



SYDNEY NORTH VOLLEYBALL INC

COMPETITION BY-LAWS

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Welcome to Sydney North Volleyball (SNV). Please take time to read the information provided here. It will help you and the other players to enjoy the competition.
- 1.2 All references to the Board in this by-law refer to the Board of Sydney North Volleyball as elected pursuant to the constitution.

2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 2.1 The Association is an incorporated body bound by a constitution. The venue manager will have a copy of the constitution should you wish to read it.
- 2.2 Our competitions are run according to Federation Internationale De Volleyball (FIVB) rules of the Game as adopted by the Australian Volleyball Federation (AVF), except where specifically amended by the By-laws set out in this document. Please make sure that all players in your team read and understand them. Teams are encouraged to obtain the official FIVB Rule book and familiarise themselves with the rules & protocols of Volleyball.
- 2.3 Sydney North Volleyball advises that our venues do not comply with all FIVB regulations with respect to the playing area. Sydney North Volleyball takes no responsibility for injuries caused due to these irregularities.

3 MEMBERSHIP & INJURIES

- 3.1 For insurance purposes all players must have current and appropriate membership of State Volleyball NSW and Sydney North Volleyball before they enter a court for training, coaching, duty or competition matches organised by the Association.
- 3.2 As a member of SVNSW and Sydney North Volleyball you receive cover against any personal injury that takes place either during a match (including official warm up), or at training. All incidents involving injuries must immediately be recorded by the duty team in the "remarks" section and the venue manager must be advised of this incident. e.g., Injury to player number 18 from Team A second set at 9-15. In the event of injury at training, the coach and team manager should make a record of the incident and submit it to the Board for record keeping purposes.

4 LATE ENTRY PENALTY PAYMENT

- 4.1 A late entry fee of \$40 will be payable with any entry or payment not lodged by the closing date for entries.
- 4.2 Teams will not accumulate competition points until the team entry fee is paid in full.

5 UNIFORMS

- 5.1 All team members, in all competitions, must be in uniform by the 3rd week of competition. After two weeks of the competition teams will be sanctioned as laid down in By-law 14.3. **Players not in correct uniform will not be permitted to take to the court in all competition final & semifinals matches.**
- 5.2 The uniform shall consist of matching short sleeved shirts of the same colour and style with permanent numbers of contrasting colour at least 2cm thick and 10cm in size placed on the front

and at least 2cm thick and 20cm in size on the back of the shirt. Shorts must be of a similar colour.

- 5.3 Teams may apply to the venue manager for exemption from By-law 5.1 where proof of uniforms on order can be produced.
- 5.4 Team Members must abide by venue rules regarding footwear at all times, including duty.
- 5.5 No player is permitted to play without sport shoes **under any circumstances**.
- 5.6 The Association advises all players not to wear jewellery or watches while playing volleyball as this may cause injury to you or others. SNV takes no responsibility for injuries caused or worsened by wearing jewellery or watches or for damage to the jewellery or watch itself. Players who disregard this advice are not covered by our insurance policy for any of these situations in which wearing jewellery or a watch contributes to an incident. Further the player may be liable in circumstances where wearing jewellery or a watch contributes to an incident involving another player.
- 5.7 A player who substitutes for a team for one match to avoid a forfeited match does not have to be in that team's uniform and no competition points shall be deducted for the substitute player. The substitute player must, however, wear their own team's uniform.

6 TEAM FORMAT

- 6.1 Upon entry to the competition, all teams must nominate a minimum of 7 players all of who have current and appropriate membership of SNV and State Volleyball NSW.
- 6.2 Teams in our open district competitions may consist of any number of male and female players.
- 6.3 Teams in any segregated men's and women's district competitions must consist of all male or all female players, respectively.
- 6.4 Teams in junior competitions must consist of players of the correct age and sex.
- 6.5 Teams with five players will be sanctioned as laid down in By-law 14.3.
- 6.6 **All teams are permitted to play with five players on court.** A gap must be nominated in place of the missing sixth player in the team's rotation line up. The service shall be forfeited when the gap rotates to the serving position and a rally point allocated to the opposition.
- 6.7 **Teams with only five players are not permitted to borrow a sixth player from another team at the same venue.**
- 6.8 **A team with only four players may borrow one player from a lower grade at the same venue except in the lowest grade at each venue where a player from the same grade may play, i.e. the team plays with five people.** See By-law 6.5.
- 6.9 A player may play in a higher grade at the same venue a maximum of 2 times during the same competition. On the third occasion that player will become ineligible to return to the lower grade for the remainder of that competition unless approval is given by the venue manager.
- 6.10 A venue manager has discretion to restrict or stop a player from playing in a manner dangerous for that grade.

7 PLAYER TRANSFERS

- 7.1 A player may only play in one team per venue except when playing as a borrowed 5th player as described in by-law 6.8 or where approval is given by the Board of Sydney North Volleyball.
- 7.2 A player may transfer from one team to another by application to the Board of Sydney North Volleyball. It is recommended the player support their application with written clearance from the team representative of the team they wish to leave.
- 7.3 A player may transfer only once per competition.

8 PLAYER BEHAVIOUR

- 8.1 The Association aims to promote sportsmanlike conduct in all our competitions.
- 8.2 A player may query any sanction issued through written application to the Board within 48 hours of the sanction being issued.
- 8.3 The Board will consider the protest at its next ordinary Board meeting or earlier if possible and will issue a written determination to the applicant within seven days of the meeting. The decision of the Board will be binding.

9 ALLOCATION OF COMPETITION POINTS

- 9.1 Competition points are allocated on a cumulative basis as follows:

- 0 points for a loss
- 1 point if the team is ready to play with a minimum of six players at the appointed match start time.
- 1 point for each completed set won. A set is deemed to be complete if one team has reached thirteen points in the first 4 sets or eight points in the 5th set and leads by at least 2 points.
- 3 points for the overall winner of the match.

If at the end of the scheduled time period the set score is even, the total number of points won by each team in all sets will be calculated to decide a 'draw winner' and 'draw loser'.

Points will then be allocated as follows:

- 2 points draw winner.
- 1 point draw loser.

If the total points are the same in a count back, each team will receive 1.5 points.

- 9.2 Competition points may be deducted by the venue manager for such breaches as players out of uniform, unregistered or non-member players, forfeits of matches or duties as per By-law 14.3 as well as unsportsmanlike conduct either on or off the court.

10 MATCH FORMAT

- 10.1 The match format consists of a 10-minute warm up period consisting of 5 minutes individual player warm up, 4 minutes spiking at the net (both teams together) 1 minute serving. During this period, the team representative, coach or captain must complete the scoresheet, sign in the appropriate space and submit a rotation slip to the scorer.
- 10.2 The match will commence immediately following the warm-up. Matches will run as set out in the draw of each individual venue. The time limit will be set at the start of each competition. If the ball is in play at the time limit the rally will be allowed to continue. In the event of a replay within the last rally, the rally will be replayed.
- 10.3 A team may make up to 12 legal substitutions per set. Any player may enter the court up to three times in one set. A player in the starting lineup is deemed to have made their first entry into the set. Up to six players may substitute into any one position in the rotation but may not enter into more than one position in the rotation in any one set, i.e., a player may not change their position within the team rotation.
- 10.4 Libero/s may be re-designated between sets.
- 10.5 **During the last five minutes of a match no stoppages (time outs or ordinary substitutions) will be permitted.** Injured players may be substituted according to the normal Rules. If a set is completed during this period, the teams must change ends and the referee will commence the next set with only sufficient break for the scorer to complete the scoresheet and record the team line ups.
- 10.6 The referee is to advise both captains when there are six minutes remaining in the match.
- 10.7 If a team does request a stoppage during the last five minutes after receiving prior notice from the referee, they will be penalised with a time delay under the FIVB rules. If the referee fails to give advice at the six-minute remaining mark, -there will be no penalty, but the request will not be permitted.

11 DUTY TEAM

- 11.1 All teams in district competitions will be required to perform duty on matches. All teams will as near as possible be allocated equal amounts of duty responsibilities. It is the responsibility of each team to provide at least two suitably competent referees.
- 11.2 A duty team consists of a minimum of five people including two nominated referees, a scorer and two line judges unless otherwise approved by the venue manager.
- 11.3 Failure to provide the minimum duty team will result in a substandard duty and a sanction as laid down per By-law 14.3 unless otherwise approved by the venue manager. Teams may use any registered player for duty including borrowing players from another team; however, responsibility for the duty remains with the scheduled team and if it should become sub-standard then the scheduled team will incur the appropriate sanction. If the venue manager fills in for another team's duty, then the appropriate sanction will apply.
- 11.4 It is the responsibility of duty teams to set up and dismantle court equipment where required by the venue. Duty teams on the first match of each night must arrive at least ten minutes before the warm-up period to set up the court equipment. The duty team for the last game of the evening is responsible for packing away the court equipment.

- 11.5 The Duty team needs to nominate the 2 most valuable players (MVP's)
- 11.6 The venue manager may also deem a team's performance of duty to be substandard if the team fails to enforce the Rules of the Game and the By-laws. A substandard duty will result in a sanction as laid down in By-law 14.3.
- 11.7 If a team does not have sufficient competent referees, it should contact the venue manager or the NSW Volleyball Referees Association to obtain details of forthcoming referees' courses.

12 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS

- 12.1 A player must have played in at least 50 % of the round matches with their team to be eligible to play in the final & semifinals.
- 12.3 It is the responsibility of the referees and/or the duty teams to ensure that all players listed on the score sheet are present at the match. At the completion of the first set the referee shall, through instruction to the scorer, delete the name of any player who is not present.
- 12.2 Appeals for exemption from this By-law may be made in writing to the Board. It is recommended 7 days' notice be given to allow time for the Board to consider the request.

13 FINALS SERIES FORMAT

- 13.1 The teams that finish in the top four places on the competition points table after the final round match will be involved in the finals series, unless otherwise stated at the commencement of the competition.
- 13.2 The format will be determined by the Competition Director and explained in the competition directions. The final competition results will be determined by a grand final and a playoff for third, unless otherwise stated at the commencement of the competition.
- 13.3 Prizes will be awarded to the top three place getters in each grade.
- 13.4 If teams are equal on competition points at the end of the round matches the semi-final positions will be determined by the percentage of sets for and against. If this is equal then the percentage of points for and against will determine positions for finals.
- 13.5 If points & set scores are equal at the end of a semi-final or final match, the result will be determined by a "golden point". * Players are to remain on court in their current rotation at the end of the last point. Playing of a Golden Point does not entitle teams to leave the court or submit new line-ups for the serve or serve reception. Captains will attend a coin toss immediately with the First Referee, for service/ends.
No substitutions may occur. The winner of the Golden Point wins the match.

14 FORFEITS AND SANCTIONS SCALE

14.1 A team which cannot form a complete team in accordance with By-laws 5 and 6 at the completion of the ten-minute warm-up period will immediately forfeit the first set; the second set after a further five minutes and consequently the match after a further five minutes.

14.2 A team, which fails to form a complete duty team in accordance with Competition By-law 11.2 at the scheduled starting time for the warm-up, will be sanctioned. A duty team must have five people in attendance at least ten minutes before the start of the warm-up period for every match to ensure that court equipment is set up, in correct order and ready for play.

14.3 Table of Sanctions

| Breach | Competition Points Deduction |
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| Use of unregistered player** | 3 points + any points earned for match |
| Player out of uniform | 1 point per player per match* |
| Forfeit of match | 3 |
| Substandard duty - for each person short of the number required for duty at the required time | 1 point per duty session |
| Substandard performance of duty | 1 |
| Player expelled (player issued with Yellow and Red card held together) | 2 |
| Player disqualified (player issued with Yellow and Red card held separately) | 3 |
| Breach | Penalty |
| Unsportsmanlike or dangerous conduct | At Board discretion |
| Substandard duty during a semifinal or final match - for each person short of the number required for duty at the required time | 5 game points per set awarded to the opposition during the next match played |

* To a maximum of three points per match

** Except with prior approval from Venue Manager for a trial player with a signed waiver.

14.4 Additional competition rules may be put in place from time to time for player safety, venue compliance or in response to public health advice. Failure to comply may result in a penalty at the discretion of the board. Temporary competition rules will be notified in writing to team captains with a minimum of 24 hours' notice where possible.

15 NET HEIGHTS

- 15.1 Duty teams are responsible for maintaining the correct net height for each grade. The venue manager will determine the height of the net at the beginning of each competition and it will remain the same for the entire competition.
- 15.2 Net height options are as follows but may be varied by the Venue Manager in consultation with The Board.

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| Open height net. | A Grade 2.43 m |
| | B Grade 2.35 m |
| Men's height net | 2.43 m |
| Women's height net | 2.24 m |
| Junior height net | (as per AVF guidelines) |

16 VOLLEYBALL PENETRATING AIRSPACE OF ADJOINING COURT

- 16.1 A volleyball that is still in play and has left the airspace of the court and crossed the sideline of the adjoining court will be deemed to be out. The first and/or or second referee must blow their whistle at that time and signal that the ball is out.

17 PROTESTS AND ENQUIRIES

- 17.1 Protests or enquiries relating to the interpretation or implementation of the Rules of the Game or these By-laws shall be in writing and will be determined by the Board at the next ordinary Meeting. The decision of the Board will be final.
- 17.2 It is the responsibility of all team representatives and/or captains to ensure that all players in their team are aware of the Rules of the Game and these By-laws. No consideration will be given to any protest from any team, which does not make reference to the relevant section of the Rules of the Game and/or these By-laws.
- 17.3 The protest must be reported at the time of occurrence to the 1st referee and be recorded on the scoresheet immediately after the match. The protest must be recorded by the team's captain or coach before the first referee signs the scoresheet.
- 17.4 The first referee or venue manager may also record on the scoresheet any infringement of the Rules of the Game or these By-laws which may result in a sanction by the Association.
- 17.5 A formal written protest must also be sent by the game captain or coach to the Administrator of the Association within seven days of the match and will be considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Board whose decision will be final.

18 VENUE MANAGER DISCRETION

- 18.1 With Board approval a venue manager appointed by the Board of Sydney North Volleyball has the discretion to amend these by-laws as required for the competition at their venue.