



COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Match Fees

A fee of \$8.00 per Adult (over 18) if paid online or \$10.00 if paid in cash on the night or \$5.00 per student per week is payable prior to commencement of play each night with a minimum amount for each team of \$40.00 per week. Team Captains are responsible to ensure all players have paid online or in cash and are written on the scoresheet.

Failure to pay the correct team fees will result in an invoice being raised for the following week which is to be paid prior to the next game starting.

The minimum fee of \$40 applies regardless of the number of players taking the court for that team.

2. Player Registrations

Each player participating in Volleyball Ballarat competition must register with Volleyball Victoria online to be covered for an injury insurance and eligible to compete after April 1st. This fee is \$44 per adult or student and is applicable only once a year but is a requirement of Volleyball Ballarat affiliation. Registrations can be completed on line by following the link on the VV website.

3. Match Format

Matches are played within a **60 minute** time limit with a 2 minute change over between sets. The clock will start at the scheduled time regardless of whether both teams have completed the scoresheet and are ready to take the court.

A set, except the deciding 5th set, is won by the team which first scores 25 points with a minimum lead of 2 points. In the case of a 24 – 24 tie, play continues (if time hasn't expired) until a 2 – point lead is achieved eg. 26-24, 27-25.

The 5th set is played to 15 points with a lead of 2 points.

In the case of an unfinished set when the time expires, a set will be awarded to the team that reaches 13 points and is leading by at least 2 points in sets 1 – 4, or reaches 8 points and is leading by 2 points in the 5th set.

3. Finals

If the competition has 8 or more teams then the competition will be split into two divisions for the finals. The make up of those divisions will be at the discretion of the Association Committee.

Semi Finals* – The semi Finals will be a knock out format, 1 v 4 and 2 v 3, with the winners going into the grand final. Sets are to be the best of 5, with no time limit.

Grand Final* – Sets are to be the best of 5, with no time limit

To be eligible to play in any final a player must have played a minimum of **4** matches during the season with the team concerned. The final decision of eligibility of a player is made by the Committee.

** Finals structures are subject to change between seasons and can be altered by the Committee at any time.*

4. Premiership Points

Premiership points will be allocated on the basis of:

- Win = 3 points
- Draw = 2 points
- Loss = 1 points

4.1 Final Ladder Positions

Positions of all teams on the premiership ladder will be determined in the following order:

1. Premiership points
2. points %
3. Sets %

5. Rules

Players must know the Official Volleyball Rules and abide by them. Refer to the latest edition of Official Volleyball Rules on the web at:

www.fivb.org

Players must accept the referee's decision with sportsman like conduct, without disputing him / her. In case of doubt, clarification may be requested through the team captain.

A team captain must be nominated. Prior to the match, the team captain must complete and signed the score sheet, ensure that the team fees are paid and represent his / her team at the toss. At the end of the match the team captain needs to sign the score sheet to confirm the outcome.

Protests will be resolved immediately by the non affiliating committee member, his / her decision is final. No further correspondence will be entered into.

6. Uniform

It is encouraged although not compulsory that all teams should try to have a uniform. E.g. same colour shirts/tops. Volleyball Ballarat would ideally like all teams to have matching numbered shirts.

7. Number of Players in a Team.

7.1 Minimum number of players on court.

All teams must have a minimum of **5 players** present at the start of the match. Prior to the game starting, all present players' names must be recorded on the score sheet with the amount that they have paid; late players can be added as they arrive and payment made.

7.2 Substituting players.

If there are more than **6 players** present, teams may choose to either rotate players on and off the bench via **position 2**, or substitute players during the set. If the latter option is chosen, the referee must be notified at the time the sub is about to take place.

7.3 Penalty for insufficient number of players.

At the start of the game, if **5 players** are not present, the first set is forfeited (25-0)

After **10 minutes**, if 5 players are not present, the second set is forfeited (25-0)

After **20 minutes**, if 5 players are not present, the third set and match is forfeited (25-0) etc

7.4 The Gap Rule.

A team can complete with a minimum of 5 players but they must play a "gap" for each player not present out of a full team of 6. This means that players must stay in rotation and hold their positions in the front or back court as they would with 6 players and each time the "gap" rotates to the service position, the serve (and a point) is forfeited.

8. Fill – In - Players

Once a player has registered with a team they cannot act as a fill-in-player or play for any other team unless the opposition grant permission to either make enough players for a match to be completed or, if a player wishes to change teams after registering then a request to do is to be given to the Association Committee for approval.

A player cannot change teams until approval is granted.

Non registered fill-in players may play a maximum of 4 matches before they are required to register with Volleyball Victoria

9. Officials

The duty team is responsible for supply at a minimum the first referee and scorer. Teams are strongly encouraged to supply two linesmen to help improve the level of competition, but this is not mandated.

Referees will be determined by finals results or appointed by the committed for all finals matches.

Ballarat Volleyball Association reserves the right to amend the draw at its discretion.

10.1 Referee's Signals

Immediately after the referee's whistle to indicate the end of a rally, he / she has to indicate by using the official hand signals:

- 1st – the team to serve
- 2nd – the nature of the fault
- 3rd – the player at fault