



AUSTRALIAN
**YOUTH BEACH
VOLLEYBALL**
CHAMPIONSHIPS

**TOURNAMENT
REGULATIONS**

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1 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1.1 AIMS, PURPOSES & REQUIREMENTS OF THE AUSTRALIAN YOUTH BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1.1.1 The Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championships aims to achieve the following goals:

- To provide professionally administered Beach Volleyball competitions for Australia’s developing athletes.
- Bridging the gap between the Youth and Australian Beach Volleyball Tour.
- To develop event management skills within staff and volunteers to enable hosting of National and International events.
- To promote Beach Volleyball to the greater Australian population.
- To provide exposure and marketing opportunities to the commercial partners of VA & its members.
- Meeting Event outcomes within the VA Strategic Plan for Volleyball in Australia.
- Meet all VA Risk Requirements including all Policies & Sporting Regulations

1.2 ABBREVIATIONS

SIA	Sports Integrity Australia
AVC	Asian Volleyball Confederation
FIVB	Federation Internationale de Volleyball
HOD	Head of Delegation
TCC	Tournament Control Committee
VA	Volleyball Australia
VARC	Volleyball Australia Referees Committee
BVAC	Beach Volleyball Advisory Committee

1.3 THE EVENT

1.3.1 Will be hosted by Volleyball Australia.

1.3.2 Location

- Coolangatta, Queensland

1.3.3 Dates

- 27-30 March 2023

1.3.4 Age Divisions

- Under 14, Under 15, Under 16, Under 17 & Under 18.



1.4 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS CONTACTS

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1.5 AUSTRALIAN YOUTH BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE (TCC)

1.5.1 The Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championships Tournament Control Committee is made up of:

- VA Executive
- Tournament Director
- Referee Delegate

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

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

2 COMPETITION

2.1 COMPETITION RULES

2.1.1 The Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championships will be using the current FIVB Beach Volleyball Official Rules (U16, U17, U18), and the current official FIVB 4x4 Beach Volleyball Rules (U14, U15) unless where specifically amended within these Championship Regulations. The FIVB 4x4 Beach Volleyball Rules will be applied to the U15 3 x 3 Division, excluding the 4th player rotation references

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

2.1.3 By entering a Volleyball Australia event, all participants are bound by the VA Player Rights & Responsibilities Policy.

2.1.4 The official ball used for the Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championships will be the Mikasa VLS 300.

2.2 ENTRY & PARTICIPATION

2.2.1 Entries into the Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championships are only accepted online via the designated VA portal. Entries are only accepted from a VA recognised State or FIVB recognised National Volleyball Association/Federation.

2.2.2 It is a condition of entry that the State or National Association/Federation confirms all athletes & coaches meet all requirements of these Sport Regulations.



- 2.2.3 Entry Fees, Key Dates and other event specific information including any other associated costs will be advertised on the Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championships website (youth-beach.volleyball.org.au).
- 2.2.4 Australian Player Eligibility
- 2.2.4.1 Australian players representing their State must be current registered members of their Member Association to the highest level to be eligible to compete.
- 2.2.4.2 For a team to classified as Australian, each PLAYER must either:
- Be an Australian Citizen
 - Hold a current Australian Passport
 - Hold a current Australian Visa that allows the individual to remain for 12 months or more (I.E. not a holiday/tourist Visa)
 - Hold a current Australian Student Visa
- 2.2.5 International Player Eligibility
- 2.2.5.1 For a team to recognised as representing a country other than Australia and be classified as an International Team, each TEAM must:
- Not have lived in Australia for the past two years
 - Be registered to play/hold the same passport from the same country
 - Have a letter of approval to participate from their National Federation
- 2.2.5.2 International teams can play through the entire tournament. They will be awarded medals as they place. Australian teams will be awarded medals and Championships Points based on their finishing position excluding the International teams.
- 2.2.6 Age Groups for Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championships are as follows:
- U14 - Player must not turn 14 years old, or older, during the year of the event
 - U15 - Player must not turn 15 years old, or older, during the year of the event
 - U16 - Player must not turn 16 years old, or older, during the year of the event
 - U17 - Player must not turn 17 years old, or older, during the year of the event
 - U18 - Player must not turn 18 years old, or older, during the year of the event
- 2.2.6.1 After entries close, the TCC at their sole discretion, can combine divisions within the same gender if team numbers entered support a better competition format for the event. This will be advertised as early as possible and confirmed at the Technical Meeting.
- 2.2.7 Wild Cards
- 2.2.7.1 For each division, Wild Cards can only be accepted from States Associations or International Federations. Each division and gender will be assessed individually as to the number of Wild Cards (if any) accepted into the event.
- 2.2.7.2 Wild Cards are not automatically awarded as a result of team quotas not being filled and can be rejected for any reason by the TCC.
- 2.2.7.3 Teams will only be accepted at the sole discretion of the TCC and if the team meets all required entry criteria.



2.2.7.4 Any Wild Card requests must be submitted along with all other entries as per the normal entry process. Incomplete entries will not be accepted. Further information may be requested of the State or National Federation if Wild Card Entries number more than available places.

2.2.7.5 Applicants will be advised of the result of their application as soon as possible after the closing date of entries.

2.2.8 Change of Player

If a team must alter its players, the following applies:

- If the alteration is prior to the draft draw being released the effected state must confirm the seeding for that division to reflect the change
- If the alteration is after the draft draw has been released but prior to the technical meeting the new team will retain the seeding that they had in the draft draw.
- No alterations can be made after the technical meeting has started, however in extreme extenuating circumstances the TCC may authorise a player to transfer from another team if it allows both teams to complete their playing obligations. In this case the 'new' team will play it's matches but all existing results, and new results will be listed as a forfeit 0:2 (0:21; 0:21). The player that moves to the 'new' team, may not return to their original team.
- Any team member who has been removed cannot re-enter the competition.

2.3 SEEDING

2.3.1 Ranking Table

- The Placing of the entered States including International teams will be ranked based on the previous results of the highest rank finisher of the lower Division in the previous year's event. E.g. U17 results from 2021 will be used to ranked U18 in 2022.
- For new divisions, the ranking for the previous year's relevant ranking will be used. E.g. U14 results from 2021 will be used to rank U14 teams in 2022 competition.
- Any State or International teams not entered in the previous year will automatically receive the lowest rank. The exception to this rule is if the team has a commonly recognised ranking (eg. ABVRS points), in which case the TCC will make a decision on seeding.
- In the case of two or more States (including International Teams) have the same ranking, a drawing of lots will take place
- States are required to rank their teams within the division from 1st to last.

2.3.2 Teams will be selected from the Ranking Table in **sequential order** to create the seeding and then allocated a pool using the **serpentine pattern**;

Ranking Table (Example)						
		Highest placing within the Division from the previous year (example only with 5 entered States)				
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
		State A	State B	State C	State D	State E
State Applied Ranking of team	1 st	A1	B1	C1	D1	E1
	2 nd	A2	B2	C2	D2	E2
	3 rd	A3	B3		D3	E3
	4 th	A4			D4	

Allocated Seeding (example)				Initial Allocated Pool (example)			
1st	A1	9th	D2	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
2nd	B1	10th	E2	A1	B1	C1	D1
3rd	C1	11th	A3	C2	B2	A2	E1
4th	D1	12th	B3	D2	E2	A3	B3
5th	E1	13th	D3	D4	A4	E3	D3
6th	A2	14th	E3				
7th	B2	15th	A4				
8th	C2	16th	D4				

2.3.3 To achieve as much diversity amongst pools as possible, teams of approximate equal ranking will have their pool position adjusted at the discretion of the TCC with 1st in each pool to remain in place unless otherwise not possible (As an example, teams highlighted have been swapped)

Final Pool Allocation (example)			
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
A1	B1	C1	D1
B2	C2	E1	A2
E2	D2	A3	B3
D4	A4	D3	E3

2.4 COMPETITION FORMAT

2.4.1 The Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championships Competition Format for each division will be advertised as early as possible and confirmed at the Technical Meeting. As a guide only, the general principles of the format for each division aim to be:

- Each team will play a minimum of 7 matches during the event
- Days 1 & 2 to feature preliminary rounds
- Day 3 to feature elimination rounds and play off matches
- Day 4 to feature all medal matches and play off matches
- Each team will play everyone within their pool within the pool play phase of competition
- Elimination Rounds will be single elimination. Further play off matches will also take place at the completion of each round of elimination.

2.4.2 If at any time 2 or more teams need to be separated to progress within the competition, the following system in order will apply after assessing all relevant matches (I.E. not just the ones between the effected teams) until there is a separation between the teams in this order:

- Competition Points
- Set Ratio
- Point Ratio
- Head-to-Head Result between the teams
- Highest Total Points won
- Drawing of Lots

2.4.2.1 Ratios are calculated using the following formulas:

- Set Ratio: Sets Won / Sets Lost
- Point Ratio: Points Won / Points Lost

2.4.2.2 Teams from the same pool cannot play each other in the 1st round of elimination. The lower ranked of the effected team will be swapped with a team of an approximate equal ranking (rank refers to finishing place in pool).

2.4.3 Match Forfeits

2.4.3.1 If a match is forfeited prior to starting, the Tournament Director must be informed. The Tournament Director will then advise all other effected parties of the forfeit.

2.4.3.2 The 1st Set is forfeited if a team is incomplete at the scheduled start time. The 2nd set & match is forfeited if a team is incomplete five minutes past the scheduled start time. Duty teams should contact a Referee Supervisor, the Referee Delegate, or the Tournament Director at the start of the official warmup if a team is not present. Only the listed tournament staff members can confirm a forfeit.

2.4.3.3 Teams who forfeit a match may face sanctions imposed at the sole discretion of the TCC.

2.4.3.4 For results tallying purposes, teams will only receive the points played in a match. However, as an example, if a team forfeits prior to a match commencing, the winning team will receive a winning set score of 2-0 and point score of 0-0. The losing team will receive a losing set score of 0-2 and point score of 0-42. If a withdrawal / forfeit occurs after a team wins the first set 21:19 and is injured and forfeits the match when they are winning the second set 6:4, this injured team would finish with a set score of 1-2 and points score of 21-19, 6-21 and 0-15 totalling 27-55. In this example, the winning team would finish with a set score of 2-1 and point score of 19-21, 4-6, 0-0. totalling 40-27. If a team forfeits the 1st set and then can complete the match, the 1st set score would be recorded at 0:21 with the game to continue as normal.

2.4.3.4.1 If a match forfeit occurs during pool play, the results online may not be accurately recorded due to technology restrictions. It is the responsibility of Competition Manager to confirm all final placings at the conclusion of the Pool Rounds.

2.4.4 Net Heights

Age	Female	Male
U14 & U15	2.15	2.24
U16, U17 & U18	2.24	2.43

2.4.5 Pool standings published during pool play are a guide only. Standings are only official at the end of pool play when confirmed by VA.

2.4.6 In the event of match schedules needing to change these will be communicated to the relevant HODs. It is the responsibility of the HOD to pass this information to the affected parties.

2.5 EVENT MEETINGS

2.5.1 Meeting Requirements

2.5.1.1 All HODs must attend the Technical Meeting. The Technical Meeting will be held before the Tournament starts at a time and place to be advertised.

2.5.1.2 Other coaches, referees or members of a delegation are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.

2.5.1.3 The Tournament Director will chair the meeting along with other members or the TCC and may include some other invited guests to speak.

2.5.1.4 The Technical Meeting may cover the following but not limited to:

- Technical aspects of the competition & schedule
- Medical Support/Services & Doping Information
- Media & Marketing activities
- Information on the Rules of the Game, refereeing instructions, Duty Instructions & interpretation of the Rules
- Any other useful information.



- 2.5.1.5 Daily HOD Meetings may be hosted by the TCC to ensure all relevant information/changes are passed on accurately throughout the tournament. If a meeting is not held, all relevant information will be sent to the HOD's to distribute to all athletes, coaches, parents, or any affected parties. Details of this meeting and timings will be confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

2.6 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 2.6.1 The TCC is the highest authority for the Championship. The TCC can use any information supplied and available to them at their discretion to make decisions regarding all aspects of the Championships, including but not limited to entries, seeding, competition format and player, coach and officials conduct.
- 2.6.2 The TCC decision is final.
- 2.6.3 The TCC has the right to impose a sanction on a team if they deem a dispute or protest to be unwarranted or not in the spirit of the event.

2.7 UNDER 14 BY LAWS

- 2.7.1 Under 14 Division is 4-a-side Divisions. Four (4) players must always be on court at all times. Except in 'exceptional circumstances' and with prior approval of the TCC a team may field just 3 players. E.G Tournament ending injury or player sent home.
- 2.7.2 A team may consist of up to 6 players: 4 on court, 2 substitutes.
- 2.7.3 Substituting players may only occur as follows.
 - 2.7.3.1 Substitutions may only occur during timeouts-
 - 2.7.3.2 A player of the starting line-up may leave the game, but only once in a set, and re-enter, but only once in a set, and only to his/her previous position in the line-up.
 - 2.7.3.3 A substitute player may enter the game in place of any player of the starting line-up, but only once per set, and he/she can only be substituted by the same starting player.
 - 2.7.3.4 In the case of injury and if all team timeouts are exhausted, a substitution can happen at that time and excludes clause 2.7.3.2 but the player cannot return to that set.
- 2.7.4 If a player from a 4-a-side team suffers an injury during a match, and the team has no substitute, they may complete the match with 3 players (but no less). The injured player may continue to play in the next match should the injury be managed and with authorisation from the State delegation. If the injured player is unable to continue in the tournament the team must seek permission from the TCC to continue in the tournament.
- 2.7.5 Coaches must follow all conditions as set out in section 4.2
- 2.7.6 An Under 14 duty team must have a coach, adult member of the state squad or an authorized adult to either actively referee (1st or 2nd Referee) or actively supervise their team's duty matches.

2.8 UNDER 15 BY LAWS

- 2.8.1 Under 15 Division is a 3-a-side Divisions. Three (3) players must always be on court at all times
- 2.8.2 A team may consist of up to 5 players: 3 on court, 2 substitutes.
- 2.8.3 Substituting players may only occur as follows.
 - 2.8.3.1 Substitutions may only occur during timeouts.
 - 2.8.3.2 A player of the starting line-up may leave the game, but only once in a set, and re-enter, but only once in a set, and only to his/her previous position in the line-up.
 - 2.8.3.3 A substitute player may enter the game in place of any player of the starting line-up, but only once per set, and he/she can only be substituted by the same starting player.
 - 2.8.3.4 In the case of injury and if all team timeouts are exhausted, a substitution can happen at that time and excludes clause 2.8.3.2 but the player cannot return to that set.
- 2.8.4 If a player from a 3-a-side team suffers an injury during a match, and the team have no substitute, that team may complete the match with 2 players (but no less). The injured player may continue to play in the next match should the injury be managed and with authorisation from the State delegation. If the injured player is unable to continue in the tournament the team must seek permission from the TCC to continue in the tournament with only 2 players.
- 2.8.5 Coaches must follow all conditions as set out in section 4.2
- 2.8.6 An Under 15 duty team must have a coach, adult member of the state squad or an authorized adult to either actively referee (1st or 2nd Referee) or actively supervise their team's duty matches.

3 AWARDS

3.1 MEDAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY

- 3.1.1 The top 3 placed teams of each division are expected to participate at the Medal Presentation Ceremony. The details of the Ceremony will be advertised as early as possible and confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

3.2 AWARDS, PRIZES & PRIZE MONEY

- 3.2.1 Any awards and prizes (if provided) will be equally split between all divisions and genders.
- 3.2.2 No Prize Money will be awarded at this event.
- 3.2.3 The President's Shield

- 3.2.3.1 International Teams are ineligible to win the President's Shield



- 3.2.3.2 International teams can play through the entire tournament. They will be awarded medals as they place. Australian teams will be awarded medals and Championships Points based on their finishing position excluding the International teams.
- 3.2.3.3 All teams will receive a ranking based on their finishing positions at the Championships. Any International teams will be removed from the ranking prior to publishing final rankings for the President's Shield, thereby elevating any Australian teams.
- 3.2.3.4 All teams competing in medal matches will receive the following tournament points for the Champion State Award - the President's Shield.
- Gold = 3 points
 - Silver = 2 points
 - Bronze = 1 point
- 3.2.3.5 In the case of a draw on points the President's Shield will be separated in order by:
- Head to Head results of the 2 states concerned in grand final and Bronze medal playoffs or if equal;
 - The State which won the most gold medals or if equal;
 - The State which won the most silver medals or if equal;
 - The State which won the most bronze medals or if equal;
 - The State which had more teams competing in grand finals and or;
 - In the case where two States are still equal, dual winners will be awarded.

4 DELEGATION AND PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES & SERVICES

4.1 REFEREEING

- 4.1.1 All players for all division plus all U14 & U15 Coaches must complete the VA Level 1 Refereeing Course prior to the Technical Meeting of the event. It is recommended that all coaches complete this course to be best prepared for the event. Information regarding refereeing courses can be found by contacting your Member State/Territory Volleyball Association or online at <https://volleyball.org.au/get-involved/coaching-refereeing/>.
- 4.1.2 Where required by the event, athletes will be required to perform the roles of a duty team during an event. A Duty Team will consist of a 1st referee and a 2nd referee/scorer. You **MUST** use your own whistle.
- 4.1.3 All states are to provide a minimum of one (1) Referee Supervisor (RS). Travel arrangement cost is organised and covered by the state. All accommodation and per diems are covered by VA.
- 4.1.4 When member/s of the event's Officiating Cohort is appointed to a match, duty teams must check with the appointed officials on court as to what role they are required to fulfil (if any).
- 4.1.5 Any person officiating a match (in any role) will be deemed an Official.

- 4.1.6 The following 10-minute pre-match protocol is to be followed:
- T - 10 Previous Game completed & teams able to warm up on own side of net
 - T - 8 Duty Team ready at court
 - T - 7 Call for the coin toss, scoresheet is signed (captains and service order are indicated on the scoresheet) and commence Official Warm-up
 - T - 6 Hitting warm-up starts
 - T - 1 Finish Official Warm-up and referees call for players to prepare for match start
 - T - 0 Match Starts at advertised time or 10mins after previous match finishes
- 4.1.7 If no Red & Yellow cards are physical available, the referee is to verbally advise both teams and the scorer.
- 4.1.8 Teams who cause a match to begin late or neglect to fulfil any part of an assigned duty requirement may face sanctions imposed at the sole discretion of the TCC.
- 4.1.9 Duty teams are entitled to halt a game and seek the assistance of a member of the event's Officiating Cohort to resolve match disputes, clarify any rules of the game or provide support should players or coaches behave inappropriately during the match.
- 4.1.10 Individuals performing a duty may request an assessment by the National Referee Delegate to assist with the skill development. This request must be submitted at the commencement of the tournament. The National Referee Delegate will schedule the requests considering volume and any match clashes. A written assessment and feedback form will be provided as well as verbal feedback following the match. There is no limit to the number of assessments that an individual may request, however these are not guaranteed and are subject to time constraints.
- 4.1.11 The following referee positions must be accredited to the minimum of;
- Player Referees – Level 1 Referee
 - Event appointed Referees who are selected through the VA/VARC EOI process – Level 2 Referee
 - National Referee Delegate (s) – Level 3 Referee (Selected by VARC and VA)
- 4.1.12 The Event Refereeing Cohort is the group of all appointed Officials appointed to the event including the Referees and National Refereeing Delegate along with any support staff that may be appointed.
- 4.1.13 It is the responsibility of each athlete to read VA's COVID Safe Event Plan and adhere to the guidelines and restrictions.

4.2 COACHING

- 4.2.1 Coaches are permitted at the Championships in all age divisions.
- 4.2.2 Coaches appointed must be accredited to a minimum of a Level 2 State Volleyball Coach.
- 4.2.3 Up to two (2) coaches per team are permitted on the field of play.



- 4.2.4 The name of the coach/es must be entered on the score sheet in the comments section prior to the match starting. It is the teams' responsibility to ensure this is done - not the duty team. If a coach is not entered on the scoresheet, they will be unable to coach for that match.
- 4.2.5 Designated Coaches may warm up with teams inside the field of play up to the end of the official warm up period. Coaches cannot warm up with teams during medical time outs and must remain seated at the team bench area.
- 4.2.6 Only teams playing in the current match and their nominated coach/es are permitted to sit in the athlete area of a court during a match.
- 4.2.7 The designated Coach/es must always be seated in the designated Team seating areas/team bench and remain there during the play, during intervals between rallies (except when switching court ends), during set intervals and while instructing players during time outs. During court switches, the Coach/es switches with the teams. The Coach/es may not stand during play to talk to the team members.
- 4.2.8 The designated coach/es may interact with his/her players only during warm-up, change of set, between rallies, at switch of the court and during time-out. The coach/es can freely give instructions during Time-outs, Technical Timeouts, Set intervals, intervals between completed rallies and during exceptional game interruptions. The coach may also give instructions during court switches (while walking) – however, the match shall not be delayed by this.
- 4.2.9 Coaches are subject to the same Misconduct & Sanction regulations (section 4.7) as the players.
- 4.2.10 It is the responsibility of the designated coach/es along with the HOD to ensure no other delegation members are giving instructions to playing teams during a match.

4.3 MEDIA & PROMOTIONS

- 4.3.1 Publicity and promotions for the Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championships may be conducted by the sponsors in conjunction with VA.
- 4.3.2 Player participation may be requested for promotional activities. A player will only be contacted through the HOD by a designated representative of VA and given further details on the activity. Co-operation is requested to ensure maximum exposure and publicity for the sport and the event however a HOD can decline the request. It is suggested that all HOD have the approval from all parents or guardians of all players prior to attending as this may be requested of any athlete or coach.

4.4 EVENT FACILITIES & SERVICES

- 4.4.1 The venue will focus on a centre court facility consisting of but not limited to seating, PA system, music & commentary, public interactions & promotions, VIP marquee facilities, access to toilets, shared medical facilities for States, referee facilities, media, competition management, several outside courts and basic emergency medical services.



- 4.4.2 Event operational areas including the shared medical area are not athlete rest areas. It is the responsibility of each delegation to provide exclusive shelter if they deem necessary.
- 4.4.3 Qualified senior first aid personnel will attend to administer any first aid treatment required by competitors, staff or spectators. Any additional medical services will be the responsibility of the State. A shared medical area will be available for State medical staff.
- 4.4.4 The Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championships will comply with all conditions of the VA Anti-Doping Policy and the rules and regulations of the Sports Integrity Australia (SIA), the FIVB, the World Anti-Doping Agency, and the Australian Olympic Committee, as appropriate. Testing may be conducted at any event and players will be notified via standard SIA procedures.

Further information can be obtained via

VA website www.volleyball.org.au

SIA website www.sportintegrity.gov.au

4.5 UNIFORMS & PERSONAL ACCESSORIES

- 4.5.1 Delegations must provide an Official Playing Team Uniform consisting of matching uniforms that identify the State they are representing. "Nicknames" are not permitted on uniforms, where teams choose to display names, surnames only are permitted.
- 4.5.2 Official Team Uniforms must consist of:
 - Female
 - Matching crop tops, t-shirts, singlet tops or a sun safe short/long sleeve garment
 - Matching bikini bottoms, bike shorts, shorts, or sun safe long tights
 - Male
 - Matching singlet tops, t-shirts, or a sun safe short/long sleeve garment
 - Matching shorts or sun safe long tights
- 4.5.3 Teams can wear a combination of any state approved playing uniform. Eg one athlete wears a singlet the other wears a sun safe shirt.
- 4.5.4 Uniforms may have athlete identifying numbers (1 and 2 if 2-a-side team, 1 - 5 if 3-a-side team and 1 - 6 if 4-a-side team) on the front and back of playing top but are not a requirement.
- 4.5.5 All delegations must submit their Official Team Uniform designs to VA for approval two (2) months prior to the day of the Technical Meeting.
- 4.5.6 During severe weather conditions (hot or cold) the TCC may allow players to use additional garments that do not obscure the official playing uniforms. These may include but not limited to a tight shirt, long tight pants, or other additional clothing. It is requested that these be as consistent in style and colour as possible within a team. Players will be advised through any of the Referees, Referee Delegate or Tournament Director when additional garments are allowed. Players cannot wear additional clothing without TCC approval.



4.5.7 Sunglasses, Caps & visors, arm & wristbands and medical clothing including compression garments are not considered part of the official team uniform. They may be of a different design/style within teams and may be worn at any time.

4.5.7.1 For any medical garments, it is requested that the affected player have information relating to the requirement of the garment from a medical practitioner prior to the event and available to the TCC upon request.

4.5.8 Religious or Cultural Garments are allowed however must not obstruct the official team uniform. It is also requested the TCC is made aware of this upon a team's entry.

4.6 PERSONAL & EVENT SPONSORS

4.6.1 At the discretion of TCC, delegations or players can be requested to cover or remove logos, apparel or clothing that does not meet the Championship Regulations.

4.6.2 VA and Event sponsors will constantly be updated. To get current accurate information, please contact VA.

4.6.3 It is the State and players responsibility to contact VA with their sponsorship arrangements prior to the Event to ensure there is no conflict. VA reserves the rights to refuse a player wearing specific promotional material if a sponsor is directly conflicting with a VA or Event sponsors, does not comply with these regulations or is bringing the sport into disrepute.

4.6.4 No profanities or political, religious, alcohol or tobacco sponsors or statements are allowed to be seen on any uniform or accessory.

4.6.5 Approved sponsors can display logos on any official team uniform apparel and can be in any position and of any size. There is no limitation in the number of approved sponsors allowed to be displayed.

4.6.6 Athletes are authorised to use the following accessories:

- Visor or cap or hat or head band
- Sunglasses
- Therapeutic/Medical support braces for knee/elbow
- One (1) watch

4.6.7 Athletes are responsible for presentation, care, security and costs of their own accessories.

4.7 MISCONDUCT AND SANCTIONS

4.7.1 All sanctions and penalties will be followed as per the Rules of the Game in the first instance.

4.7.2 If a red card is issued during a match, a supervising referee must be informed immediately who in turn will advise the TCC.

4.7.3 TCC will meet to decide if matter needs to be formalised with breach notice, which must include alleged breach and proposed penalty.



- 4.7.4 If deemed necessary, the TCC will issue official breach notice to relevant HOD. Upon issuing of the breach notice, HOD must:
- Accept the penalty listed in the breach notice by informing TCC within 30 minutes of the issuing of said breach notice
 - Request the Breach to be heard by the Tribunal by giving notice to the Competition Manager (or their representative), within 1 hour of the issuing of the Breach Notice
- 4.7.5 The Member cannot participate in any capacity in a VA event from the giving of the Breach Notice until:
- The Member accepts the penalty listed in the Breach Notice and the Member has served any relevant suspension; or
 - The Breach in the Breach Notice is heard by the Tribunal and a decision handed down and the Member has served suspension imposed.
- 4.7.6 If the Member does not give notice to the Competition Manager (or their nominee) requesting the Breach in the Breach Notice to be heard by the Tribunal) within 1 hour of the issuing of the Breach Notice, the Member will:
- Be taken to have accepted the penalty and suspension listed in the Breach Notice; and
 - Be taken to have commenced their suspension from the giving of the Breach Notice.
- 4.7.7 If the Member does give notice of acceptance of the penalty in the Breach Notice, to the Competition Manager (or their nominee), within 30 minutes of the issuing of the Breach Notice, the Member will be taken to have commenced their suspension from the giving of the Breach Notice.
- 4.7.8 For the avoidance of doubt, it is the responsibility of the Member(s) who has been reported or involved in the incident to be expecting the Breach Notice to be sent. The time frame for response, starts from the time of issuance to HOD, not receipt by the Member.
- 4.7.9 The TCC can issue a breach notice at any time through an event.
- 4.7.10 Any player expelled from a tournament will automatically be ineligible for any awards or prizes and that team will forfeit all entries fees and tournament points.
- 4.7.11 The TCC has the right to impose any sanction relating to any regulation not being followed and can be given to any member of an official delegation including recognised supporters. Sanctions will be placed against a team they are representing or supporting if they are a non-playing person. If the individual has completed their participation in an event, the TCC will advise on any penalties and how they will be implemented.

4.7.12 Sanctions may include but not limited to:

- Loss of point, set & matches within an event
- Expulsion from Tournament
- Loss of Tournament Points (President’s Shield Points)
- Refused entry into future events
- Reduced or withdrawn awards and prizes
- Monetary fines
- Event Management Requirements – eg. assistance with raking courts or cleaning the venue

4.7.13 Any sanctions imposed by State governing bodies will be respected.

4.7.14 All sanctions are cumulative and payable/dealt with in full prior to acceptance into future Events.

4.7.15 Sanctions can be issued after the conclusion of an event.

4.8 INCIDENT REPORTING

4.8.1 HODs are the first point of call for all incident reporting relating to any associated person/s from their relevant Delegation. Incident Reporting is split into two separate sets of criteria, as outlined in the following page:

<https://volleyball.org.au/integrity/reporting-integrity-issues/>

5 POLICIES & FORMS

5.1.1 All Forms, Policies and Conditions used are found on the VA website, by contacting the VA office or at the event through the VA appointed Technical Delegate.

<https://volleyball.org.au/integrity/>

6 KEY DATES

- **Wednesday 18th January** – EOI’s Open (Including Opening Ceremony/Dinner)
- **Wednesday 1st February** – EOI’s Close (Including Opening Ceremony/Dinner)
- **Friday 3rd February** - All delegations must submit their Official Team Uniform designs to VA
- **Wednesday 8th February** – Team Nominations Open.
- **Friday 24th February** – Team Nominations Close (Withdrawal of teams after this date will incur a 50% charge of the nomination fee. Nominations received after this will incur \$50 per team late fee and will only be accepted if they improve the smooth scheduling of the event) Final numbers for the Opening Ceremony and Dinner are to be provided to VA.
- **Tuesday 28th February** – Team nomination & opening ceremony / dinner invoices will be sent to member states for payment.



- **Tuesday 14th March** – Team nomination & opening ceremony / dinner payments are due. (Payments received after this date will incur a \$200 late payment fee. Withdrawal of Teams after this date and time will incur a 100% charge of fees)
- **Sunday 26th March** – Head of Delegation meeting and tech meeting. Time TBC. Opening Ceremony and welcome dinner commences later this evening.
- **Monday 27th March** – Event starts.
- **Thursday 30th March** – Event Concludes with the Medal Presentations.

It is the responsibility of the State/Territory's Executive Director to confirm "proof of age" for all their State/Territory athletes playing in Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championships.