



# HANDBOOK

## ***Beach Volleyball Tournament Series***

**ROUND 1**

**ROUND 2**

**ROUND 3 (State Championships)**

# Welcome to all players!

Welcome to Beach Volleyball in Tasmania! Please familiarise yourself with the guidelines set out in this handbook.

Prior to commencement of competition, the Tournament Officer will provide a briefing regarding the guidelines in this handbook and will answer any questions players may have.

Please note that ultimately decisions will rest with the Tournament Officer.

Any further questions should be directed to a Beach Volleyball Coordinator.

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## 1. EVENT REGISTRATION:

- a) Any players not already members of Volleyball Tasmania (VTi) wishing to compete in any tournament will be required to pay the specified membership fee. Players may choose to register for a single event, single season only, or for 12 months from the start date of the season during which they joined.
- b) Teams are encouraged to submit entries prior to the Tournament entry close date. Late entries may not be accepted as they affect the final draw. The Tournament Officer's decision is final.
- c) Players are encouraged to arrive 1 hour prior to the start of the tournament. This is to confirm event registration and to ensure games are run on time. Players/Teams arriving late may have to forfeit their match [see MATCH DELAYS AND FORFEITS Rule 5(b)].
- d) All players must be registered prior to commencement of competition. However, in the event of player injury, a substitute player may be registered during the tournament [see INJURIES Rule (a)].

## 2. MATCH FEES:

- a) Teams must pay the tournament entry fee up front before start of play.
- b) Payments will usually be accepted between 8-9am in the Registration tent. The Tournament Officer will be on site to collect fees.
- c) Pre-payment of match and membership fees may be accepted – contact the Treasurer for payment information.
- d) Payment of entry fees on the day of competition is by cash only. Cheques will not be accepted and EFTPOS/Credit Card facilities are not available.
- e) Volleyball Tasmania will not refund entry fees due to forfeited games.

## 3. TEAMS:

- a) Player and team names will be recorded upon event registration.
- b) Once registered, team line-ups may not be changed, except in the case of injury [see INJURIES Rule (a)].
- c) If a player/team withdraws due to non-injury/other commitments, the team will forfeit [see GAME DELAYS AND FORFEITS Rule 5].

## 4. INJURIES:

- a) In the event of an injury, normal FIVB time-out rules apply. If the injury causes a player to withdraw from the event, the following will apply for ROUND 1 and ROUND 2:
  - A player/team may seek a replacement but this must be an event registered player.
  - This player should be seeded below the injured player (this will be approved by the Tournament Officer).
- b) There will be no player replacements for ROUND 3 (State Champs).
- c) Basic First Aid facilities/ ice packs will be located in the registration tent.

## 5. GAME DELAYS & FORFEITS:

- a) Teams are to be ready to play (i.e. registered/paid and warmed-up) by the rostered starting time of the match. Rules for delays in starting the match will be enforced as follows:
  - If a team delays the starting time of the match by less than 5 minutes they will lose one or more timeouts (first set).
  - If the delay is over 5 minutes, a match forfeit will apply
- b) A forfeiting team receives no match points.
- c) In a forfeit situation, the Tournament Officer may alter the Roster to improve game scheduling and times. All affected teams will be advised of any time/roster changes.

## 6. DUTY:

- a) Tournaments are structured so that all teams are required to undertake refereeing duties (with possible exception of finals.) Volleyball Tasmania will endeavour to provide qualified referees for finals.
- b) Prior to the start of the tournament, it will be the responsibility of players/teams to check their duty times, which will be displayed on a whiteboard near the Registration tent.
- c) Duty Referees must adhere to requirements set out in REFEREES Rule 7. Duty teams will be penalised match points if requirements are not met.
- d) ***Finals Duty***: Volleyball Tasmania will provide accredited first referees and second referees/scorers for finals where possible.

## **7. REFEREES:**

- a) All Referees will officiate to the current international FIVB rules.
- b) Further responsibilities of the Referee include:
  - Ensure the game is started on time and enforce the delay/forfeit rule [Rule 5 (b)].
  - Maintain situational awareness and warn players of stray balls, children etc while a game is in play.
  - Ensure that other players are warming up outside of the court barriers.
- c) Qualified referees (provided by Volleyball Tasmania) will officiate finals matches where possible.
- d) Qualified Referees are entitled to a discounted event registration fee. See Tournament Officer for more details.
- e) Volleyball Tasmania runs Referee courses on an ad-hoc basis. Please see the Tournament Officer or Beach Officer for more information.

## **8. PLAYING RULES:**

- a) It is the duty of all players to be familiar with the rules of Beach Volleyball. In all competitions conducted by Volleyball Tasmania, current FIVB international rules will apply, subject to special rules as advised by the Tournament Officer. Current FIVB international rules will be made available upon enquiry; however this information can also be downloaded from the internet at:  
<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Rules/rules.htm>.

## **9. COMPETITION FORMAT:**

- a) Competition format will vary depending on the number of entries. The Tournament Officer will provide a format briefing prior to the start of play.
- b) In general, teams are initially grouped into separate pools. After pool match play, teams are then separated into separate divisional “cross-over” games (e.g. the top teams to Division A and the bottom teams to Division B).
- c) The results of cross-over matches will determine the make-up of finals.

## **10. SCORING SYSTEM:**

- a) Match results are determined by the number of sets won. Scoring system is as follows:
  - Pool matches are generally 1 set only.
  - Cross-over and finals matches are generally best of 3 sets.
- b) Set points scoring will be either 21-21-15 or 15-15-12.

## **11. TIME LIMITS:**

- a) In general, Beach Volleyball games are not timed.
- b) All games are played until a winner is determined [see SCORING SYSTEM Rule 10].
- c) There will be 10 minute change-over time between matches. During the 10 minutes, players may warm-up on court.
- d) Normal FIVB time-out rules apply.
- e) Time permitting; a 30 minute lunch break will be taken approximately around noon. This generally happens at the conclusion of the pool games. The Tournament Officer will advise all players on the day.

## **12. WARM UP BALLS:**

- a) Teams must warm-up with the warm-up balls provided on court or their own volleyballs, not the match ball. Extra warm-up balls may be available on enquiry.
- b) Playing with volleyballs within the court barriers whilst other matches are in progress is strictly prohibited. This will be enforced by all Referees.

## **13. AWARDS & PRIZES:**

- a) Prizes, certificates and/or Best Player awards may be presented either after completion of the finals matches or at the next Beach Volleyball function.

## **14. KICKING VOLLEYBALLS:**

- a) Only when an official match is in progress may the ball be contacted with the feet. However, if the action is deemed by the Referee to be dangerous to any person(s) a misconduct sanction (penalty) is to apply.
- b) Any offender will receive a penalty (yellow card and loss of point/rally) from the referee.
- c) Any repetition(s) will result in expulsion for the remainder of the set (red card) or disqualification for the entire match (red/yellow cards).

## **15. ARBITRATION:**

- a) The Tournament Officer will adjudicate in the event of any dispute arising from the interpretation of these rules and his/her decision will be final.

## **OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION:**

### **FOOD & DRINKS:**

- Drinks may be available in the Registration tent on the day.
- Players are encouraged to bring their own food and ample drink for the day.
- A drinking water tap is located adjacent to the footpath on the Esplanade.
- Take-away shops are located at the southern end of the Beach. To avoid a game delay/forfeit, it is highly recommended that shops are visited prior to the tournament start or during the lunch break.
- Volleyball Tasmania may run a BBQ on an ad-hoc basis, generally at the close of a Tournament.

### **FACEBOOK INTERNET & WEBSITE:**

- All participants are encouraged to become a member of the “Beach Volleyball Tasmania” group on Facebook. Here you will be kept up-to-date with all the latest beach volleyball news, events, photos and much more.
- Also visit [www.volleyballtasmania.com.au](http://www.volleyballtasmania.com.au) for updates and results; submit your email address to the Secretary to be included in the VTI member mailing list.

### **BEACH COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

The Beach Committee is a voluntary sub-committee of Volleyball Tasmania, with the responsibility to promote and run beach volleyball tournaments and events throughout the summer.

The committee hold regular meetings to discuss relevant issues and policies that relate to Beach Volleyball events and Volleyball Tasmania.

If you would like to join the Committee – contact us!