



POLICY HANDBOOK

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Southern League

Welcome to all players!

Please familiarise yourself with the rules and regulations set out in this handbook. Any questions should be directed to a Committee Member.

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1. NOMINATION:

- (a) All teams wishing to enter a competition must complete a nomination form online or advise the Competitions Officer by the due date.
- (b) A complete list of players must be submitted by each team.
- (c) A nomination fee may be required, as determined by the Committee, prior to the commencement of each season.

2. REGISTRATION:

- (a) All players nominated on a Team Nomination Form who pay the specified membership fee will be registered from the start date of the season during which they joined.
- (b) It is the team captain's responsibility to ensure that all players sign their team's Nomination Form and to submit this by the due date, accompanied by all due membership fees, as determined by the Committee.
- (c) After the third week of the season, unregistered players may be prohibited from taking the court. Any offending team may lose premiership points.
- (d) Any player(s) starting after submission of the form should be added to it prior to taking the court. Payment of new membership fee(s) is then required within the following three weeks.

3. TRANSFERS:

- (a) Once a player has registered by playing with a team, he/she may only transfer to another team within the same division after the Competitions Officer has received written permission from the original team.
- (b) No team can refuse such a transfer without reasonable grounds.
- (c) Transfers after completion of more than half the roster matches are allowable only by specific approval by the Competitions Officer.

4. MATCH FEES:

- (a) Teams must pay their nominated match fees up front before the due date specified (normally by round 4).
- (b) The Association will endeavour to provide a means of accepting cash/cheques at the competition venue. If there is nobody available to accept payment in person, the team must contact the Treasurer on 0418104457.
- (c) Failure to pay all required match fees by the due date may result in prohibition and forfeits (see rule 7).

5. TEAM LISTS:

- (a) Players' names and numbers must be listed on the score sheet prior to the rostered starting time of the match. If not done then the First Referee will apply rule 7.
- (b) Subject to the conditions set out in rule 6, the minimum number of eligible players required to constitute a team is four (4).
- (c) Males cannot play in female teams, but one female can play in a male team.
- (d) Any player who arrives late may take part in the match only if he/she was listed on the score sheet prior to the commencement of the match.
- (e) Listed players who do not take the court are to be crossed off the score sheet by the First Referee prior to completion of official duties.

6. EQUIPMENT LOCATION:

Nets, antennae, volleyballs, score sheets and other equipment are stored in the Volleyball Tasmania equipment cupboard. This is located inside the old squash court in Hall 2 at Moonah Sports Centre.

7. FORFEITS:

- (a) Teams are to be ready to play (i.e. warm-up and score sheet completed) by the rostered starting time of the match. If they delay the starting time of the match they will lose one or more timeouts (first set) and if the delay is over 1 minute they will forfeit the first set. If the delay is over 10 minutes they shall forfeit the match.
- (b) Where a team has less than 6 eligible players, but complies with rule 5(b), an official match may still be played but the offending team may be subject to rule 7(c). Both teams will pay their required match fee in full.
- (c) Where the international score sheet is used, and a team has less than 6 players on court, teams will retain correct rotation and lose service when there is no player to serve.
- (d) Where a team has less than 4 eligible players, or plays an ineligible player, there will be no official match. The forfeiting team receives no match points and their opponents win by 3 sets to nil, and 25-0 will be the points awarded for percentage calculation.
- (e) A forfeiting team must pay both their and their opposing team's match fees, subject to rule 7(f). An invoice may be issued.
- (f) In a forfeit situation, should the winning team use the court for a non-official match or practice, there will be no additional fee charged to the forfeiting team.

8. TEAM RANKINGS:

Qualifications (in order of preference):

1. Premiership Points: WIN/BYE=4, DRAW=3, LOSS=2, FORFEIT=0
2. Set Percentage: Sets Won / Sets Lost
3. Point Percentage: Points Won / Points Lost

9. MULTIPLE GAMES:

In general, a player may play only one match in any division per night.

- (i) A player may play in more than one division on any given night; however, they are not eligible for Best Player votes if playing in a lower division than nominated.
- (ii) A player may not play for multiple teams within the same division unless permission is expressly given by the Roster Manager.

10. UNIFORM:

- (a) All teams must wear the correct uniform from the third playing week of the roster.
- (b) Correct uniform is: Playing tops of the same colour (except libero players who must wear a contrasting colour) and design with clearly defined numbers on the back. Numbers must not be taped on.
- (c) For each player out of uniform, offending teams will be penalised two (2) points per set in which such players take the court.
- (d) Teams are encouraged to wear matching shorts/socks.

11. FINALS ELIGIBILITY:

(a) *Eligible Player - definition*

A player is an eligible player and may play finals if they are correctly registered and have played in at least four (4) matches during the applicable season. Byes and forfeited matches (forfeiting team only) do not count towards games played.

(b) *Playing finals in their nominated (or higher) division*

A player may play finals in the division in which they were nominated, or any higher division, if the player is an Eligible Player.

(c) *Playing finals in a lower division than nominated*

A player may play finals in a division lower than which they were nominated if the player is an Eligible Player and has played at least four (4) matches in the lower division.

12. REFEREES:

- (a) Referees are to be qualified in accordance with requirements set by the Committee and will be paid in accordance with qualification and match level.
- (b) Volleyball Tasmania will conduct seminars and tests from time to time but teams are encouraged to investigate means of fostering their own referees, starting with second refereeing and their duty matches.
- (c) If scoresheets have not been satisfactorily completed by the First Referee (including Best Player voting) no payment shall be made.
- (d) For information regarding the referee payment scale, contact the Competitions Officer, Refereeing Officer or the Treasurer. Payment of any due fees should be arranged directly with the Treasurer upon conclusion of the applicable season.

13. DUTY:

- (a) When a team is rostered for duty it must supply: First Referee (if none are provided), Second Referee (Division 1 only) and Scorer.
 - (i) The first duty team in each hall is to obtain and set up all equipment.
 - (ii) These and subsequent duty teams must be ready to commence their duty match at its rostered starting time.
 - (iii) The duty team for the last match of the night is required to put away correctly ALL equipment from their hall.
 - (iv) If there is nobody remaining in any hall, the duty team for the last match is to ensure that all lights are turned off and all external doors are locked.
- (b) The penalty is 2 premiership points (per incident) for insufficient duty officials or if equipment is not set up/put away as required.
- (c) If you are unsure where equipment is stored, ask a Committee Member.
- (d) ***Finals Duty***: Each team involved in playing finals will be rostered to supply at least 3 persons to officiate another match. All duty people must have set up courts (if required) and be ready to start their duty match on time. A fine per person may be charged to any team that fails to comply with this rule.

14. KICKING VOLLEYBALLS:

Only when an official match is in progress may the ball be contacted with the feet. However, if the action is deemed by the First Referee to be dangerous to any person(s) a misconduct sanction (penalty) is to apply.

- (i) Any offender will receive a penalty (yellow card and loss of point/rally) from the referee.
- (ii) Any repetition(s) will result in expulsion for the remainder of the set (red card) or disqualification for the entire match (red/yellow cards).

15. WARM UP BALLS:

- (a) Teams must warm-up with their own volleyballs, not the match ball. Spare warm-up balls may be available on enquiry.
- (b) Playing with volleyballs while other matches are in progress is not permitted. This should be enforced by all First Referees.

16. FOOTWEAR:

Only recognised gym shoes or bare feet are allowed on court. Playing shoes should not be worn to the hall and must have clean soles.

17. PLAYING RULES:

- (a) It is the duty of all players to be familiar with the rules of volleyball. In all competitions conducted by Volleyball Tasmania, current international (F.I.V.B.) rules will apply, subject to special rules as determined by the Committee. Current F.I.V.B. International Rules will be made available upon enquiry, however this information can also be downloaded from the Internet at <http://www.fivb.org/>.
- (b) A different libero player is permitted in each set. The libero must wear a playing top of a different colour to the rest of the team. It is not a requirement that the top be numbered, although preferred. The score sheet and rotation cards (where applicable) must be clearly marked to identify the libero for each set.
- (c) Teams may use a '12-sub' rule instead of the standard '6-sub' rule, but should advise the First Referee prior to the start of the match if this is the case.

18. TIME LIMITS:

- (a) Regular timed matches, inclusive of timeouts, continue until time expires or one team wins 3 sets. A non-timed match length may be specified for some competitions.
- (b) In a timed match, if a set is completed with sufficient time remaining for change of ends (2 mins. Div 1 / 1 min. others) then a new set should be commenced.
- (c) The First Referee will clearly inform teams when six (6) minutes of match time remains to enable any available time-outs to be taken.
- (d) No time-outs will be allowed within the last 5 minutes of a timed match, but quick legal substitutions will be allowed (delays are subject to sanction). The time clock should be stopped during such substitutions.

19. SCORING SYSTEM:

- (a) Match results are determined by the number of sets won.
- (b) If, in a timed match, time expires and one team has scored the required minimum number of points and has an advantage of at least 2 points, the set will count towards the match result (i.e. the set will be won/lost accordingly).
- (c) The minimum is 15 points for sets 1 to 4 and 8 points for the 5th set.

20. FINALS FORMAT:

No. of Teams	Semi Final	Preliminary Final	Grand Final
4 or 5	N/A	Game A: 2 nd v 3 rd	1 st v Winner (A)
6 or 7	Game A: 1 st v 2 nd Game B: 3 rd v 4 th Game C: 5 th v 6 th	Game D: Loser (A) v Winner (B)	Game E: Winner (A) v Winner (D)

If the number of teams is more than 5, there may be additional matches played. Any variation may be approved by the Committee.

21. AWARDS & PRIZES:

- (a) Premiership medallions, premiership certificates and/or Best Player awards may be presented either after completion of the match or at the next official Volleyball Tasmania function.
- (b) Best Player awards will only be awarded if votes are cast in more than 90% of official matches in the relevant group/division.

22. NOTICE BOARD & WEBSITE:

As many of our current members are aware, there is a notice board available for all volleyball related information including rosters, ladders, upcoming events and news. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with it – on wall outside the canteen in Hall 2 at Moonah Sports Centre.

Visit www.volleyballtasmania.com.au for updates and results.

23. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Meetings are held regularly to discuss relevant issues and policies that relate to Volleyball Tasmania, including the season in progress.

- (i) All members are welcome to attend any meeting, but voting rights only belong to Committee Members unless it is a general meeting.
- (ii) Refer to the website for details and agenda items.
- (iii) Anyone who wants to join the Committee – contact us!

24. ARBITRATION:

The Competitions Officer will adjudicate in the event of any dispute arising from the interpretation of these rules and his/her decision will be final.