



**AUSTRALIAN
BEACH
VOLLEYBALL
SCHOOLS CUP
EVENT HANDBOOK**

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PART I INTRODUCTION

1. EVENT OVERVIEW

The Australian Beach Volleyball Schools Cup (Beach Schools Cup) is descending on Coolangatta Beach for its second year, 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.

2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

The following acronyms and terms shall have the following meanings:

ARD: Assistant Referee Delegate - is appointed by VARC and is responsible for assisting the RD with appointed referees and implementing the rules of the game and will serve as the RD in their absence.

AVA: Australian Volleyball Academy.

Beach Schools Cup: The Australian Beach Volleyball Schools Cup

CM: Competition Manager.

The Event: Australian Beach Volleyball Schools Cup.

FOP: Field of Play - the area including the court, team benches, scorer's table, warm up and penalty areas, substitution zones, free zones and service zones.

FIVB: The Fédération Internationale de Volleyball is the governing body responsible for all forms of Volleyball on a global level.

FIVB Rules: FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules 2017 - 2020.

FIVB 4x4 Rules: FIVB Official Beach Volleyball 4vs4 Rules 2017 - 2020

HOD: Head of Delegation - is designated as the official spokesperson or first point of contact, for ALL teams within their school during the event.

MPP: Volleyball Australia's Member Protection Policy

NSO: National Sports Organisation.

Participants: All athletes, team staff, coaches, referee's, parents and volunteers.

RD: Referee Delegate - is appointed by VARC and is responsible for managing all appointed referees and overseeing the implementation of the rules of the game.

RS: Referee Supervisor - is appointed by VARC and is responsible for providing support and feedback to referees under the leadership of the RD and ARD.

SVA / TVA: State Volleyball Association / Territory Volleyball Association - relating to member associations affiliated with VA

TCC: Tournament Control Committee

Event Officials: All event staff, including volunteers and referee's.

VA: Volleyball Australia

VARC: Volleyball Australia Referee Committee.

3. PURPOSE OF THIS HANDBOOK

This handbook has been developed to establish the standards and guidelines set forth by VA and serves as the primary source of information with relation to the Beach Schools Cup.

The intended purpose of the handbook is to provide participants with a resource that will enable them to better understand the Beach Schools Cup, and includes event information, entry requirements, nomination processes, event rules and regulations, and other relevant information.

All information contained within this document has been approved by, and is an official corporate document of, VA; all rights reserved.

4. REVISING THE HANDBOOK

VA has the sole authority to approve any additions, amendments, changes, and deletions to this handbook and the event.

The organisers will annually review this handbook and may update its contents as required. This will be done in consultation with relevant stakeholders.

Any revisions of the current handbook will be posted on the event website and electronically distributed to all relevant stakeholders.

5. EVENT STAFF

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7. TOURNAMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

The TCC is responsible for maintaining the smooth operations of all activities during the event and is authorized to oversee any matters relating to the competition, including participant disciplinary actions.

All rulings made by the TCC are final and are not subject to appeal.

The TCC will consist of the following officials:

- Technical Delegate (TD)
- Tournament Director
- Referee Delegates (RD)
- Competition Manager (CM)

NOTE: In the event any nominated official is unavailable during the event, a suitable replacement, will be given authority to act on behalf of and make decisions for the unavailable official.

8. EVENT SERVICES

8.1 MEDICAL SERVICES

VA will provide the minimum number of First Aid qualified persons following the recommendations from the risk assessment conducted by VA and the qualified first aid professionals.

During all competition days, these services will be provided from 30-minutes before the first scheduled match until the end of the last match daily.

In addition, all local hospital(s) will be informed of the dates and times of the event and teams will be provided with contact details and address of the local sports medicine clinics as part of their team information kit.

An adult (teacher, manager, coach, or parent) must accompany all students requiring first aid. The officers providing the first aid service will require the accompanying adult to sign a document indicating they were present during the relevant treatment.

First Aid Officers WILL NOT provide strapping tape to strap injuries but may be willing to strap injuries for participants if it is provided by the patient. However, this is not the priority for the first aid personnel and should an incident occur which required first aid attention, priority will be given to the person in most immediate need.

All team managers are expected to familiarise themselves with their state and school's injury/incident reporting procedures.

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

8.2 OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

VA has appointed **Rogue Gun Photography & Media** as the official photographer for the event.

The photographer will provide a range of photographic services, including, action shots and any other photos requested by VA.

<https://www.roguegun.com/>

9. EVENT POLICIES

9.1 EVENT POLICIES

The event will operate under guidance of the VA Member Protection Policy and other policies as detailed and relevant on the website.

abvsc.volleyball.org.au/health-safety

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PART II GENERAL INFORMATION

10. EVENT INFO

10.1 DATES

The 2022 Australian Beach Volleyball Schools Cup will be held between Saturday 2nd and Monday 4th April. The event will have three (3) days of competition and teams will be required to attend pre-event online check-in:

Friday 1 April – *Online Team Check-in & Technical Meeting*

Saturday 2 through Monday 4 April - *Matches Commence*

Monday 4th April – *Playoff matches, medal presentations & closing ceremony.*

(See Appendix 1 - Key Dates)

10.2 COSTS

10.2.1 Entry Fees

Entry fees are listed on the event website.
<https://abvsc.volleyball.org.au/competition-info/entry-fees/>

Entry fees include:

Minimum 5 matches throughout the event

Medals

The costs associated with hosting the event.

10.2.2 Team Bond

An additional \$100 per team will be charged as a “team bond”. This is to cover any fines incurred during the event as outlined in Appendix 4: Schedule of Fines. This will be refunded at the end of the event if fines are not incurred by the team. Team bond payments will be capped at \$400 per school. I.e. If a school enters more than 4 teams they will only be charged a \$400 bond.

The bond will be returned as soon as possible after the tournament if all commitments are fulfilled as per the key dates.

(See Appendix 1 – Key Dates)

Any 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.

The event officials will monitor for violations as outlined in Appendix 4

(See Appendix 4 – Schedule of Fines)

10.3 VENUE

The Event will be held on the Gold Coast in Queensland, Australia at Coolangatta Beach.

10.4 CANCELLATION

In the event that the Beach Schools Cup is cancelled by the event organisers, any fees which have been paid to VA by schools for the event will be refunded in full.

10.5 OFFICIAL EVENT BALL

Mikasa is an official corporate partner of VA and will provide all event match balls for the event.

All divisions will use the Mikasa V200W ball.

11 ENTRY PROCESS

11.1 NOMINATION

For official entry into the competition, schools must submit their teams via the online registration portal found on the event website.
abvsc.volleyball.org.au/nominate

(See Appendix 1: Key Dates).

Online nominations will only be accepted. Faxed, posted and emailed nominations will not be accepted.

Nominations received after the closing date will incur a \$100 late fee per team.

Nominations of teams for the event is deemed acceptance of and adherence to VA’s policies and codes of behaviour by all nominated participants.

Policies and codes of behaviour are available on the event website.

The acceptance of any team that nominates late will be subject to terms and conditions set by the event organisers at that time.

Placement of teams into divisions is at the discretion of the event organisers and subject to the entry and team eligibility criteria as set out in this handbook.

11.2 PAYMENT OF FEES

All fees, as per the invoice issued in 10.2, must be paid by the due date.

(See Appendix 1: Key Dates).

11.3 CONFIRMATION OF ENTRIES

After the nomination closure date, VA will publish to each school a confirmation of entry

document for all teams/divisions accepted. 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 and school year levels are correct

All participants media clearance information has been communicated to the event organisers

Delegates representing the school agree to comply with the event policies

Any applications for exemption to any of the event regulations by the School have been assessed, adjudicated and confirmed by the event organisers.

11.4 TEAM FINALISATION

Schools will be required to finalise all teams online by the date set out in Appendix 1. Failure to finalise teams may result in exclusion from the tournament.

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.

Any players added to the team list after the confirmation of entry has been returned, needs to also be ratified by the school principal.

11.5 COVID ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

HODs will be responsible for ensuring all their players and staff are either fully vaccinated or have returned a negative rapid antigen test prior to the event.

11.6 WITHDRAWAL OF TEAMS

Any team withdrawing after the nomination closing date, will forfeit half of their entry fee.

Any team withdrawing after a further 3 weeks following the closing date for nominations, will forfeit their entire entry fee.

(See Appendix 1 - Key Dates)

Teams who withdraw during the tournament and fail to complete their scheduled matches will incur a fee of up to \$200 per forfeiture. Where teams can prove they have been prevented from playing due to circumstances beyond their control, no fine will be applied.

12 DIVISIONS OF PLAY

12.1 DIVISIONS

The event shall be conducted in separate divisions for boys and girls.

Only female students may play in girls' divisions

Male or female players may play in boys' divisions. Subject to regulation 13.1.2

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

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

A minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 players must be nominated for entry into 4-a-side team. The organisers reserve the right to apply non-compliance fines if teams commence the tournament with less players than that which is indicated above.

12.2 DIVISION MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

A division will consist of no fewer than four (4) teams.

If a division has too few entries, or falls below the required number of teams, due to team withdrawals, then the division will either be merged into another division, or it will be dissolved.

13 ELIGIBILITY

13.1 TEAM ELIGIBILITY

13.1.1 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.

13.1.2 International Teams

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 Beach Schools Cup; and
- c) are ineligible to win the Champion School Trophy or the Australian Championship.

There is no limit on the number of international teams accepted into any division.

Multiple pairs teams from any one country will be ranked by their National Federation and accepted on this basis only.

13.2 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

13.2.1 GENERAL

A player will be eligible to participate in the Beach Schools Cup if they:

Are a registered member of VA via their relevant State Volleyball Association;

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.

13.3 ENROLMENT

A player will be eligible to participate in the Beach Schools Cup 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:

Subject to clause 4.2.3, have been enrolled, and in attendance, at the school which is registering them:

- For the duration of the current school year; or
- 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
- 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 1st March otherwise the player will be ineligible.

VA’s full-time scholarship holders (AVA) are ineligible to compete at the Beach Schools Cup 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).

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.

13.4 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.

13.5 COACH & TEAM OFFICIAL ELIGIBILITY

All nominated coaches must meet the following accreditation requirements:

Volleyball Australia Level 1 Coach Accreditation.

All Team Officials must be current registered full active members of the State/Territory.

Team officials are defined as anyone who performs a non-playing role and will sit on the bench for a team including but not limited to the following roles:

- Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Team Manager
- Statistician
- Therapist/Trainer

13.6 REFEREE ELIGIBILITY

Each school must provide accredited officials for all team duties.

All first referees must hold a minimum of VA Level Referee 1 Accreditation.

Each school must nominate the team's referee(s) during the online team nomination process. Multiple nominations are permitted.

Referee qualifications are those published by VA.

Non-playing referees (adults or students) may officiate for multiple teams; provided alternative qualified referees are nominated and are available should the duties of those teams' clash.

Referees who are not playing in a team can be added to the team in the "Coach" section of the nomination process.

14 EXEMPTIONS & APPEAL PROCESS

14.1 EXEMPTIONS

Schools should apply in writing to the tournament director for consideration of exemptions to clause 12.2.

Schools must submit the Exemption Form (available on the event website) for consideration by the due date.

The following Exemption Criteria exists:

- Exemption requests for students who transfer schools after 1st September will not be considered by the event organisers.
- Exemption requests for International students who transfer after the 1st September will not be considered by the event organisers.

4.2 APPEALS

Notice of an appeal of an exemption decision by the event organisers, relating to clause 12 must be lodged in writing to the TD within 7 days of publication of the exemption 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.

The TCC will consist of three (3) of the following positions:

- Tournament Director
- Technical Delegate
- Competition Manager
- Referee Delegate
- and appointed representative of VA

15 TEAM OBLIGATIONS

15.1 PLAYING COMMITMENT

It is each Team's responsibility to be at the venue prepared to take the court to play their match at the scheduled match start time.

Players are subject to all the policies and procedures of VA

15.2 COACHING COMMITMENT

Each school must nominate at a minimum one (1) coach per team during the online team nomination process. Multiple nominations are permitted.

Coach qualifications are those issued by VA.

All coaches must have a Working with Children Check or equivalent in their state. If your state gives exemptions for teachers, then the appropriate paperwork must be submitted instead.

Note: if your school is from interstate and will be in Queensland for 7 days or longer it is a requirement by the QLD Government that all adults who are not teachers require a QLD Blue card.

All coaches must agree to and sign the Coaches Code of Conduct upon submission of the schools final confirmation of entry.

For more information on how attain the required coaching accreditation please go to <http://www.volleyballaustralia.org.au/page/coach-education-development-program>

Coaches will be responsible for the following:

- Receiving and understand the contents of their team information kit that is distributed as part of the team check-in.
- Assisting with maintaining venue cleanliness and making sure that they and their players leave their playing area in a clean and tidy state.

15.3 TEAM EQUIPMENT

VA will not be able to provide teams with a dedicated changeroom, however, the venue will have common toilet facilities available, and it is strongly suggested that teams be prepared to dress prior to arrival at the venue and bring their own equipment.

All teams will be required to provide their own:

- Warm-up balls.
- Adequate First Aid kit.
- Hand sanitiser and cleaning products for team equipment.

15.4 OTHER

Every team coach / manager is to ensure that at the completion of each match the court area is left clean and tidy in readiness for the next match. This includes the conduct of COVID cleaning protocols as per the event specific COVID Safe Event Plan.

16 OFFICIATING

16.1 TEAM DUTIES

All participating teams will be rostered for match duty at times close to their scheduled playing times; immediately following a match they contested, or, two (2) match slots prior to the start of their next match.

NOTE: Any other member of a school group can serve as a member of the duty roster, as long as they have a valid accreditation that meets the criteria listed in 13.4.

All duty team members are considered a part of the team and any actions by a duty team member that violates any of the rules or policies of this event will be subject to sanctions by the TCC and/or VA

(See section 17 Sanctions).

Each school must nominate the teams' referee(s) during the online team nomination process. Multiple nominations are permitted.

Referee qualifications are those issued by VA.

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.

An adult team official must be part of the duty team in all divisions to supervise the duty and assist when needed. The adult team official 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.

16.2 REPORTING FOR DUTY / DUTY ROSTER

Duty teams must present at the start of the official warm-up prior to their scheduled duty match assignment and provide the following minimum personnel:

- One (1) 1st Referee
- One (1) Scorer
- For year 7/8 age groups one (1) Adult Supervisor (can also hold one of the above duty roles)

NOTE: Duty teams may change line judges and assistant scorers during the interval between sets.

(See Appendix 2: Warm Up Protocol)

16.3 FAILURE TO REPORT FOR DUTY

Failure to provide duty personnel will result in a fine to be deducted from the team bond.

(See Appendix 4: Schedule of Fines).

16.4 TEAMS ON DUTY

Teams may be rostered for duty in divisions other than their own.

Duty personnel will present themselves in keeping with the standard of the competition and the image of the game and must be neatly dressed in their uniform and/or track suit and wearing footwear.

The following items will be prohibited for use by duty personnel:

- Mobile phones, music devices or headphones.

Duty teams will be responsible for ensuring the following:

- Both Coaches have verified their team list prior to the commencement of the match
- The score recorded has been fully completed on the scoresheet
- Both team captains verify the result of the match before the teams leave the competition court

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 must be switched from one court to another (to avoid particularly late finishes) the stand-by duty team shall be required to perform duty on that match.

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

Duty team adult must verify with both team coaches to confirm the score on the scoresheet

before submission to the court supervisor as an accurate record of the game result.

16.5 DUTY TEAM EQUIPMENT

All referees are required to provide their own whistle.

NOTE: Hand-whistles may be available for loan; any item not returned from loan will incur a fine *(See Appendix 4: Schedule of fines).*

All other equipment will be provided, including:

- Penalty Cards
- Scoresheets & scoreboard

16.6 REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES

REFEREE DELEGATE (RD)

The RD is responsible for managing all appointed referee supervisors and holds official VARC and TCC authority. They will solve problems and make determinations on formal protests occurring during the match to re-establish the situation, in accordance with the FIVB Official Rules, amended by the Schools Cup rules.

The RD will also serve as a member of the TCC and will be required to attend all formal protests and discussions relating to rules infractions and enforcements.

REFEREE SUPERVISOR

The RSs are responsible for providing support and feedback to duty teams & referees under the leadership of the RD.

17 SANCTIONS

17.1 SANCTIONS

Any substantiated violation or infraction of VA's Constitution, By-laws, policies, procedures, competition rules and/or regulations; will be administered with a penalty and/or sanction in accordance with the severity of the violation or infraction as determined by the TCC.

Sanctions for non-compliance of Team Eligibility (section 13.1) and Player Eligibility (section 13.2) will be considered by the TCC at the event.

The team officials and HOD of the teams in breach need to show cause to the TCC, as to why a sanction should not be imposed on that team.

Depending on the severity of the 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.

HOD can appeal the decision to the TCC in writing within one (1) hour of the receipt of the decision.

The TCC decision after appeal shall be final.

17.2 FAILURE TO TAKE THE COURT

Any team, which fails to take the court at the start of the match, as signalled by the 1st Referee, will be sanctioned as follows.

Failure to take the court at the signalled start of the match by the 1st Referee - Forfeit 1st Set

Failure to take the court after 10 minutes from the signalled start time - Forfeit 2nd Set

17.3 MATCH MISCONDUCT AND SANCTIONS

If a player or team official is sanctioned with a penalty twice (two red cards) during the Tournament, they will receive a one match suspension. If a player or coach receives any further penalties the consequences will be decided by the Tournament Director and/or the Control Committee, where their decision is final. A penalty is defined in the FIVB Rules of the Game by the Misconduct Sanction Scale. Penalties such as a coach losing an "on the spot" protest will not be included in the cumulative penalties count.

If a player or team official 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. Sanctions for bad sportsmanship or behaviour only are applicable. The consequences will be decided by the Tournament Director and/or the Control Committee, where their decision is final.

17.4 MAJOR INFRACTIONS

The TCC may apply the following disciplinary sanctions singularly or in combination, for major infractions:

- Verbal or written warning.
- Verbal or written apology.
- Removal of certain privileges.

- Suspension from certain VA teams, events and/or activities.
- Suspension from all VA activities for a designated period of time.
- Payment of the cost of repairs for property damage.
- Suspension from VA funding.
- Expulsion from VA and member SVA / TVA.
- Other sanctions as may be considered appropriate for the offense.

17.5 FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS

All schools must have at least one (1) representative attend the Online General Technical Meeting.

A \$50 fine per team will be imposed on the schools for non-attendance.

18 GENERAL

18.1 ADULT SUPERVISION

All teams participating in the event 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.

Adult Supervision responsibilities always remain with the schools.

18.2 CHAMPION SCHOOL

The overall champion school will be determined by counting only the top 6 scores for each school.

Only Australian teams are considered when determining the position that a school finished within a division.

(See Appendix 5: Champion School Ranking Points).

18.3 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, INTERNATIONAL MEDALS & MVP's

The Australian Champion is the highest placed Australian team in each Pairs Division.

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.

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

18.4 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.

18.5 ANTI-DOPING

VA has an Anti-Doping Policy, available at its 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

18.6 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.

18.7 VENUE RULES

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 such as suspension for a match or a number of matches.

Any official of the event has the authority to report offences to the TCC for further action.

19 CLOSING CEREMONY / MEDAL PRESENTATIONS

The Closing Ceremony and Medal Presentations will be held at the conclusion of the last match on the last day of competition (est. 4:00 pm).

Rolling medal ceremonies will be held throughout the day at the conclusion of the last medal match for each division.

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PART III COMPETITION REGULATIONS

20 MATCH CONDUCT

The event shall be played in accordance with the current FIVB Beach Volleyball Rules of the Game and FIVB 4vs4 Rules of the Game unless otherwise amended in this handbook.

20.1 PLAYING AREA

The playing area is limited by the nearest obstruction, or adjacent court boundary (court line) and its vertical projection.

If part of the ball crosses the vertical projection of the playing area, it shall immediately become dead and called out by the first or second referee. Any ball retrieved from outside the playing area is no longer in play or playable. Should one of the referees, or line judges declare the ball out, the rally shall be immediately halted and awarded to the team not at fault. If there is any doubt regarding player safety all match officials are urged to halt a rally and replay the rally once safe again. In the action of playing the ball, the player must remain completely within the playing area.

Courts shall have a minimum clear runoff space of 3m at ends and 2.5m on sides.

20.2 HEIGHT OF THE NET

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

20.3 TEAM COMPOSITION

- All Schools must register all their team staff members at the time of nomination.
- School must provide a minimum of 1 registered team staff member per 4 teams
- Pairs team composition may only consist of two (2) players nominated to a team.
- 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.

20.4 EXPULSION

If 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.

20.5 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.

21 COMPETITION FORMAT

21.1 EVENT FORMAT

The number of team entries determines the number of pools in a division, the number of teams in each pool and the sequence of play, from pool play through finals.

A draft tournament draw will be posted via the event website. The TCC is authorised to make changes to the draw up to and including the General Technical Meeting.

21.2 NUMBER OF MATCHES

Each team is guaranteed at least one (1) match per day.

Each team will not be scheduled to play more than three (3) matches per day.

All teams shall have a minimum of five (5) matches over the three (3) days.

21.3 MATCH SCHEDULE

All nominating schools must finalise their teams by the date set out in "Appendix 1 - Key dates" of this document.

Matches commence each day at the earliest 8am.

21.4 MATCH START TIMES

Matches are to start the first rally at the scheduled time or 10 minutes after the preceding match.

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

21.5 MATCH DELAYS / RESCHEDULE

The TCC 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 1 hour of another commitment of the team that was in attendance (This concession shall not apply to the forfeiting team).

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

21.6 MATCH FORFEITURE

The minimum number of players a team must have to compete in a match is two (2) in the pairs competition and four (4) in the 4-a-side competition.

If through injury/illness, disqualification, expulsion or any other reason a team has less players available to take the court than that team will be deemed incomplete and will default any points and sets remaining that enable a result in an official match.

22 PAIRS COMPETITION FORMAT

22.1 MATCH WARM UP

Teams shall be given a minimum of 10 minutes 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

22.2 MATCH FORMAT

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

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.

23 4-A-SIDE COMPETITION FORMAT

23.1 MATCH WARM UP

Teams shall be given a minimum of 10 minutes 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

23.2 MATCH FORMAT & DURATION

Pool Matches

- 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 (45 minutes). The match does not end when a team is leading 2 sets to nil.
- The winner of a match shall be determined by the number of completed sets won. A set is deemed complete if one team reaches 11 points with a 2 point lead.
- 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.
- There are no technical time outs
- Teams will be required to change ends when the first team reaches 11 points.

Finals Matches

- Such matches come under headings of 'Qualifiers', 'Quarter Finals', 'Semi Finals' or 'Playoffs' in the draw.
- 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).
- A set is won by the team which first reaches 21 points with a 2-point advantage, except in the 3rd and deciding set where it is 15 points with a 2 point advantage. There is no point limit in any set.
- In sets 1 and 2, teams will be required to change ends when the first team reaches 11 points. In the 3rd deciding set, teams will be

required to change ends when the first team reaches 8 points.

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.

24 ON THE SPOT PROTEST

On the spot protests will be decided in the first instance by a Referee Supervisor. If not resolved, the Referee Delegate will be asked for a ruling. Resolution will be immediate, and the match will resume as directed by the mediator. 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.

25 RESULTS

25.1 COMPETITION POINTS/LADDER

During pool play, teams will be awarded competition points in accordance with the following to determine their ranking:

Win – 3 points

Draw – 2 Points

Loss – 1 point

Forfeit – 0 points

25.2 TIEBREAK RULES

If teams are tied on competition points within a pool, the tie will be resolved in the following order:

- 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.

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

- Points Ratio

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:

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

26 UNIFORMS / COURT DRESS REGULATIONS

- 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. 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.
- 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.
- No jewellery may be worn during a match (including watches).
- Shoes in this event are not permitted but sand socks are accepted.
- Display of sponsorship logos on uniforms (shirts or shorts) is permitted, subject to the following regulations:
 - 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.
 - 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.
- 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.

- Any logo or message on playing uniforms must be consistent across all members of a team.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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PART IV APPENDICIES

APPENDIX 1: KEY DATES

Wednesday 17th November 2021

Nominations Open

Monday 14th March 2022

Nominations Close

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

Exemption Request Applications Due

Wednesday 16th March 2022

Confirmations of Entry sent to schools for principal approval

Thursday 17th March 2022

Confirmations of Entry due

Tax invoice sent to school

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

Tuesday 29th March 2022

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

Wednesday 30th March

Draft tournament draw published on event website

Friday 1st April

Opening Ceremony

Event Technical Meeting

Saturday 2nd April 2022

Matches Commence

Monday 4th April

Event Concludes

Friday 28 May

Team bond payments refunded

APPENDIX 2: WARM UP PROTOCOL

	ACTIVITY	DUTY TEAM ACTION
T - 10 min	COVID Cleaning procedures from the previous match to commence. Teams to enter the stadium	Check the COVID cleaning procedures from the previous match (if any) has been conducted. If not, contact a court supervisor immediately.
T - 10 min	General Warm up begins (with balls)	Check COVID Cleaning protocol has been followed by previous duty team (if not notify RS/CS)
T - 7 min	Coin Toss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summon Captains for coin toss
T - 6 min	Official warm up at the net commences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitors warm up at the net
T - 2 min	Serving commences	
T - 1min	Players take the court	
T - 00	Match commences	

APPENDIX 3: COVID CLEANING PROTOCOL

To be performed by the **DUTY TEAM** at the completion of each match.

1. Sanitise your hands
2. Disinfect the score table and scorers chair with sanitising spray.
3. Disinfect the pen used on the scoresheet for the match with sanitising spray
4. Disinfect the 2 hand squeeze whistles provided on court and place back into the box provided with sanitising spray
5. Disinfect sanction cards (if used)

To be performed by the **DUTY TEAM** at the completion of **LAST MATCH** on court for the day (in addition to the items listed above).

1. Disinfect the handrails on the referee stand (if present) with provided sanitising spray.

To be performed by the **PLAYING TEAM** at the completion of each match prior to signing the scoresheet.

1. Disinfect team bench chairs with sanitising spray.
2. Remove all belongings (including your supplied cooler bag) from the court area.

APPENDIX 4: SCHEDULE OF FINES

Fines during the event will be charged out of the team bond payment. Fines can be incurred by the following but are not limited to this list. Fines are subject to the discretion of the TCC.

Disrespectful behaviour	\$20
Using electronics during duty	\$20
Littering	\$20
Property damage (repair)	Various (dependant on property and cost to repair)
Theft (replace)	Various (dependant on property and cost to replace)
Withdrawal/forfeit	\$200
Late for duty	\$20 per missing duty member
Failure to complete COVID-19 cleaning requirements	\$50
Failure to return squeeze whistle after completing duty	\$20
Failure to attend meeting	\$50

APPENDIX 5: CHAMPION SCHOOL RANKING POINTS

CHAMPION SCHOOL RANKING POINTS		
	Pairs	4-a-side
Position	Points	Points
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 overall champion school will be determined by counting only the top 6 scores for each school.
- 2) Only Australian teams are considered when determining the position that a school finished within a division.