



# Volleyball South Australia

## Volleyball SA Social Competition Regulations

These Regulations cover VSA Indoor Social Competitions run directly by VSA or jointly by VSA and its Affiliates

(eg: competitions at Thebarton Senior College, Christian Brothers College, Reynella East College and The Lights).

1. Nominations
  - a. Nominations will only be accepted through the VSA website.
  - b. No requests will be accepted for teams to play specific timeslots or in a range of timeslots on a regular basis. Specific timeslot requests for individual rounds will be accommodated where possible, at the discretion of VSA, for genuine extenuating circumstances.
  - c. A nomination is accepted once the team contact is sent a welcome email and/or fixture.
  
2. Game fees
  - a. Team fees (match fee/forfeit fee) must be paid via Teampay before the start of the game.
  
3. Start and Duration Times
  - a. Referees will start games as per the scheduled timeslots. Games that are delayed due to unpaid team fees may be shortened to fit the timeslot.
  - b. Game duration is 60 minutes, consisting of a 10-minute warm up and 50 minutes of game play, or best of 5 sets game play (whichever comes first).
  - c. Teams may agree to continue playing after an official result has been achieved, up to the end of the timeslot. Scores after the official result will not be recorded.
  
4. Scoring of Games
  - a. At the conclusion of a game, the team scoring the most sets wins. If sets are equal, a win will be decided on total points. A set is won at 25 points with a 2-point advantage.
  - b. In the last set, if a team scores 15 points or more with a 2-point advantage, this set counts as a winning set.
  - c. Premiership points are awarded as 3 points for a win, 2 points for a draw, 1 point for a loss and 0 points for a forfeit.
  - d. Finals draw places are decided by premiership points from minor rounds for the Semi-Final, then match results from the Semi-Final for the Grand Final.

- e. In the case of a tie in premiership points, count back for set % and, if required, point % is used to determine finals draw places.

#### 5. Fixtures

- a. The first 3 rounds of competition are a grading period. During this time, teams will be assessed for which grade they will play in for the remainder of the season. A team's grade preference is taken into consideration, but the final decision is made by VSA in conjunction with the Arena Coordinator.
- b. During the grading period, fixtures may only be available 1 week at a time to allow new teams to enter the competition. Following round 3, the remaining season fixtures will be released.

#### 6. Players and Teams

- a. It is each team's responsibility to have the required number of players for a game.
- b. A minimum of 4 players are required in order to play each game.
- c. Any new player must become a VSA member prior to playing a game to receive the benefits of a VSA membership, including personal accident insurance.
- d. Teams playing with a non-member on 2 occasions during the season will forfeit any future games the non-member plays, unless that player becomes a member.
- e. Every player must be nominated to only one team per competition.

#### 7. Finals

- a. Finals rounds consist of semi-finals round, then grand finals round after completion of the minor rounds.
- b. All teams play in semi-finals and grand final rounds (unless they have a BYE fixtured).
- c. Semi-finals fixture will be published after the completion of the minor rounds, and the grand-final fixture after completion of the semi-final rounds (in accordance with 4d. and 4e. above).
- d. Players must play 3 or more minor round games as a current member for a team to qualify for finals.
- e. Players may only play finals for their nominated team.
- f. In a semi-final or grand final match, if the set scores and point scores are even at time, a golden point will be played to determine the winner. The start of the golden point will be served by the team who won the previous point.
- g. "Premier" grade Grand Finals matches will be played best of 5 sets untimed. Fifth set to 15 points with 2 points difference.
- h. Where relevant any grade Grand Finals matches run by VSA or its affiliate can be adjusted as requested prior to the start of the Grand Finals matches. Relevant information must be communicated prior to the start of the round.

#### 8. Forfeits

- a. Nominating teams should expect to play in any timeslot from the first game to the last and fees apply to forfeited games.
- b. Teams are required to give as much notice as possible on forfeits. At the latest, notice should be given by 12pm on the day of the competition for weeknight competitions and 4pm of the preceding business day for weekend competitions.

- c. Forfeit notification are to be sent to VSA by email ([competitions@volleyballsas.com.au](mailto:competitions@volleyballsas.com.au)) as well as the organising affiliate.
- d. A forfeit fee, equal to the cost of one game, applies to any forfeits made within 24 hours of the scheduled match. Forfeit fees must be paid using the same method as match fees and must be completed prior to the scheduled game start time.
- e. Forfeit without sufficient notice may attract an additional \$16 administrative penalty fee at the discretion of VSA.
- f. Teams that continually forfeit or forfeit with short notice will be removed from the competition at the discretion of VSA.

9. Late Arrivals

- a. A team will lose the first set of the game 25-0 if unable to field 4 players at the scheduled start time. The team will then lose the second set 25-0 if unable to field 4 players 5 minutes after the scheduled start time. The team will then lose the third set 25-0 if unable to field 4 players 10 minutes after the scheduled start time. The final score will be recorded as 3-0 sets (75-0 points) forfeit win to the compliant team.
- b. If a forfeit is recorded a scratch match can still be played.

10. Extreme Weather Cancellations

- a. It is the team's responsibility to check for extreme weather cancellations and will they be posted on the VSA website by 4.50pm for evening competitions. Any cancellation will be in accordance with the VSA Extreme Weather Policy and is available on the VSA website.

11. All regulations are at the discretion of VSA.