

Volleyball South Australia
SUMMER JUNIOR LEAGUE

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Background

The rationale of the Summer League is to provide a social, accessible, indoor volleyball option in the summer months for players under the age of 19. The competition will complement the SAVL Junior's (Run in Terms 2 and 3) for clubs as well as encourage individuals, social groups and schools' participation in competitive volleyball.

1. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- a. Players
 - i. All players are required to have a Social membership. Full Adult, Full Junior or Spikezone memberships are also valid.
- b. Coaches and Support Staff
 - i. All coaches and support staff are required to be registered as an Associate Member.
 - ii. Teams must have an adult coach or team manager who is 18 years of age or older and is responsible for the team's conduct. They must be present for warm-up, the match and team duty, if scheduled. Coaches and team managers MUST hold a current Working With Children Check clearance by state and federal legislation.

2. AGE REQUIREMENTS

- a. All players must be under the age of the nominated grade for the entire competition.
 - i. If a player is 14 and nominates for term 4 2024 and turns 15 in February 2025, then she/he is eligible to play in the under 15 competition.
 - ii. If a player is 14 and nominates for term 1 2025 and turns 15 in February 2025, then she/he is ineligible to play in the under 15 competition.
 - iii. In the above instance, if a player has nominated for term 4 2024 and term 1 2025, they will play under 15 in term 4 2024, and under 17 for term 1 2025. This change will be made by the competitions manager.
- b. If a player who is overage or underage wishes to participate in a given age grade, the club or school, on behalf of the player, can submit an exemption directly to the competition manager and seek approval of their participation.

3. CALENDAR

- a. For under 15 and upward, the competition will run for 7 weeks plus 1 week of Finals; eight weeks on either side of the December / January break. This avoids the Australian Schools Cup and SA Schools Smash in December and complements club trials and pre-season in March ahead of the SAVL Juniors season.
- b. The calendar is found in Appendix A.

4. GAME DURATION

- a. Matches are timed and are played to the best of 3 sets. They will be played over a 50-minute period, and teams will have a 10-minute warm-up prior to the game commencing. For example, if a game is scheduled for 6:30pm, warm-up will start at 6:30pm and the match will commence at 6:40pm.
- b. Matches will strictly end at the completion of the time limit. If the ball is in play, it will stop when the siren or whistle sounds and the rally will not be counted.
- c. No timeouts or technical timeouts will be allowed, with a 3-minute timed break between sets to be used as a timeout, whistled by the VSA Referee.

5. SCORESHEETS

- a. Team managers or coaches should complete the player names on the scoresheet before spiking warm-up. They must ensure that all present players are recorded correctly and if any player has not arrived, or will not be playing that round, strike that name through on the scoresheet. The player list on the scoresheet should then be signed as accurate before the match begins.

6. DIVISIONS AND GRADING

- a. Divisions will be set according to the Competition management team. Teams will nominate a PREFERRED division with the aim to be placed in this at the start of the season.
- b. Girls may play in mixed divisions, but
- c. Boys may play in mixed divisions or boys only. Please note that all-boy teams will only be separate from mixed teams if team numbers allow.
- d. Final divisions on offer will depend upon team numbers nominating into the various grades and at the sole and absolute discretion of the VSA team.

7. REFEREE & DUTY REQUIREMENTS

- a. In FY25 Volleyball South Australia and its community are driven to see the growth and learning environments of our referees and officials. With this, we are aiming to have a minimum of one (1) Level 1 Referee at all Summer League games, giving more opportunities to referees to hone in on their craft and educate the community during the off-season of SAVL/SAVL Juniors.
- b. Team duties will be required for the 2024-25 season. VSA will employ a referee supervisor who will be responsible for mentoring the referees and also assisting and coaching teams in scoring and refereeing procedures. This is to expose and prepare teams for the more formal competition where duty will be required. A team duty may occur before or after the team's match. They must be at the designated court for the task at the start of warm-up for that match. An adult supervisor must also be present.
- c. Scheduled duty team requirements are as per the table below.

GRADE	VSA PROVIDED	DUTY TEAM COMPOSITION
Under 15	1 st Referee	2 nd Referee and Scorer
Under 17	1 st Referee	2 nd Referee and Scorer
Under 19	1 st Referee	2 nd Referee and Scorer.

8. SANCTIONS

- a. Teams that do not provide a full duty crew in accordance with the above table will have their own match for that round revert to a forfeit loss. If this occurs more than once, that team may also be subject to further sanctions.

9. PREMIERSHIP TABLE AND SCORING

- a. All sets are to 25 points and a set is only deemed complete when a team has won by 2 points or more.
- b. All games are played best of 3 sets, or to the allocated time limit, whichever comes first.
- c. Teams will gain points on the Premiership Table according to the following table:

RESULTS	POINTS
Win	3
Draw	2
Loss	1
Forfeit	0

- d. The premiership table will be decided using the following method:
 - i. Premiership points (as above)
 - ii. Set Percentage (sets won/ (sets won + sets lost))
 - iii. Point Percentage (points won/ (points won + points lost))
- e. A set is deemed complete at full time when one team has reached a minimum of 15 points with a 2-point advantage. If this score has not been reached, the winning team will be awarded on completed sets. If sets are equal, the team with the greater number of total points (combination of complete and incomplete sets) will win the game. If the total points are equal, the game would be deemed a tie.

10. VOLLEYBALL SA POLICIES

- a. Participants, coaches, referees, spectators and anyone involved in the Summer League agrees to abide by all VSA Policies found on the VSA website. www.volleyballsas.com.au/policies

11. UNIFORM

- a. Teams are to wear the same playing tops or the same colour. Club uniforms and school uniforms are also permitted.
- b. Teams are to wear shorts similar in colour and style.
- c. If a Libero athlete is nominated, they must have a contrasting top.
- d. Suitable enclosed footwear must be worn. Rubber soles or similar will be required and can be determined by the officials.
- e. Clothing for religious purposes is permitted.
- f. Any breach of uniforms may result in loss of game or competition points.



Summer League Season Calendar

Day	Date	Summer Junior League 25	Kids/Junior Volley 25	School Week	Note
Friday	Friday, 18 October 2024	Round 1	Round 1	Week 1	
Friday	Friday, 25 October 2024	Round 2	Round 2	Week 2	
Friday	Friday, 1 November 2024	Round 3	Round 3	Week 3	
Friday	Friday, 8 November 2024	Round 4	Round 4	Week 4	
Friday	Friday, 15 November 2024	Round 5	Round 5	Week 5	
Friday	Friday, 22 November 2024	Round 6	Round 6	Week 6	
Friday	Friday, 29 November 2024	Round 7	Round 7	Week 7	
Friday	Friday, 6 December 2024	Grand Final	Grand Final	Week 8	
Friday	Friday, 13 December 2024	Bye - Schools Smash	Bye - Schools Smash	Week 9	Schools Smash
Friday	Friday, 20 December 2024	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	
Friday	Friday, 27 December 2024	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	
Friday	Friday, 3 January 2025	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	
Friday	Friday, 10 January 2025	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	
Friday	Friday, 17 January 2025	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	
Friday	Friday, 24 January 2025	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	
Friday	Friday, 31 January 2025	Bye - Week 1	Bye - Week 1	Week 1	
Friday	Friday, 7 February 2025	Round 1	Round 1	Week 2	
Friday	Friday, 14 February 2025	Round 2	Round 2	Week 3	
Friday	Friday, 21 February 2025	Round 3	Round 3	Week 4	
Friday	Friday, 28 February 2025	Round 4	Round 4	Week 5	
Friday	Friday, 7 March 2025	Round 5	Round 5	Week 6	
Friday	Friday, 14 March 2025	Round 6	Round 6	Week 7	
Friday	Friday, 21 March 2025	Round 7	Round 7	Week 8	
Friday	Friday, 28 March 2025	Grand Final	Grand Final	Week 9	Draft date SAVL Seniors Round 1
Friday	Friday, 4 April 2025			Week 10	
Friday	Friday, 11 April 2025			Week 11	
Friday	Friday, 18 April 2025	Good Friday			
Friday	Friday, 25 April 2025				
Friday	Friday, 2 May 2025				
Friday	Friday, 9 May 2025				Draft date SAVL Juniors Round 1