



2019 STATE LEAGUE

REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

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1. Management of the Competition:

Volleyball Tasmania Inc. (VTI):

- 1.1 Volleyball Tasmania (VTI) is the sole owner of the event property called the “Tasmanian Volleyball State League” (State League). VTI through its committee is responsible for the delivery and management of State League.
- 1.2 VTI will appoint a State League Event Director who will be responsible for delivering all facets of State League including, but not limited to, marketing, media, operations, competition logistics, venue requirements, delivery of finals and general administration of the State League season.
- 1.3 In the absence of an appointed VTI State League Director, the VTI Competition Officer will assume this position.
- 1.4 Rules and competition format changes during the State League season can only be made by the VTI Executive, with at least a 75% majority vote.
- 1.5 The VTI Executive comprises of the VTI President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

State League Committee (SLC):

- 1.6 A State League Committee (SLC) may be appointed by VTI. SLC members will hold equal authority and be expected to conduct themselves professionally and resolve issues amicably and in a timely manner.
- 1.7 The SLC will comprise of the State League Event Director, VTI Competition Officer and up to three (3) additional representatives if deemed necessary and approved by VTI.
- 1.8 It is the responsibility of the SLC to resolve any protests or disputes that might arise during the season. All match protests will be resolved by the SLC at the time of protest.
- 1.9 In the absence of an appointed SLC the VTI State League Director will resolve all protests. In the absence of an appointed VTI State League Director the VTI Competition Officer will resolve all protests.

- 1.10 In the absence of an appointed SLC any reference in this document to said SLC should be read as to replace SLC with the appropriate, VTI State League Director or the VTI Competition Officer.
- 1.11 The VTI Executive will resolve any protest or dispute that cannot be resolved by the SLC, VTI State League Director or VTI Competition Officer.
- 1.12 Any formal written complaint concerning management of the competition should be directed to the VTI Executive and will be dealt with in a reasonable manner.

2. Competition Format:

League Format:

- 2.1 State League will consist of one (1) annual season.
- 2.2 There will be one (1) Premier division offered in both Men's and Women's. Secondary divisions in juniors or B-grade may also be offered depending on interest/entries.
- 2.3 Fixtures will generally be played on weekends in different regions of the state at allocated venues.

Team Rankings:

- 2.4 The ranking of teams is determined by the number of victories among teams of the same division (matches won).
- 2.5 The final ranking of all teams at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds will determine the match schedule for finals.

Premiership Points:

- 2.6 In the case of teams finishing with an equal number of victories (matches won), positions will be determined by points gained by results as follows:
 - a) 3 points for a win (3-0 or 3-1)
 - b) 2 points for a win (3-2)
 - c) 1 point for a loss (2-3)
 - d) 0 points for a loss (0-3 or 1-3)
 - e) -2 points for a forfeit

Premiership Table:

- 2.7 In the case of teams finishing with equal wins and equal premiership points, teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of sets played.
- 2.8 If the tie persists according to the set quotient, the teams will then be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of points played.
- 2.9 If the tie continues as per the point quotient between two teams, the priority will be given to the team that won the last match when these teams last played.
- 2.10 When the tie in point quotient is between three or more teams, a new classification of these teams in the terms of victory, premiership points, set quotient and point quotient will be made taking into consideration only the matches in which they played each other.

Finals:

- 2.11 The VTI State League Director and/or the VTI Competition Officer will determine the format for finals according to team nominations.
- 2.12 In the case of a forfeit during the finals, the offending team will be eliminated from the final series. Only teams that have fulfilled all their finals commitments will be eligible for any medals or awards.

3. Eligibility:

Team Eligibility:

- 3.1 Entry is restricted to teams from clubs and associations affiliated with VTI.
- 3.2 VTI reserves the right to refuse entry to any team.
- 3.3 Clubs/associations can enter a maximum of one (1) team in any division of competition.
- 3.4 No additional team nominations will be accepted during the course of the series, except in exceptional circumstances.

- 3.5 A team must consist of at least six (6) players at all times.
- 3.6 Match fees for all teams must be paid in full to VTI by the specified date.
- 3.7 An exception to 3.1 may be granted for Invitational Teams. Invitational Teams are defined as those not participating in the full State League season, but invited by VTI to participate in a single preliminary round.

Player Eligibility:

- 3.8 Players and Team Officials participating in State League must be current Full Adult (annual) or U19 registered members of VTI prior to playing in the competition, including provision of all required personal information and payment of required fees.
- 3.9 Players and Team Officials from Invitational Teams must be registered with their relevant State body prior to playing in the competition, including provision of all required personal information and payment of required fees.
- 3.10 Players must be current members of the club/association they wish to represent. If a club/association does not require membership, it will be taken that a player is registered to the club/association in which they have most recently been nominated/played for in their relevant local competition held directly preceding State League.
- 3.11 If a club/association does not enter a team in a given division, then its members can seek affiliation with another club/association within that division for State League purposes. Written confirmation of entry/non-entry may be requested by the SLC.
- 3.12 If a club/association does enter a team in a given division, then its members can only seek affiliation with another club/association within that division once the club they are registered with provides written clearance to the SLC for State League purposes.
- 3.13 Once a player has participated in an official match with one team, they are considered to be a member of that team (and its corresponding club) for State League purposes and cannot change club/team without a legal transfer.
- 3.14 Transfers and registrations during the season are subject to approval by the SLC. All transfers and clearances are to be forwarded to the SLC in writing at least two (2) working days before the next round of competition.

- 3.15 No transfers will be allowed during the finals series.
- 3.16 Male players cannot play in women's matches and female players cannot play in men's matches.
- 3.17 Only those players in attendance and named on the official scoresheet will be regarded as having played in that match. In the event of a forfeit, those present and named on the official scoresheet will be recorded as having played in that match.
- 3.18 In order to be eligible to play with a club/team in the finals, a player must have played in a minimum of 50% of total finals-eligible matches during the season with that club/team prior to the commencement of the finals series.
- 3.19 Matches played against Invitational Teams are not considered finals-eligible matches for the purposes of State League.

4. Match Regulations:

Match Format:

- 4.1 Unless otherwise stated, all matches will be played according to FIVB Volleyball Rules of the Game 2017-2020, including the Australian variants of the '12-sub rule' and the 'libero per set rule'.
- 4.2 All matches will be played under the GEST (Guaranteed Earliest Starting Time) system. This means that if matches run over the scheduled finishing time, the next match does not start until fifteen (15) minutes after the previous match. If a match finishes more than 15 minutes before the next scheduled starting time, the next match will not commence until its scheduled starting time, unless agreement is reached between both competing teams and the duty team.
- 4.3 The approved match ball is the Mikasa MVA200 8-panel volleyball.

Forfeits and Late Starts

- 4.4 All matches will commence no later than the time advised in the official program/draw or fifteen (15) minutes after the completion of the previous match on that court, whichever is later. Please refer to **Appendix A** for the pre-match protocol to be applied to all preliminary round matches.

- 4.5 If a team has performed duty on the previous match (on any court), that team will be given at least fifteen (15) minutes warm up time after the conclusion of official duties of the previous match.
- 4.6 If a team is not ready to start at the advised time, it forfeits the first set. If after ten (10) minutes the team is still not ready to commence, it forfeits the second set. Once a further ten (10) minutes have elapsed and the team is still not ready, a match forfeit will be recorded.
- 4.7 When neither team is ready to commence at the advised starting time, both teams forfeit the first set. If neither team is ready to start after ten (10) minutes, both teams forfeit the second set. If after an additional ten (10) minutes have elapsed both teams are not ready to start, a double match forfeit will be recorded.
- 4.8 The SLC reserves the right to allow a match to commence late, without penalty, if deemed appropriate due to unforeseen circumstances.
- 4.9 Any team fielding an unregistered player, an ineligible player (according to rule 3) or a player listed under a false name will forfeit that match.

Uniforms:

- 4.10 All playing jerseys must have - clearly shown on the front and back - a number between 1 and 99 that is unique to their team.
- 4.11 The colour and design of the shirt must be consistent throughout the team but may have either short or long sleeves.
- 4.12 Male players must wear shorts consistent in colour and style throughout the team.
- 4.13 Female players may wear shorts, sports briefs or bike pants, provided they are consistent in colour and style throughout the team.
- 4.14 No other clothing (other than compression or protective garments) should be visible outside of the playing uniform without prior written permission of the SLC.
- 4.15 Uniform violations notified by the first referee to the SLC will result in a \$20 fine per violation to the offending team/club, payable to VTI prior to the next Round or Finals.

Officials:

- 4.16 For all matches, duty teams must provide at least two (2) standing linespersons (4 for finals) plus a first referee, second referee and scorer. An assistant scorer, to operate a scoreboard or flip cards, is encouraged.
- 4.17 Officials should have achieved some level of refereeing qualification, though this is not mandatory. The SLC has the right to request a replacement official.
- 4.18 The SLC may request/appoint referees for finals matches. If none have been requested, responsibility remains with the scheduled duty team.
- 4.19 If a team does not comply with duty requirements per 4.16 it will be penalised 1 premiership point per instance. For example, 2 officials missing = 2 points deducted.
- 4.20 If a team breaches their duty requirements during finals, a monetary penalty will be applied, as determined by the SLC. Restrictions may be placed on the offending team or player for subsequent competitions.

Most Valuable Player:

- 4.21 At the conclusion of each match, the 1st and 2nd referees will each list their top three players for the match.
- 4.22 The best players will receive points towards the MVP award for their division on a 3-2-1 basis (i.e. there can be a maximum of 6 points awarded per match to any one player between the two referees).

5. Codes, Conduct and Policies:

General Behaviour:

- 5.1 Players, officials and other participants must:
- conduct themselves within the rules and spirit of volleyball, promoting fair play over winning at any cost;
 - support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport;
 - respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of ability, gender, sexuality, race, culture or religion;
 - respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport;

- ensure their decisions and actions contribute to a safe and harassment free environment;
- act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for their decisions and actions.

Alcohol:

- 5.2 State League Players, Coaches, Staff and Referees are not permitted to bring alcohol, drink alcohol or be noticeably intoxicated while at the competition venues.
- 5.3 All participants, including spectators, must adhere to venue-specific regulations. For example, alcohol cannot be consumed by any person on school premises.

Drugs:

- 5.4 VTI will not tolerate the taking of banned or illegal substances.
- 5.5 The Volleyball Australia (VA) Anti-Doping Policy is applicable to the State League series. A condition of eligibility to play in State League is that all athletes accept this Anti-Doping Policy and random drug testing. The policy is available from the VA website:

<http://www.volleyballaustralia.org.au/page/anti-doping>

Blood:

- 5.6 VTI has adopted the Australian Medicine Infectious Diseases Policy.
- 5.7 Matches will not proceed if there is a bleeding player or blood evident on equipment or the playing area. Should a bleeding occur, the player will be immediately removed from the match and will not be permitted to return to the match until there is no further evidence of bleeding or blood. The playing area must be cleaned (i.e. all evidence of blood removed) before the match can resume.
- 5.8 The bleeding player is removed from the match by any available substitute on the bench (excluding the Libero) and will be recorded on the scoresheet under "Remarks". This action will not count as one of the team substitutions. When the player is ready to return to the match, they will immediately replace the player that took their position, this is again recorded on the scoresheet under "Remarks".

Vulnerable People:

5.9 Where teams comprise of members under the age of 18 years, it is the responsibility of each team/club to ensure they fully comply with the applicable State legislation, for all facets of the entire State League season.

Breaches of Conduct:

5.10 Appropriate conduct of participants will be enforced by the SLC, VTI Executive and officials.

5.11 Any person found to be in breach of these rules of conduct will be asked to modify their behaviour appropriately. Failure to comply may result in expulsion from the venue or disqualification from the competition.



State League Pre-Match Protocol:

	1st Referee	2nd Referee	Scorer
T – 15 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official protocol commences • Check net height & equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute line-up sheets to coaches • Check net height & equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure coaches check and sign the scoresheet
T – 11 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summon captains for coin toss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend coin toss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure captains sign the scoresheet
T – 10 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined warm-up at net commences (2 x 4-min) • Monitor spiking • Brief line judges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect both line-up sheets from coaches • Monitor spiking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record coin toss result • Check players on court against scoresheet • Record team line-ups
T – 02 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm-up at net finishes. • Serving 1min commences 		
T – 01 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official warm-up finishes. • Teams exit the court. 		
T – 30 sec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting 6 players enter the court 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check positions of players • Authorise libero replacement if required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check positions of players
T – 00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First whistle to authorise serve 		