



VOLLEYBALL VICTORIA SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

28 November – 1 December 2021

Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre (MSAC)

30 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park, 3206

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The following regulations and conditions have been developed to provide an event that is professional in its delivery and fair to all participants. The regulations apply to the **Volleyball Victoria Volleyball Schools Championship (VVSC)**. The VVSC will be scheduled as follows:

DATES: Sunday 28 November to Wednesday 1 December

VENUES: Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre, 30 Aughtie Drive, Albert Park

2. NOMINATIONS

2.1 Nominations are invited from affiliates, associations & schools for the following **Honours** divisions in **both boys and girls**:

Division
Open Honours
Year 10 Honours
Year 9 Honours
Year 8 Honours

2.2 Nominations are invited from affiliates, associations & schools for the following divisions in **both boys and girls**:

Division
Year 7 Division 1
Year 7 Division 2
Year 8 Division 1
Year 8 Division 2
Year 9 Division 1
Year 9 Division 2
Year 10 Division 1
Year 10 Division 2
Year 11 Division 1
Year 11 Division 2
Year 12 Division 1
Year 12 Division 2

2.3 The Volleyball Victoria and Volleyball Australia policies and Codes of Behaviour are integral to the structure of the VVSC. Nomination of teams for the events is deemed acceptance of and adherence to these policies.

3. DIVISION ELIGIBILITY

3.1 AGE

The following divisions will be offered for the VVSC:

Division	Age eligibility
Open Honours	Must be in Year 10, 11 or 12 and cannot turn 20 or older in the year of event
Year 10 Honours	Must be in year 8, 9 or 10
Year 9 Honours	Must be in year 7, 8 or 9
Year 8 Honours	Must be in year 6, 7 or 8
Year 7 Division 1 & 2	Must be in year 5, 6 or 7
Year 8 Division 1 & 2	Must be in year 6, 7 or 8
Year 9 Division 1 & 2	Must be in year 7, 8 or 9
Year 10 Division 1 & 2	Must be in year 8, 9 or 10
Year 11 Division 1 & 2	Must be in year 9, 10 or 11
Year 12 Division 1 & 2	Must be in year 10, 11 or 12

3.2 QUALIFICATION

No qualification is necessary for entry into any division at the VVSC. In the spirit of the game, we ask that schools enter teams into divisions relative to individual team ability and standard.

4. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

4.1 GENERAL

- 4.1.1 Only female students may play in girls' divisions.
- 4.1.2 Female players may play in boys' divisions.
- 4.1.3 A minimum of 8 players must be nominated for entry into an Honours division and a minimum of 7 players for all other divisions. A maximum of 12 players is permitted in a team.
- 4.1.4 The VVSC Tournament Director reserves the right to merge Divisions or create additional Divisions, subject to team entries.

4.2 MIXED TEAMS

The competition is not mixed; however, the Tournament Director reserves the right to accept into a boy's division, any teams that may contain female players. A request for such allowance must be made in writing on school letterhead, signed off by the school's principal and submitted via email at the same time as the team nomination.

4.3 TEAMS

- 4.3.1 Team nominations will be accepted from recognised affiliates, associations & schools/
- 4.3.2 Schools, which have feeder schools that are listed separately on the Victorian list of registered schools, cannot nominate players from the feeder school unless permitted by Volleyball Victoria.

4.4 UNIFORMS AND DRESS REGULATIONS

- 4.4.1 **All teams are expected to play in team uniform.** This uniform must include individually numbered tops (front and back) and uniform shorts. Team members who are not in uniform will not be allowed to take part in any match until uniform issues are resolved.
- 4.4.2 No jewellery may be worn during a match. This includes watches, rings, chains, and earrings. The wearing of hats or bandannas is not permitted both during a match or while performing duty for a match.
- 4.4.3 Clothing required for religious purposes is acceptable, however, the Tournament Director must be notified prior to the commencement of the tournament.

5. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

5.1 GENERAL

- 5.1.1 Each player **must have the appropriate level of personal registration.** Player registrations will be checked following the Confirmation of Nomination. If a player is found to be unregistered during the tournament, this will result in any match they participated in to be a forfeit. Refer to Section 12.9.
- 5.1.2 Each player must abide by the age and gender requirements of the team for which they are nominated.
- 5.1.3 For Victorian School entries, unless otherwise permitted, each player must be currently enrolled as a full-time student at the school for which they are nominated. The student must be enrolled and in attendance at the school, at the time of competition. The school's class list is regarded as the central proof of eligibility. Team entries are countersigned by the school Principal as verification.
- 5.1.6 Up to 16 players can be nominated on a team list, but the list must be reduced to 12 or less prior to the tournament commencing.

5.2 PLAYING FOR TWO TEAMS

- 5.2.1 During the Tournament, a player may only play for one team.
- 5.2.2 If special circumstances warrant it (injuries/illness) a team may on application to the Tournament Director, request a player(s) move to another division. Once a player has moved divisions, they can no longer return to their original division
- 5.2.3 Normal eligibility rules apply.

6. ENTRY PROCESS

- 6.1 Affiliates, associations & schools can only nominate teams to the event via online nomination

Online nomination: Go to www.volleyballvictoria.org.au

6.2 Nominations close **5pm Friday 15 October**. Any entries received after these times will be placed on a waiting list to be called upon if teams withdraw.

6.2.1 Teams entering after the stated date run the risk of not being accepted into the competition if planning has proceeded to such an extent that inclusion of additional teams is impractical.

6.2.2 Any team who nominates late will be accepted on the Tournament Directors terms and conditions, as determined at that time. The conditions laid out here apply only to teams that nominate prior to the advertised closing date.

6.2.3 Placement of teams into Divisions is at the discretion of Volleyball Victoria. Volleyball Victoria reserves the right to merge divisions in the event of minimal entries.

6.4 Once nomination forms have been received affiliates, associations & schools will be issued with a Tax Invoice for entry fees, to be paid no later than seven days from date of issue. If this does not occur, Volleyball Victoria reserves the right to withdraw teams.

6.5 **Volleyball Victoria Schools Championship:** \$660.00 (Inclusive of GST) *

By entering team/s into this Tournament, all teams acknowledge they are liable for fines as outlined in 10.3

6.6 After nominations have closed and divisions finalised, schools will be sent a Confirmation of Nominations.

6.7 Affiliates, associations & schools with outstanding debts for participation in previous tournaments or events must pay those debts before their Nomination is accepted.

6.8 **Any special request relating to the draw must be submitted via email at the time of team nomination.** The fulfilment of such request will be entirely at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Upon submission of nomination forms it should be assumed that no such requests will be granted.

6.9 In due course, teams will be sent both event updates and the event draw. This correspondence will be sent via **email only**. Teaching staff must ensure they regularly check the email address supplied with the Nomination Forms (daily checks are recommended in the lead up to the tournament).

7. WITHDRAWAL OF TEAMS

7.1 Any team withdrawing a team after the team entry closing date will be liable for the full entry fee.

8. CHAMPION SCHOOL

- 8.1 Champion School points will only be awarded to schools listed on the relevant Victorian list of registered schools.
- 8.2 After the Volleyball Victoria Schools Championship the Champion School will be awarded and recognised as the 2021 Four Day Schools Cup Champion School.
- 8.3 The Champion School is decided by cumulative tournament points gained by the six highest point scoring teams from each eligible Victorian school, irrespective of final placings.
- 8.4 The VVSC Champion School point system is as follows:

DIVISION	RESULT	POINTS AWARDED
OPEN HONOURS	GOLD	120
	SILVER	110
	BRONZE	105
	4 th	100
5 th – 95, 6 th – 90, 7 th – 85, 8 th – 82, 9 th – 80, 10 th & below – 79		

OTHER HONOURS	GOLD	100
	SILVER	95
	BRONZE	92
	4 th	90
5 th – 88, 6 th – 86, 7 th – 84, 8 th – 82, 9 th – 80, 10 th & below – 79		

FIRST DIVISION	GOLD	80
	SILVER	75
	BRONZE	72
	4 th	70
5 th – 68, 6 th – 66, 7 th – 64, 8 th – 62, 9 th – 60, 10 th & below – 59		

SECOND DIVISION	GOLD	60
	SILVER	55
	BRONZE	52
	4 th	50
5 th – 48, 6 th – 46, 7 th – 44, 8 th – 42, 9 th – 40, 10 th & below – 39		

9. MATCH CONDUCT

9.1 Each team is guaranteed at least one match per day.

9.2 Competing teams will play a minimum of five matches over the duration of the tournament.

9.3 HOURS OF COMMITMENT

9.3.1 All nominating teams (coach/supervisor) must register their attendance at the Tournament Office 30 minutes prior to the commencement of their first scheduled match.

9.3.2 Matches may be scheduled between 8am and 9pm

9.3.4 The Tournament Director reserves the right to extend or amend playing hours as necessary in the overall interest of the tournament.

9.4 DRAW

A draft tournament draw will be posted on the Volleyball Victoria web site, in the week prior to the event (www.volleyballvictoria.org.au). An email will be sent to all nominated schools advising the draw is online. The Tournament Director reserves the right to make changes to the draw up to and including the day of competition.

9.5 MATCH TIMES

Matches are to start at the scheduled time or 10 minutes after the preceding match, whichever is the later. If a team is five minutes late it will forfeit the first set. If it is another five minutes late it will forfeit the second set. If it is another five minutes late it will forfeit the third set. As outlined in 10.3 forfeiting teams will incur a forfeit fee of \$100.00.

9.6 MATCH WARMUPS

Teams will be given a minimum of 10 minutes warm up on the match court. This will consist of **FIVE MINUTES** general warm up and **FOUR MINUTES** spiking together, and **ONE MINUTE** serving. Other spiking/serving combinations may be used with agreement of the coaches, but time may not be increased.

9.7 RESCHEDULED MATCHES

The Tournament Director has the right to reschedule forfeited matches upon application from a team if the team can demonstrate they have been disadvantaged due to circumstances beyond their control. The rescheduled match shall not take place within two hours of another commitment of the opposing team (this concession does not apply to the forfeiting team).

9.8 PROTEST RESOLUTION

9.8.1 Protests will be resolved by the Referee Delegate. Resolution will be immediate, and the match will resume as directed by the Referee Delegate. The match will not be replayed. If a protest is upheld the match will resume immediately. If the protest is rejected the team will be sanctioned with a delay penalty and the game will resume immediately.

9.8.2 If a second protest occurs by the same team during the same game and it is dismissed, the coach will be sanctioned with a red card thus removing him/her from the bench for the rest of the current set. The game will resume immediately.

10. DUTY

10.1 GENERAL

- 10.1.1 All participating teams will be rostered for duty at times close to their scheduled playing times.
- 10.1.2 Teams on duty must provide a minimum **Level 1 qualified referee**, second referee, two scorers and two lines people. Duty teams are to report to the match official 10 minutes prior to the start time of the match.
- 10.1.3 The wearing of hats and bandannas is prohibited while on duty.
- 10.1.4 Failure to provide duty personnel will result in a fine of \$10.00 per person.
- 10.1.5 It is the responsibility of every school to ensure students do not consume food and drinks (except for liquid in sealed sports drink bottles) in the sports halls.
- 10.1.6 It is the responsibility of every team coach/manager is to ensure that at the completion of each match the court area is left clean and tidy in readiness for the next match. Volleyball Victoria reserves the right to deduct ladder points from teams and fine teams who persistently do not leave the court area clean.

- 10.2** By entering teams it is acknowledged that in the event of violations as set out in the fine schedule below at 10.3, **affiliates, associations or schools will be invoiced and liable for the amounts applicable.**

10.3 FINE SCHEDULE

- 10.3.1 Failure to fulfil duty/tournament requirements will result in fines as follows:
- a) **Inadequate Personnel:** \$10.00 per person.
 - b) **Late presentation for duty**– Later than 10 mins prior to start time: \$30.00
 - c) **Failure to present for duty** – More than 10 minutes after match start time: \$60.00
 - d) **Forfeited match:** \$100.00
 - e) **Consumption of food/inappropriate drink in halls, lack of cleanliness and failure to dispose of rubbish, and other violations:** \$10.00 per violation.
- 10.3.2 The Tournament Director and other event officials will monitor duty violations including the consumption of food and drink in sports halls and the cleanliness of the court after the completion of each match.
- 10.3.3 The Tournament Director has the authority to issue an infringement at his/her discretion.

11. REFEREES

- 11.1** Each school must be able to provide an adequate number of Level 1 qualified referees to officiate at all VVSC team duties i.e., for schools with more than one team it will be necessary to ensure they have sufficient Level 1 referees to cover their refereeing duties.
- 11.2** Each team must nominate the referee who will officiate when their team is rostered for duty.
- 11.3** The referee should be a coach (teacher) or student who has a minimum Level 1 referee accreditation under the Australian Sports Commission's National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS).
- 11.4** More than one referee can be nominated if they fit the criteria.
- 11.5** A non-playing student referee may be nominated for two teams.
- 11.6** A playing student referee can only be nominated for the team in which they play.
- 11.7** All referees are required to provide their own whistle and cards. Under health regulations whistles may **NOT** be borrowed.
- 11.8** Whilst acting as a referee, these persons fall under the control of the Referee Delegate and his/her assistants.

All Referees Enquiries:

Please visit <https://volleyballvictoria.org.au/referees-2/> to enrol your students in a Level 1 Referee Course prior to the VVSC. Level 2 courses can be scheduled at your school if there are a minimum of 10 students/teachers willing to attend.

12. PLAYING CONDITIONS

12.1 RULES OF THE GAME

Except where explicitly stated, or limited by the venue playing conditions, the Rules of the Game of Volleyball (FIVB) apply www.fivb.org

12.2 MATCH DURATION

Honours Divisions:

For **Round Matches** International Scoring System with best of 5 sets. Sets 1-4 are played to 25 points; set 5 is to 15. In all sets a lead of two points is required.

For **Finals Matches** where the participating teams could still finish in the top 4 placings for that division, **best of 5 sets shall be used** as per International Scoring System

ALL other matches shall be best of 3 sets. Sets 1 and 2 are played to 25 points and set 3 (the deciding set) is played to 15.

Other Divisions:

All matches will be best of 3 sets. Sets 1-2 are played to 25 points; set three is to 15 points. In all sets a lead of two points is required.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to introduce a time-limit to matches

12.3 NET HEIGHTS

Division	Boys	Girls
Open Honours	2.43 metres	2.24 metres
Year 10 Honours	2.35 metres	2.15 metres
Year 9 Honours	2.35 metres	2.15 metres
Year 8 Honours	2.24 metres	2.10 metres
Year 7 Division 1 & 2	2.15 metres	2.10 metres
Year 8 Division 1 & 2	2.15 metres	2.10 metres
Year 9 Division 1 & 2	2.24 metres	2.10 metres
Year 10 Division 1 & 2	2.24 metres	2.15 metres
Year 11 Division 1 & 2	2.35 metres	2.15 metres
Year 12 Division 1 & 2	2.35 metres	2.15 metres

12.4 12 SUBSTITUTION RULE

The 12 Substitution rule, as per Volleyball Australia's junior event guidelines, will apply in every set.

12.5 LIBERO PER SET

12.5.1 The Libero per Set rule will apply in every set.

12.5.2 For the VVSC, the Libero player in each set may be designated by the wearing of a bib or contrasting shirt, which does not need to have the player's playing number.

12.6 MULTIPLE PENALTY RULE

12.6.1 A player who receives more than one penalty during the tournament is automatically liable to a one-match suspension for each incident after the first one.

12.6.2 A penalty is defined in the Rules of the Game by the Misconduct Sanction Scale.

12.6.3 If a player incurs two or more penalties, they will be automatically stood down from the requisite number of matches immediately following the match in which the second or subsequent infringements occur.

12.7 TEAM SIZE

12.7.1 A minimum of 8 players must be nominated for entry into an Honours division, and a minimum of 7 players for all other divisions.

12.7.2 Teams failing to meet the minimum team size requirements will incur a forfeit and the associated penalties.

12.7.3 Teams will not be penalised should players be injured within the course of the tournament and 6 players are available to take the court. However, this injury must be recorded on the score sheet at the time of occurrence and noted by the Tournament Director.

12.8 FORFEIT SCORE

12.8.1 A forfeit set will be recorded as twenty-five (25) points to nil (0).

12.8.2 A forfeit match will be recorded as three (3) sets to nil (0) in honours divisions and two (2) sets to nil (0) in other divisions.

12.9 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

12.9.1 Teams which field an ineligible player(s) within a match will forfeit that match.

12.9.2 Players will be deemed to be ineligible if they are not current financial registered members of Volleyball Victoria or they do not meet the requirements outlined under Sections 4 and 5 of this document.

12.10 CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

12.10.1 Match Points will be recorded as:

WIN 3 POINTS
DRAW 2 POINTS
LOSS 1 POINT
FORFEIT 0 POINTS

12.10.2 If two or more teams in a pool are equal on points at the end of the preliminary rounds, then the higher placed team will be decided when the first of the following criteria, applied in order, favours one team:

1. TOTAL MATCH POINTS ACCRUED.
2. PERCENTAGE OF SETS WON.
3. PERCENTAGE OF POINTS WON.

12.11 PLAYING AREA

12.12.1 The playing area is limited by the nearest obstruction, or adjacent court boundary (court line).

12.12.2 If the ball leaves the vertical projection of the playing area, it will immediately become dead and called out by the match referee or second referee, as per the rules of the game. Any ball which is retrieved from outside the playing area is no longer in play or playable. Should any one of the first referee, second referee, or lines people declare the ball out the rally will be immediately halted and awarded to the team not at fault.

Note: This rule is introduced in the interest of player safety, as with such matters it is urged that all match officials halt the rally accordingly if there is any doubt.

13. GENERAL POLICIES

13.1 VENUE CLEANLINESS

13.1.1 It is a venue requirement that consumption of food and drink (with the exception of liquid in sealed sports drink bottles) is not permitted in the sports halls. Water must be contained in sealed sports drink bottles to limit the amount of water/liquid on the floor resulting from accidental spillage.

13.1.2 One of the responsibilities of every school is to ensure students do not consume food and drinks (with the exception of liquid in sealed sports drink bottles) in the sports halls. It is also the responsibility of each team coach/manager to be responsible for the school/team contribution to the overall cleanliness of the venue. The combined effort of all adults and students in maintaining clean playing halls and foyer is essential from a risk management perspective and a cost perspective.

13.1.3 Event officials have the authority to ask any person consuming food or drink (other than liquid in sealed sports drink bottles) to leave the sports hall. Event officials also have the authority to report the offending person to the School/Team Manager and to keep a record of offenders for further action if deemed necessary.

13.1.4 Any additional cleaning costs incurred by the Tournament Director, above the quoted costs for the daily cleaning of the venue, will be invoiced to the team on a pro rata basis based on the number of teams per school. If such action is required management reserves the right to exempt teams who have genuinely made a concerted effort to keep the venue clean and tidy.

13.2 ADULT SUPERVISION

All teams nominated in the VVSC **must have an adult**, approved by the School's Principal if applicable, present at all times students are in attendance at the tournament. Teams may be withdrawn from the competition if this condition is not met. This policy must be strictly adhered to.

13.3 FIRST AID / SPORTS INJURY SERVICE SUPERVISION

13.3.1 A First Aid Practitioner will be present throughout the duration of the tournament.

13.3.2 An adult (teacher, manager, coach, and parent) must accompany all students requiring first aid or sports strapping. The officers providing the first aid / sports strapping service will require the accompanying adult to sign a document indicating they were present during the relevant treatment.

13.4 AMBULANCE INSURANCE

Teams are responsible for covering the cost of any ambulances required for their students. Teams should ensure that ambulance insurance is in place.

13.5 ALCOHOL/DRUG CONSUMPTION

Smoking, drinking alcohol and taking other social drugs are strictly forbidden during the whole of the tournament. Any breach of this rule will result in the player being ejected from the tournament, their parents being notified, as well as the player being returned home on the first available transport. Any additional expenses will be the responsibility of the parents of the offending person.

13.6 DRUG POLICY

The Australian Volleyball Federation whole-heartedly endorses the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Drug Policy. Given that this is an official National Championship, all participating athletes are subject to random drug testing by the ASC. A condition of nomination is that all athletes accept this policy of random drug testing.

13.7 STEALING

All coaches, managers and individual team members must be aware of the ramifications of the theft and or malicious damage of tournament equipment, team equipment, and personal property at this event. Any incidents of the theft of balls, personal property and equipment will result in the expulsion of the player and/or team from the competition. Please be aware that police intervention will be sought.

13.8 BLOOD

In keeping with current sports practice, matches cannot proceed if there is a bleeding player, or blood on balls or equipment. Should bleeding occur event staff should be immediately notified, and the player will be removed from the game as per the rules concerning an injured player. The relevant player cannot take their place on the court until there is no more evidence of blood or bleeding. Matches will be halted until all blood has been removed from the court/playing equipment.

13.9 PLAYER CONDUCT

The current rules of the game provide for the match officials to contain incidents of unsportsmanlike behaviour before any penalties are given.

When conduct is significantly bad – a penalty is awarded in the form of a yellow card. Should a player, coach or team management incur two yellow cards during the event they will be immediately suspended for the subsequent match.

Suspension means the offending participant cannot be present in the playing hall or its viewing galleries/stands for the duration of the match.

13.10 CONDUCT IN THE VENUE

13.10.1 Players are expected to respect the venue and any signage and rules that exist. Participants who fail to respect these rules, or who litter may be subject to discipline within the general context of the event and may be liable to sanctions such as suspension for a match or a number of matches.

13.10.2 The following rules in particular should be reinforced by managers and coaches:

13.10.2.1 No bouncing or passing of volleyballs in the foyer area.

13.10.2.2 No food or drink within the sport halls (other than players' water bottles for those involved in matches).

13.10.2.3 No cans or open top bottles (which are more susceptible to spillage) are allowed in the sports halls.

14. CEREMONIES / MVP

14.1 A Technical Meeting will occur at the beginning of each event and will be scheduled 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled game. All competing teams are required to attend the Technical Meeting. Rolling Medal Presentations will be scheduled at the end of play of each division. Schools must check with the tournament director on the location and time of presentations.

- 14.2** An age group ‘Most Valuable Player Award’ will be awarded to the most outstanding player in each age division. This player will be selected from the Honours Divisions in each group plus the Year 8 and Year 7 Division 1.
- 14.3** The MVP will be selected via the submission of nominations from the coaches of each **Honours** team and **Year 7 and 8 Division 1** teams. The athlete with the highest number of votes will receive the MVP award for their respective age group.

In the event of a tie, the Tournament Director will have discretionary powers in awarding the prize. Please ensure your coaches are aware of their obligation to submit MVP votes on the scoresheet of each applicable match.

15. PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

- 15.1** It is a condition of entry that each player must have the minimum registration level of a Volleyball Victoria Social (\$44.00) membership or equivalent
- 15.2** It is a condition of entry that participating teams must send a list of all the players to Volleyball Victoria no later than one week after the team nomination deadline, to ensure that they are registered members.
- 15.5** Any questions about the registration process please contact – memberships@volleyballvictoria.org.au or call (03) 9794 0009.

Registration: Go to www.volleyballvictoria.org.au then click ‘2021 VV Memberships’ on the home page.

16. WAIVER

It is a condition of entry to the VVSC that teams acknowledge the possibility of change of format of the tournament should unforeseen or extreme circumstances arise. Such changes to the tournament will be communicated appropriately and will be adhered to. Such decisions will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Volleyball Victoria will determine and/or interpret matters not covered by the Tournament Regulations and all Volleyball Victoria decisions will be final. Volleyball Victoria has the right to amend any tournament rule if required.

17. CONTACT DETAILS

Please do not hesitate to contact administration with any queries relating to the VVSC:

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