duty Team provide a minimum VA Level 1 Accredited Referee	Year 7/8 teams must provide 1 team staff member
All other matches	Duty Team provide a minimum Level 1 Accredited Referee	N/A	Duty Team provide a minimum VA Level 1 Accredited Referee	Year 7/8 teams must provide 1 team staff member

- 8.1.6 An adult supervisor must be part of the duty team across all Year 7/8 divisions to supervise the duty and assist when needed. The adult supervisor is identified by the use of a bright coloured sash, worn by the adult team member during their team's duty. Unless the adult team official is a 1st or 2nd referee then he or she must be located at the scorer's table.
- 8.1.7 All referees are required to attend the technical meeting on the first day of competition. Different meeting times may be scheduled throughout the day and communicated to schools prior to the tournament. At this meeting, regulations such as playing boundaries will be established for all the courts as well as the scoring application, protest resolution and match protocol. Presentations for referees, scorers and line judges will be available online prior to the tournament.
- 8.1.8 All referees are required to provide their own whistle. Due to health regulations, whistles will NOT be available for loan. Sanction cards will be available on every court.
- 8.1.9 Whilst acting as a referee, officials will be under the control of the competition RD and Referee Supervisors.
- 8.1.9.1 Referee assessment may be available during the tournament; however, a personal application must be made to the RD at the start of the tournament to arrange suitable times.

## **8.2 Referee Delegate and Referee Supervisors**

- 8.2.1 VA's Referees Committee (VARC) will appoint a RD and Referee Supervisors.
- 8.2.2 Referee Supervisors will provide support and feedback to referees under the leadership of the RD.

## **8.3 Coaches**

- 8.3.1 Nominated Coaches must be adults (over the age of 18), or under the supervision of an adult and hold a current VA Level 1 Accreditation.
- 8.3.2 Only one (1) coach can be nominated per team per game for the Pairs divisions.
- 8.3.3 Up to three (3) team staff can be nominated per team per game for the 4 a-side divisions, however, one (1) staff member must be a coach
- 8.3.4 Coaches must have been nominated as per the entry form. The name of the coach should also be entered on the scoresheet in the comments section prior to the match starting. It is the teams' responsibility to ensure this is done not the duty team. If a coach is not entered on the scoresheet, they will be unable to coach for that match.
- 8.3.5 Only coaches are permitted to call time outs or team captain if a coach is not present.
- 8.3.6 Coaches may sit in the playing area throughout the match.
- 8.3.7 Coaches may give instructions to the players on the court only during the warmup, change of set, between rallies, at switch of the court and during time-outs without disturbing or delaying the

match. Coaches who do not adhere to this rule will immediately receive a sanction from the 1st Referee and the RD may be called. Any coach incurring two or more sanctions within the event will be called to the TCC to ascertain if any further sanctions are to be imposed (financial or otherwise)

- 8.3.8 Coaches will be sanctioned for unsportsmanlike or rude behaviour toward any match officials and the opposition players or coach. The duty team may seek the assistance and support of the RD or Referee Supervisors as required.

#### **8.4 Duty Teams**

- 8.4.1 All participating teams will be rostered for duty at times close to their scheduled playing times.
- 8.4.2 Teams may be rostered for duty in divisions other than their own.
- 8.4.3 Duty teams are to be present at the start of the official warm-up prior to the match. Duty teams must ensure that the score recorded on the scoresheet has been completed fully and verified by both coaches at the commencement and conclusion of the match before the teams leave the competition court. Coaches must complete/verify player lists before the match and the duty adult must liaise with both team coaches to ensure the correct result is being submitted.
- 8.4.4 The use of electronic devices (mobile phones, iPods, etc....) are prohibited whilst on duty.
- 8.4.5 Failure to provide duty personnel in accordance with these Regulations will result in a \$20AUD per duty member missing; the fine will be deducted from the team bond.
- 8.4.6 In addition to the standard duty roster, a stand-by duty team may be nominated from the teams participating in the final match of each day, on each court. In the event that matches have to be moved from one court to another (to avoid particularly late finishes), the **stand-by duty team** shall be required to perform duty on that match.
- 8.4.7 A duty of every team coach / captain is to ensure that at the completion of each match the court area is left clean and tidy in readiness for the next match.

#### **8.5 Team Bond**

- 8.5.1 As part of the entry fee to the tournament each School shall be invoiced a team bond deposit of \$100AUD per team, as indicated on the nomination form. Schools nominating more than 4 teams shall be invoiced a team bond of \$400AUD. For any fines over and above the bond deposit, schools will be invoiced to recoup the additional amount.
- 8.5.2 The bond will be returned as soon as possible after the tournament if and when all commitments are fulfilled.
- 8.5.3 Any duty violations or forfeited matches will incur financial penalties and will be covered by this bond, or schools will be invoiced for penalties over the bond deposit.

#### **8.6 Duty Team for the medal matches**

In a progressive tournament, it is impossible to predict the participants in later round matches. The TD is authorised to reassign duties in later matches to achieve a fairer distribution of assignments. Teams will be given reasonable notice of any such changes.

## **9 GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **9.1 Adult Supervision**

- 9.1.1 All teams participating in the ABVSC must have an adult, approved by the school's Principal, present for the duration of the tournament. Teams may be withdrawn by the TCC from the competition if this condition is not met.
- 9.1.2 Adult Supervision responsibilities remain with the schools at all times.

### **9.2 Champion School**

- 9.2.1 All teams are allocated tournament points according to Appendix 1: 'Champion School Ranking Points'. The Champion School for the year of the tournament will be decided by cumulative tournament points gained by all teams.

### **9.3 Australian Championships, International Medals and MVPs**

- 9.3.1 The Australian Champion is the highest placed Australian team in each Pairs Division.
- 9.3.2 International teams in all divisions who finish in the top 3 placings will receive a corresponding International medal. The gold, silver and bronze medallions for each division will be awarded to the three highest placed Australian teams.

9.3.3 MVP's will be awarded in all Gold medal matches. This will be decided by the winning team coach.

#### **9.4 First Aid/Sports Injury Service Supervision**

- 9.4.1 VA will supply First Aid officers for this event. This does not cover massage therapy or medical management.
- 9.4.2 An adult (teacher, manager, coach, or parent) must accompany all students requiring first aid or sports strapping. The officers providing the first aid / sports strapping service will require the accompanying adult to sign a document indicating they were present during the relevant treatment.
- 9.4.3 First Aid/Sports Strapping Service Officers ***WILL NOT*** provide services to students who are not accompanied by an adult (teacher, manager, coach, or parent).
- 9.4.4 All team managers are expected to familiarise themselves with their state and school's injury/incident reporting procedures.

#### **9.5 Ambulance insurance**

Schools are responsible for covering the cost of any ambulances required for their students. Schools must ensure that ambulance insurance is in place.

#### **9.6 Alcohol/Drug Consumption**

Smoking, drinking alcohol and the taking other social drugs is strictly forbidden during the whole period of the tournament. Any breach of this rule may result in the player being removed from the tournament, and their school officials will be notified. Further disciplinary action is the responsibility of the school.

#### **9.7 Anti-Doping Policy**

VA has an Anti-Doping Policy, available on the website:

<http://www.volleyballaustralia.org/index.php/about-us/anti-doping>.

As an official National Championship, all participating athletes agree to be bound by and are subject to this Policy, including random drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) under its legislation.

#### **9.8 Stealing**

All coaches, managers and individual team members must be aware of the ramifications of the theft and or malicious damage of tournament equipment, team equipment, and personal property at this Tournament. The theft of balls, personal property or equipment, will result in the expulsion of the player(s) and/or team from the competition and a review will determine their involvement in future Tournaments. ***Please be aware that police intervention will also be sought.***

#### **9.9 Venue Rules**

- 9.9.1 Players are expected to respect playing venues and any signage and rules that exist. Participants who fail to respect these rules, or who litter, may be subject to discipline within the general context of the tournament and may be liable to sanctions which may incur a fine and/or suspension for a match or a number of matches.
- 9.9.2 Any official of the ABVSC has the authority to report offences to the TCC for further action.

#### **9.10 Dates of Birth**

Players' dates of birth (DOB) and year level should be entered correctly on the nomination form as accurate records are required to ensure teams are entered in the correct division and players are eligible to participate.

## **10 SANCTIONS**

### **10.1 Player and Team Eligibility**

- 10.1.1 Sanctions for non-compliance of team eligibility (refer **Section 3**) and player eligibility (refer **Section 4**) will be considered by the Tournament Director at the event.
- 10.1.2 The officials of the teams in breach need to show cause to the Tournament Director, as to why a sanction should not be imposed on that team.
- 10.1.3 Depending on severity of breach, levels of sanctions may vary from warnings, forfeiture of competition points, fines and/or expulsion from the event. A review of future inclusion in subsequent events may occur.

- 10.1.4 Officials can appeal the decision to the TCC in writing within 1 hour of the receipt of the decision.
- 10.1.5 The TCC decision shall be final at the completion of the appeal.

**Example of a Win****Scenario 1:**

	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4
Team A	21	21	21	21
Team B	19	17	5	7

Team A wins 4-0

Why: All sets were played out to 21 points

**Scenario 2:**

	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Team A	21	8	21
Team B	11	21	7

Team A wins 2-1

Why: All sets were played out to 21 points.

**Scenario 3:**

	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Team A	21	10	9
Team B	12	21	11

Team A wins 2-1

Why: For all sets to be included a team must reach 11 points, with a 2 point difference.

**Scenario 4:**

	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Team A	21	19	19
Team B	17	21	20

Team A wins on points 59 point to 58

Why: One set all, no 2 point difference therefore add up total points.

**Scenario 5:**

	Set 1	Set 2
Team A	18	10
Team B	21	2

Team B wins 1-0

Why: Only one set was completed and the 2<sup>nd</sup> set did not reach 11 points**Scenario 6:**

	Set 1	Set 2
Team A	19	11
Team B	21	2

Team A wins 30 points to 23

Why: One set all (2<sup>nd</sup> set reached 11 and counts as a complete set) – add up total points**Example of a Draw****Scenario 1:**

	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3
Team A	21	18	15
Team B	18	21	15

Draw 1-1 and equal in 3<sup>rd</sup> set (54-54)

Why: Both teams won one set each and there was not a two point difference in the third set – add up total points. Total points are equal so it is a draw

**Scenario 2:**

	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4
Team A	21	19	16	21
Team B	18	21	21	17

Draw 2-2 and all points are equal (77-77)

Why: Both teams won two sets each -add up total points. Total points are equal so it is a draw

**APPENDIX 1 CHAMPION SCHOOL RANKING POINTS**

ABVSC will use the following Tournament Points Table:

Position	Pairs	4-a-side
1	120	80
2	110	75
3	105	72
4	100	70
5	95	68
6	90	66
7	85	64
8	82	62
9	80	60
10	79	59
11	78	58
12	77	57
13	76	56
14	75	55
15	74	54
16	73	53
17	72	52
18	71	51
19	70	50
20	69	49
21	68	48
22	67	47
23	66	46
24	65	45

Notes:

1. The details of all awards including Champion School will be advised at the Technical Meeting.
2. Only Australian teams are considered when determining the position that a school finished within a division for Champion School ranking.



**Monday 17th November 2020**

Nominations Open

**Sunday 21st March**

Nominations Close

*Teams withdrawing from the competition from this date forfeit half their entry fee*

**Wednesday 24th March**

Confirmations of Entry sent to schools for principal approval

**Wednesday 31st March**

Confirmations of Entry due

Tax invoice sent to school

*Teams withdrawing from the competition from this date forfeit their entire entry fee*

**Sunday 18th April**

Team entry fee payments due

*Entry fee payments received after this date will incur a \$100 late entry fee*

Player list cut off

*All players must be finalised by midnight (AEST). No further changes are permitted*

**Friday 23rd April**

Draft tournament draw published on event website

**Thursday 29th April**

Opening Ceremony

Event Technical Meeting

**Friday 30th April**

ABVSC Matches Commence

**Sunday 2nd May**

ABVSC Concludes

**Friday 28 May**

Team bond payments refunded