



SOCIAL INDOOR VOLLEYBALL COMPETITIONS

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

As at 17 January 2017

1. Team Entry

- 1.1 Teams may enter any upcoming social competition season via the online team entry form on the Volleyball Victoria website.
- 1.2 Team entry is expressly subject to each team providing a list of players and their contact details.
- 1.3 All players competing in the team must be registered members of Volleyball Victoria as outlined in Section 2 Player Registration & Eligibility.
- 1.4 Volleyball Victoria in its sole discretion will identify the divisions offered in each competition.
- 1.5 Volleyball Victoria in its sole discretion has the right to establish further divisions, or merge existing divisions, from time to time as it sees fit.
- 1.6 Where necessary, up to the first five (5) rounds of the season will be used as a grading period to assist Volleyball Victoria in the development of each competition division. Teams will maintain any result they obtain during this period.
- 1.7 Teams must pay the weekly match fee as outlined by Volleyball Victoria each season prior to their scheduled match each round.
- 1.8 A match fee is applicable for all matches, including finals.
- 1.9 Teams will not be permitted to participate in any match until the complete match fee has been paid.

2. Player Registration & Eligibility

- 2.1 To be eligible to participate in any competition match, a player must be a registered member of Volleyball Victoria (Social Registration level or above).
- 2.2 Player registration must be completed by the online process at the Volleyball Victoria website.
- 2.3 Players may register with Volleyball Victoria at any time but must be registered before taking the court.
- 2.4 Upon registering with Volleyball Victoria, players acknowledge and agree that they are bound by the rules, regulations, policies and decisions of Volleyball Victoria including the Code of Conduct.

3. Competition Rules

- 3.1 Unless otherwise stated in these regulations, all Volleyball Victoria social indoor volleyball competitions will be played in accordance to the current, published FIVB – Rules of the Game. The current FIVB Rules of the game are available at www.FIVB.org
- 3.2 Teams must have a minimum of four (4) eligible players present at the start of the match (as at scheduled start time). Failure to do so will result in the forfeit of the first set (25-0). If after 10 minutes the team are still unable to field the minimum requirement of eligible players, the second set will be deemed a forfeit (25-0). If after 20 minutes, the team is still unable to field the minimum requirement of eligible players, the team will forfeit the third set (25-0) and therefore forfeit the match (3-0).
- 3.3 Prior to the commencement of a match, all participating players' names must be recorded on the scoresheet in legible writing.
- 3.4 Substitutions may be made during each set via notification to and approval of the referee. Teams may elect to make substitutions via a rotation system at the serving position.

- 3.5 Teams entered into 'mixed' competitions must have a minimum of one (1) player of each gender on the court at all times during a match. Failure to do so will incur a loss of 5 points per set as outlined in the penalty scheme.
- 3.6 Teams may receive 'fill in' players upon prior approval of the Competition Supervisor.
- 3.7 Teams may only utilise a 'fill in' player if they cannot field an eligible team (minimum 4 players) or to equal their opposition's player numbers. They cannot use a fill in player if it results in that team having a greater number of players than their opposition.
- 3.8 A replay of a point shall be called by the referee where an object enters the field of play (i.e. ball) during active play.
- 3.9 Only one (1) service attempt is permitted per service. The server must hit the ball within 8 seconds from when the referee signals for the service.
- 3.10 Each team must nominate a team captain on the scoresheet prior to the match. The team captain must complete the scoresheet and sign the scoresheet. By doing so, the team captain acknowledges the scoresheet (including the outcome of the match) is correct.
- 3.11 Teams are encouraged to wear a team uniform.
- 3.12 A maximum 1 minute will be provided between sets and a maximum of 30 seconds is allocated for the duration of a timeout.
- 3.13 A ball is considered 'dead' if it enters another court or field of play. Players are not permitted to enter another court at any point.

4. Referees

- 4.1 Volleyball Victoria will provide suitably qualified referees for all scheduled competition matches.
- 4.2 Only the team captain is permitted to speak to the referee during a match.
- 4.3 Any protest during a match must be made by the team captain. The outcome is considered final, as determined by the match referee.
- 4.4 Referees shall abide by the Volleyball Victoria Code of Behaviour for Officials.
- 4.5 Any dispute shall be resolved, where possible, by the Competition Supervisor. If a dispute cannot be resolved, the dispute will be addressed by Volleyball Victoria with reference to the VV dispute policy.

5. Match Format

- 5.1 All matches are played to the best of five (5) sets within a 55 minute time limit.
- 5.2 A five (5) minute warm up time is permitted prior to the start of each match.
- 5.3 Match start times will be as per competition fixture.
- 5.4 Competition venue will be as outlined in the fixture.
- 5.5 Sets one-four will be played to 25 points, if a two point advantage has not been achieved, the set will continue until the leading team has obtain a two point advantage. The fifth and final set will be played to 15 points with a two point advantage.
- 5.6 In the instance of an unfinished set when the match time expires, a first-fourth set will be recognised as a completed set where the leading team

has reached 15 points or more with a two point advantage. A fifth set will be recognised as being completed if the leading team has reached 8 or more points with a two point advantage.

5.7 Time outs are not permitted during the final five (5) minutes of the match. Normal substitutions are still permitted.

6. Competition Format

6.1 The competition ladder will be determined by the total accrued championship points. Where multiple teams have identical championship points, ladder position will be determined by average set percentage, followed by average point percentage.

6.2 Championship points will be allocated on the basis of:

Win = 4 points

Draw = 2 points

Loss = 0 points

Forfeit = -1 point

6.3 A forfeit will incur a loss of one (1) championship point, as outlined in the penalty scheme.

7. Finals

7.1 Top four (4) teams in each division will be included in the competition finals.

7.2 Division finals will consist of two Semi-Finals and one Grand Final, played on the same night.

7.3 The Semi Finals will be scheduled as a knock-out format with the two winning teams progressing to the Grand Final. The Semi Finals will be a timed best of 3 sets, scheduled as per the final ladder positions below:

First vs. Fourth

Second vs. Third

7.4 Only the Grand Final match will be an untimed best of five sets.

7.5 Gold and Silver medals will be presented to the two teams which competed in the Grand Final. Gold medals will be presented to the winning team whilst Silver medals will be presented to the losing team.

7.6 A maximum of ten (10) Gold and ten (10) Silver medals will be provided per division.

7.7 Players must have played (as recorded on the scoresheet) in a minimum of six (6) matches during the season to be eligible to play in any finals game. Matters contrary to this 7.7 must receive prior approval by the Competition Supervisor.

8. Fixture & Results

8.1 The competition fixture will be produced prior to the start of the season.

8.2 The fixture structure for each division will be determined by Volleyball Victoria.

8.3 Fixture requests may be submitted to Volleyball Victoria prior to the fixture being released however will not be guaranteed. Teams should expect to be scheduled at any of the identified timeslots for their entered division.

8.4 The competition fixture, match results, competition information, and ladder will be publicly displayed via the Volleyball Victoria website.

8.5 Volleyball Victoria may change or alter the competition fixture at its discretion.

9. Penalty Scheme

Infringement	Penalty
Ineligible Player (ie. Unregistered) Section 2.1, 2.3	First Violation: Warning Second Violation: Unable to play
Forfeit Section 6.3	Loss of 1 Championship Point
Inability to Field Mixed Team Section 3.5	Loss of 5 points per set
Inability to Field Eligible Team (min. 4 Players) Section 3.2	Forfeit first set, then each following set every 10 minutes an eligible team cannot be fielded