



VOLLEYBALL VICTORIA JUNIOR OPEN

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

27 November – 30 November 2022

Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre

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 Junior Open (VVJO)**. The VVJO will be scheduled as follows:

DATES: Sunday 27 November to Wednesday 30 November

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

2. NOMINATIONS

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

Division
U19 Division 1 & 2
U17 Division 1 & 2
U16 Division 1 & 2
U15 Division 1 & 2
U14 Division 1 & 2

- 2.2 Nominations are invited from affiliates, associations & schools for the following **mixed divisions:**

Division
U19
U17
U15

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

3. DIVISION ELIGIBILITY

3.1 AGE

Volleyball Victoria Junior Open - The following divisions will be offered:

Division	Age eligibility
U19 Division 1 & 2	Must not turn 19 or older in the year of event
U17 Division 1 & 2	Must not turn 17 or older in the year of event
U16 Division 1 & 2	Must not turn 16 or older in the year of event
U15 Division 1 & 2	Must not turn 15 or older in the year of event
U14 Division 1 & 2	Must not turn 14 or older in the year of event

3.2 QUALIFICATION

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

3.3 SCHOOLS CUP

The Volleyball Victoria Junior Open is a participation event that is not associated with the One Day, Three Day or Australia Volleyball Schools Cup. This will be considered when accepting team entries and applying tournament regulations

4. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

4.1 GENERAL

4.1.1 A minimum of 7 players must be nominated for entry into all divisions. A maximum of 14 players is permitted in a team.

4.1.2 The VVJO Tournament Director reserves the right to merge Divisions or create additional Divisions, subject to team entries.

4.2 MIXED TEAMS

4.2.1 A minimum of two female players must always be on court

4.2.2 All teams must always have a minimum of one male and one female in the front court

4.2.3 All teams must always have a minimum of one male and one female in the back court

4.3 TEAMS

4.3.1 Team nominations will be accepted from recognised affiliates, associations & schools

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 11.9.

5.1.2 Each player must abide by the age and gender requirements of the team for which they are nominated.

5.1.3 Up to 16 players can be nominated on a team list, but the list must be reduced to 14 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

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 Wednesday 19th 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 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 Junior Open:** \$660.00 (Inclusive of GST) *

*NOTE: Team entry is subject to change until team entries are open

By entering team/s into this Tournament, Schools acknowledge they are liable for fines as outlined in 9.3

6.6 After nominations have closed and divisions finalised, teams 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**. Teams must ensure they regularly check the email address supplied with the Nomination Forms (daily checks are recommended in the lead up to the tournament).

6.10 Please note the key dates detailed at Section 14 of this document.

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. MATCH CONDUCT

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

8.2 Competing teams will play a minimum of six matches over the duration of the tournament.

8.3 HOURS OF COMMITMENT

8.3.1 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 8pm

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

8.4 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 on line. The Tournament Director reserves the right to make changes to the draw up to and including the day of competition.

8.5 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 9.3 forfeiting teams will incur a forfeit fee of \$100.00.

8.6 MATCH WARM UPS

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.

8.7 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).

8.8 PROTEST RESOLUTION

- 8.8.1 Protests will be resolved by the Referee Delegate. Resolution will be immediate, and the match will resume as directed by the Referee Delegates. The match will not be replayed. If a protest is upheld the match will resume immediately. If the protest is rejected the coach will be sanctioned with a red card (Delay Penalty) and the game will resume immediately.
- 8.8.2 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 and yellow card thus removing him/her from the bench for the rest of the current set. The game will resume immediately.

9. DUTY

9.1 GENERAL

- 9.1.1 All participating teams will be rostered for duty at times close to their scheduled playing times.
- 9.1.2 Teams on duty must provide a **Level 1+ Accredited 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.
- 9.1.3 The wearing of hats and bandannas is prohibited while on duty.
- 9.1.4 Failure to provide duty personnel will result in a fine of \$10.00 per person.
- 9.1.5 It is the responsibility of every team to ensure players do not consume food and drinks (except for liquid in sealed sports drink bottles) in the sports halls.
- 9.1.6 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.

- 9.2 By entering teams it is acknowledged that in the event of violations as set out in the fine schedule below at 9.3, **affiliates, associations or schools will be invoiced and liable for the amounts applicable.**

9.3 FINE SCHEDULE

- 9.3.1 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.
- 9.3.2 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.

9.3.3 The Tournament Director has the authority to issue an infringement at his/her discretion.

10. REFEREES

- 10.1** Each team must be able to provide an adequate number of Level 1+ Accredited referees to officiate at all VVJO team duties i.e. for affiliates, associations or schools with more than one team it will be necessary to ensure they have sufficient Level 1+ Accredited referees to cover their refereeing duties.
- 10.2** Each team must nominate the referee who will officiate when their team is rostered for duty.
- 10.3** The referee should be a coach, teacher or player who has a Level 1 Referee Accreditation under the Volleyball Australia Referee Accreditation Framework.
- 10.4** More than one referee can be nominated if they fit the criteria.
- 10.5** A non-playing referee may be nominated for two teams.
- 10.6** A playing referee can only be nominated for the team in which they play.
- 10.7** All referees are required to provide their own whistle and cards. Under health regulations whistles may **NOT** be borrowed.
- 10.8** Whilst acting as a referee, these persons fall under the control of the Referee Delegate and his/her assistants.

All Referees Enquiries:

Please contact Scott Davidson co scott.davidson@volleyballvictoria.org.au for all refereeing enquiries prior to the VVJO. Level 2 Referee Courses can be scheduled at your own venue/school if there are a minimum of 10 participants willing to attend as well as being dependent on presenter availability and room hire.

11. PLAYING CONDITIONS

11.1 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

11.2 MATCH DURATION

Division 1:

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.

Division 2:

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

11.3 NET HEIGHTS

Division	Boys	Girls	Mixed
U19 Division 1 & 2	2.43 metres	2.24 metres	2.24 metres
U17 Division 1 & 2	2.35 metres	2.15 metres	2.15 metres
U16 Division 1 & 2	2.35 metres	2.15 metres	2.15 metres
U15 Division 1 & 2	2.24 metres	2.15 metres	2.15 metres
U14 Division 1 & 2	2.24 metres	2.15 metres	2.15 metres

11.4 12 SUBSTITUTION RULE

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

11.5 LIBERO PER SET

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

11.5.2 For the VVJO, 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.

11.6 MULTIPLE PENALTY RULE

11.6.1 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.

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

11.6.3 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.

11.7 TEAM SIZE

11.7.1 A minimum of 7 players must be nominated for entry into all divisions

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

11.7.3 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.

11.8 FORFEIT SCORE

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

11.8.2 A forfeit match will be recorded as three (3) sets to nil (0) in best of five set matches and two (2) sets to nil (0) in best of three set matches.

11.9 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

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

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

11.10 CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

11.10.1 Match Points will be recorded as:

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

11.10.2 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.

11.11 PROTEST RESOLUTION

11.11.1 Protests will be resolved by the Referee Delegate. Resolution will be immediate, and the match will resume as directed by the Referee Delegates. The match will not be replayed. If a protest is upheld the match will resume immediately. If the protest is rejected the coach will be sanctioned with a red card (Delay Penalty) and the game will resume immediately.

11.11.2 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 and yellow card thus removing him/her from the bench for the rest of the current set. The game will resume immediately.

11.12 PLAYING AREA

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

11.12.2 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 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.

12. GENERAL POLICIES

12.1 VENUE CLEANLINESS

12.1.1 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.

12.1.2 One of the responsibilities of every team is to ensure players 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 team to contribute to the overall cleanliness of the venue. The combined effort of all in maintaining clean playing halls and foyer is essential from a risk management perspective and a cost perspective.

12.1.3 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 team coach/manager and to keep a record of offenders for further action if deemed necessary.

12.1.4 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 teams. 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.

12.2 ADULT SUPERVISION

All teams nominated in the VVJO **must always have an adult present**. Teams may be withdrawn from the competition if this condition is not met. This policy must be strictly adhered to.

12.3 FIRST AID / SPORTS INJURY SERVICE SUPERVISION

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

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

12.4 AMBULANCE INSURANCE

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

12.5 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.

12.6 DRUG POLICY

The Australian Volleyball Federation whole-heartedly endorses the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) Drug Policy. Given that this is an official 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.

12.7 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.

12.8 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.

12.9 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.

12.10 CONDUCT IN THE VENUE

12.10.1 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.

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

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

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

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

13. CEREMONIES

13.1 A Technical Meeting will occur at the beginning of each event and will be scheduled 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled game. ALTERNATIVELY, the technical meeting may be held online as a pre-recorded message. All competing schools are required to attend/view the Technical Meeting. Rolling Medal Presentations will be scheduled at the end of play of each division. Teams must check with the tournament director on the location and time of presentations.

14. PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

14.1 It is a condition of entry that each player must have the minimum registration level of a Volleyball Victoria Social Membership.

14.2 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.

14.3 Any questions about Volleyball Victoria membership process please contact – memberships@volleyballvictoria.org.au or call (03) 9794 0009.

Registration: Go to www.volleyballvictoria.org.au then click Registrations on the home page.

15. WAIVER

It is a condition of entry to the VVJO 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 VVJO:

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