



# **AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL SCHOOLS CUP**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup is the largest school-based sporting event in Australia, attracting hundreds of teams from across Australia and internationally and is owned and delivered by Volleyball Australia. These regulations have been developed to provide an event that is professionally delivered and fair to all who participate and to provide an environment that encourages ever increasing levels of competition that are the prime ingredients in maximising the enjoyment of everyone involved. Regrettably, penalties for non-compliance become necessary but are set to be reasonable considering the impact non-compliance has on the organisers and other participants.

1.2 "State" implies State or Territory.

1.3 The following abbreviations have been used in these regulations:

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| VA                  | Volleyball Australia                                  |
| AVSC                | Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup                    |
| AVSC AC             | Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup Advisory Committee |
| Tournament Director | Technical Delegate (Competition)                      |
| Referee Delegate    | Technical Delegate (Referees)                         |

## 2 DIVISIONS & ELIGIBILITY

### 2.1 Competitions

2.1.1 The tournament shall be conducted in separate competitions for boys and girls.

2.1.2 Only female students may play in girls' competitions.

2.1.3 Male or female players may play in boys' competitions, subject to Regulation 3.1.

### 2.2 Honours Competition

The honours competition is age based with 2018 seeing the introduction of school year 8 honours – the following age groups/year levels are offered:

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Open (U20)</b>     | Must be at least 16 but cannot turn 20 or older in the year of the event |
| <b>Under 17</b>       | Must be at least 14 but cannot turn 17 or older in the year of the event |
| <b>Under 16</b>       | Must be at least 13 but cannot turn 16 or older in the year of the event |
| <b>Under 15</b>       | Must be at least 12 but cannot turn 15 or older in the year of the event |
| <b>Year 8 Honours</b> | Must be in year 6, 7 or 8  |

Note: The honours competition will progressively move from age based eligibility to year based eligibility.

| Year | New Honours Format             | Old Honours Format          |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2018 | Year 8 Honours                 | U15, U15, U17, Open Honours |
| 2019 | Year 8 & 9 Honours             | U16, U17, Open Honours      |
| 2020 | Year 8, 9 & 10 Honours         | U17 & Open Honours          |
| 2021 | Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 Honours     | Open Honours                |
| 2022 | Year 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 Honours | NA                          |

A minimum of 8 players must be nominated for entry into an honours division. The organisers reserve the right to apply non-compliance fines if teams commence the tournament with less players than that which is indicated above

## 2.3 Divisional Competition

The divisional competition is school year level based – the following year levels and divisions are offered:

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <b>Year 12</b> | Division 1, 2, 3 or 4 – Must be in year 9, 10, 11 or 12 |
| <b>Year 11</b> | Division 1, 2 or 3 – Must be in year 9, 10 or 11        |
| <b>Year 10</b> | Division 1, 2 or 3 – Must be in year 8, 9 or 10         |
| <b>Year 9</b>  | Division 1, 2 or 3 – Must be in year 7, 8 or 9          |
| <b>Year 8</b>  | Division 1 or 2 - Must be in year 6, 7 or 8             |
| <b>Year 7</b>  | Division 1 or 2 – Must be in year 5, 6 or 7             |

2.3.1 A minimum of 7 players must be nominated for entry into a year level division. The organisers reserve the right to apply non-compliance fines if teams commence the tournament with less players than that which is indicated above.

2.3.2 The AVSC AC reserves the right to merge divisions or create additional divisions, subject to nominations

## 2.4 Rankings

2.4.1 The following rankings, based on State Schools' Cup events, shall apply for admission to the various divisions:

| Division                                 | Qualification   |
|--|---|
| Honours<br>(Open, U17, U16, U15, year 8) | Top three placegetters from each State event automatically qualify. Only one team per school is eligible to compete in each Honours age division. |
| Division 1, 2, 3, 4 (All year levels)    | No qualifications required.   |

2.4.2 In the event there is no State Cup Qualification Tournament in a particular State then a coordinator shall be appointed for that State who shall nominate the teams that he/she deems appropriate for a particular division.

2.4.3 **Wildcard Entries:** Teams who do not automatically qualify for Honours may apply for the wildcard entry which may be granted at the sole discretion of the AVSC AC. The principal reason for conferring wildcard entries is competition balance. Preference will be given to teams that have participated in honours within their state schools' cup over other applications that year. **No correspondence or discussion will be entered into.** Teams submitting wildcards for honours divisions will be notified of their acceptance / non-acceptance within one week of the close of nominations.

## 3 TEAM ELIGIBILITY

### 3.1 Australian Teams

3.1.1 Team nominations will only be accepted from schools listed on the relevant state list of registered schools.

3.1.2 The competition is not mixed, however females have permission to compete in a boys' division. During the nomination process, any school that has females participating in a male division will be required to outline this in the confirmation of entry form that will need to be approved by the school Principal. By signing this form, the school Principal is aware and supports the female player/s participating in a male division. During matches, a maximum of two (2) female players are allowed on court at the same time. Females cannot comprise 50% or more of an entire team (i.e. maximum of 3 females in a team of 8).

### 3.2 International Teams

3.2.1 School teams from countries other than Australia may be accepted into the event subject to the following criteria. Such schools:

- a) must be ratified by their National Volleyball Federation;
- b) must provide a letter of endorsement from their National Volleyball Federation to compete in the AVSC; and
- c) are ineligible to win the Champion School Trophy or the Australian Championship.

3.2.2 A maximum of 4 International teams will be accepted into Honours Divisions, to the discretion of the AVSC AC in conjunction with the Tournament Director. Multiple honours teams from

any one country will be ranked by their National Federation and accepted on this basis only.  
There is no limit on the number of International teams accepted into other divisions.

- 3.2.3 International nominations and payments dates are listed in the key dates document. If this nomination is not accepted into the preferred division then a full refund will be given

### 3.3 General

- 3.3.2 Up to 16 players can be nominated on a team list but the list must be reduced to 12 or less before player list cut-off. Team composition may consist of 15 persons comprising of 12 players and 3 officials. The 3 officials are: the coach and two accredited school officials.

## 4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

### 4.1 General

- 4.1.1 A player will be eligible to participate in the AVSC if they:
- 4.1.1.1 Are a registered member of VA via their relevant State Volleyball Association;
  - 4.1.1.2 Subject to clause 2.2.1 and 3.1.2, each player conforms to the age and gender requirements of the team for which they are nominated; During the team nomination process, if a player is outside the age/year level bracket indicated in section 2.4.1, the school Principal must approve this by signing the confirmation of entry form. By signing this form, the school Principal is aware and supports the player/s participating in a higher age group/year level.

### 4.2 Enrolment

- 4.2.1 A player will be eligible to participate in the AVSC if they are a bona fide student. A “bona fide student” means one who is enrolled and in attendance at a school where they can comply with the State/Territory Education requirements for certification and
- 4.2.1.1 Subject to clause 4.2.3 , have been enrolled, and in attendance, at the school which is registering them:
    - 4.2.1.1.1 For the duration of the current school year; or
    - 4.2.1.1.2 If the student is enrolled in subjects and in attendance at more than one school in the current school year, they are to be registered at the school which they spend a majority of the time compared to the other school; or
    - 4.2.1.1.3 If a student transfers schools and is enrolled in more than two schools in a school year then that student is tied to the school where they are in current attendance. Provided they transfer prior to 1<sup>st</sup> September otherwise the player will be ineligible.
- 4.2.2 VA’s full time scholarship holders (Volleyroos) are ineligible to compete at the AVSC event. Any school with VA’s Centre of Excellence (COE) athletes registered with the Australian Institute of Sport, are permitted to participate for the school they are currently enrolled in without restriction. COE players are also permitted to play for their school of origin on the basis that Principals from both schools provide written formal agreement along with a formal signed exemption. These documents must be submitted by the eligibility exemption due date as per the key dates document.
- 4.2.3 The school Principal countersigns as verification that each student listed on the Confirmation of Entry is a bona fide student of the school, complies with the age/year level requirements for that team and the other entry requirements.

### 4.3 Playing for Two Teams from the Same School

A player can only play for one team during the tournament. Under special circumstances (injuries/sickness) a team may, on written application to the Tournament Director, request that a player or players move to a higher division or age group. Once a player has moved, they can no longer play for their original team. Normal eligibility rules apply.



## 5. EXEMPTIONS AND APPEAL PROCESS

### 5.1 Exemptions

- 5.1.1 Schools should apply in writing to the AVSC AC for consideration of exemptions to **clause 3 & clause 4**.
- 5.1.2 Schools must submit the Exemption Pro Forma (downloaded from the AVSC website) to the AVSC AC for consideration by the due date.
- 5.1.3 The following Exemptions Criteria exists:
  - 5.1.3.1 Exemption requests for students who transfer schools after 1<sup>st</sup> September will not be considered by the AVSC AC.
  - 5.1.3.2 Exemption requests for International students who transfer after the 1<sup>st</sup> September will not be considered by the AVSC AC.

### 5.2 Appeals

Notice of an appeal of an exemption decision by the AVSC AC, relating to clause 3 and/or clause 4 must be lodged in writing to the Tournament Director and all other relevant parties within 7 days of publication of the AVSC AC's exemption decision. The appeal will be heard by the Tournament Control Committee. The decision of the Control Committee will be published within 7 days of the decision. The Control Committee shall be authorized to deal with any matter, including disciplinary action relating to participants, and their decision shall be final. The Control Committee will hear appeals to sanctions decisions.

- 5.2.1 The Control Committee will consists of three (3) of the following positions:
  - Tournament Director
  - Chair of the AVSC AC
  - Competition Manager
  - Referee Delegate
  - and appointed representative of VA

## 6. ENTRY PROCESS

### 6.1 Nomination

- 6.1.1 Schools nominate teams to the event via the official AVSC website [www.avsc.org.au](http://www.avsc.org.au)
- 6.1.2 **Online nominations will only be accepted. Faxed and mailed nominations will not be accepted.**
- 6.1.3 Nominations received after the closing date will incur a \$100 late fee per team.
- 6.1.4 The policies of the AVSC AC and VA are integral to the framework of the event. Nomination of teams for the event is deemed acceptance of and adherence to these policies. Policies include:
  - Acceptable Photography Policy
  - Protocols for treatment of misconduct by students, parents, spectators and officials
  - VA Member Protection Policy, Anti-doping Policy, Blood Spill Policy, Privacy Policy
  - Risk Management policiesPolicies are available on the Tournament website.
- 6.1.5 Teams nominating after the closing date risk not being accepted into the tournament should planning have proceeded to such an extent that inclusion of additional teams is impractical.
- 6.1.6 The acceptance of any team that nominates late will be subject to terms and conditions set by the AVSC AC at that time. The conditions laid out herein apply only to teams nominating prior to the advertised closing date.
- 6.1.7 Placement of teams into divisions is at the discretion of the AVSC AC.

### 6.2 Acknowledgement of Nomination

- 6.2.1 Shortly after the nominations closing date a Tax Invoice for all entry fees and bonds will be sent to the school.

### 6.3 Payment of Fees

- 6.3.1 All fees, as per the invoice issued in 6.2.1, must be paid by the due date.
- 6.3.2 A late fee of \$100 will apply to schools that do not pay by the due date.

### 6.4 Confirmation of Entries

- 6.4.1 After the payment of fees due date, VA will publish to each school:

- 6.4.1.1 A receipt for all monies received.
- 6.4.1.2 Team Confirmation documentation for all teams/divisions accepted.
- 6.4.1.3 This documentation must be verified by the school and returned to VA by the due date, to ensure acceptance into the event and as verification that:
  - 6.4.1.3.1 All listed players are full time, bonafide students at the school
  - 6.4.1.3.2 All listed dates of birth are correct
  - 6.4.1.3.3 Delegates representing the school agree to comply with the Tournament policies
  - 6.4.1.3.4 Any applications for exemption to any of the Tournament Regulations by the School have been assessed, adjudicated and confirmed by the AVSC AC.

## 6.5 Team Finalisation

- 6.5.1 Schools will be required to finalise all teams online by COB Friday prior to the commencement of the tournament. Failure to finalise teams may result in exclusion from the tournament.
- 6.5.2 Evidence, verified in writing by the relevant School Principal or his/her appointed delegate, must be provided for any player added to the team after the finalisation of teams date, prior to the commencement of the event that they are a registered member of VA and satisfy all other eligibility requirements to compete in this event.
- 6.5.3 A representative from each school must attend the technical meeting. Each school will be required to sign in and failure to do so will result in a \$50 fine which will be taken from the bond.

## 6.6 Withdrawal of Teams

- 6.6.1 Any team withdrawing after the nomination closing date, will forfeit half of their entry fee.
- 6.6.2 Any team withdrawing after **a further 3 weeks following the closing date for nominations**, will forfeit their entire entry fee. (refer to key dates document for specific date).
- 6.6.3 Teams who withdraw during the tournament and fail to complete their scheduled matches will incur a fee of up to \$200.00 per forfeiture. Where teams can prove they have been prevented from playing due to circumstances beyond their control, no fine will be applied.

## 7 MATCH CONDUCT

### 7.1 Rules of the Game

- 7.1.1 Except where explicitly stated, or limited by the venue playing conditions, the current FIVB Rules of the Game of Volleyball shall apply.

#### 7.1.2 Net Heights

| Honours Competition | Boys | Girls |
|---------------------|------|-------|
| Open (Under 20)     | 2.43 | 2.24  |
| Under 17            | 2.35 | 2.15  |
| Under 16            | 2.35 | 2.15  |
| Under 15            | 2.24 | 2.10  |
| Year 8              | 2.24 | 2.10  |

| Divisional Competition | Boys | Girls |
|------------------------|------|-------|
| Year 12                | 2.35 | 2.15  |
| Year 11                | 2.35 | 2.15  |
| Year 10                | 2.24 | 2.15  |
| Year 9                 | 2.15 | 2.10  |
| Year 8                 | 2.15 | 2.10  |
| Year 7                 | 2.15 | 2.10  |

#### Substitution Rule

- 7.1.3.5 The 12- Substitution rule, as per Attachment 1, shall apply in every set.

#### 7.1.4 Multiple Penalty Rule

- 7.1.4.1 If a player or coach is sanctioned with a penalty twice (red cards) during the Tournament, they will receive a one match suspension. If a player or coach receives any further penalties the consequences will be decided by the Tournament Director and/or the Control Committee, where their decision is final. A penalty is defined in the FIVB Rules of the Game by the Misconduct Sanction Scale. Penalties such as a coach losing an "on the spot" protest will not be included in the cumulative penalties count.

7.1.4.2 If a player or coach is sanctioned with an expulsion (red and yellow card together) or disqualification (red and yellow card separated) they will be liable for a suspension or exclusion from the tournament. Penalties for bad sportsmanship or behaviour are only applicable. The consequences will be decided by the Tournament Director and/or the Control Committee, where their decision is final.

### 7.1.5 Libero per Set Rule for honours and divisional matches

7.1.5.1 Only one Libero is to be nominated per set. The coach must nominate the player's playing number at the start of each set on the rotation slip. A different player can be nominated as the libero for any set. Teams may choose to play without a libero in any set.

7.1.5.2 For the divisional matches, the Libero player in each set must be designated by the wearing of a contrasting bib or shirt, which has a different dominate colour from any colour of the rest of the team. Any or no number on the Libero shirt is irrelevant.

7.1.5.3 Competition points, set %, points %

#### Competition Points

| Win      | Draw     | Loss    | Forfeit  |
|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| 3 points | 2 points | 1 point | 0 points |

#### Set Ratio

If a tie exists after Competition points, the order of ranking will be determined by Sets Ratio, with the team with the highest set ratio (to three decimal points) will be awarded the higher placing in the round robin.

$$\text{Set Ratio} = \frac{\text{Sets Won}}{\text{Sets Won} + \text{Sets Lost}}$$

#### Example of Set Ratio Process

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Team A: won 12 sets, lost 8, played 20     | Team B: won 10 sets, lost 9, played 19     |
| Team A Set Ratio = $\frac{12}{20} = 0.600$ | Team B Set Ratio = $\frac{10}{19} = 0.526$ |

Team A has the highest set ratio and is therefore awarded the higher placing in the round robin.

#### Points Ratio

If the tie still exists after the calculation of the Sets Ratio, the order of ranking will be determined by Points Ratio. The team with the highest Points ratio (to three decimal points) will be awarded the higher placing in the round robin:

$$\text{Points Ratio} = \frac{\text{Points Won}}{\text{Points Won} + \text{Points Lost}}$$

#### Example of Points Ratio Process

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Team A: won 444 points, lost 356, played 800    | Team B: won 421 points, lost 279, played 700    |
| Team A Points Ratio = $\frac{444}{800} = 0.555$ | Team B Points Ratio = $\frac{421}{700} = 0.601$ |

Team B has the highest Points Ratio and is therefore awarded the higher placing in the round robin.

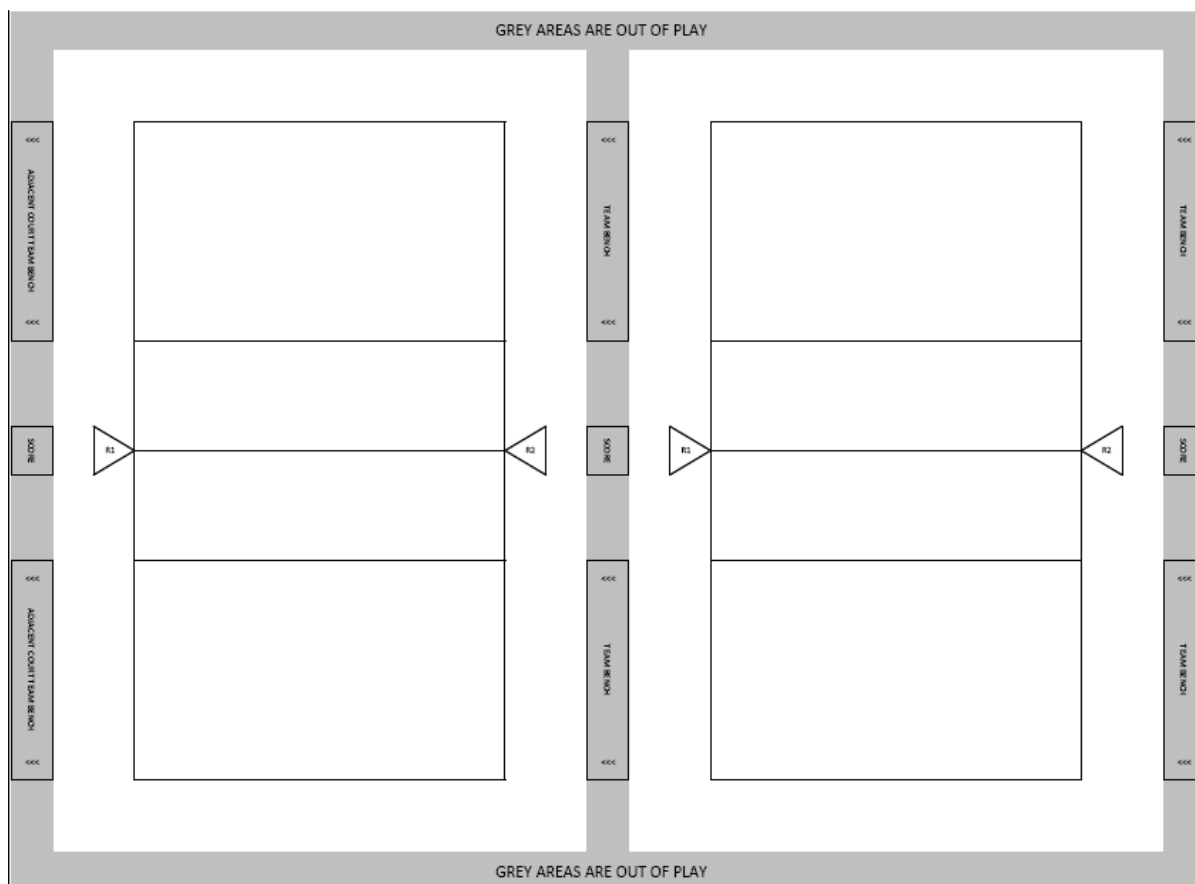
If the tie still exists after the calculation of the Points Ratio, the order of ranking will be determined on the basis of aspects of matches completed between the tied teams.

### 7.1.6 Playing Area

7.1.6.1 The playing area is limited by the nearest obstruction, or adjacent court boundary (court line) and its vertical projection.

7.1.6.2 The grey shaded areas indicated where a ball cannot be retrieved;





7.1.6.3 If part of the ball crosses the vertical projection of the playing area, it shall immediately become dead and called out by the first or second referee. Any ball retrieved from outside the playing area is no longer in play or playable. Should one of the referees, or lines people declare the ball out, the rally shall be immediately halted and awarded to the team not at fault. If there is any doubt in regards to player safety all match officials are urged to halt a rally. In the action of playing the ball, the player must remain completely within the playing area. This rule applies for the two Gerflor i.e. Taraflex show courts, regardless of the change in floor surface.

### 7.1.7 Blood

7.1.7.1 Matches cannot proceed if there is a bleeding player, or blood on balls, equipment, the court or clothing. Should bleeding occur, the player must be removed from the game and cannot take their place on the court until there is no more evidence of blood or bleeding. Matches shall be halted until such time as all blood has been removed from playing equipment and players' uniforms. Play will only be resumed on confirmation by a Referee Supervisor.

## 7.2 **Matches & Times**

### 7.2.1 **General**

#### 7.2.1.1 Draw

7.2.1.1.1 A draft tournament draw will be posted via the AVSC website. The Tournament Director is authorised to make changes to the draw up to and including the Technical Meeting.

#### 7.2.1.2 Number of Matches

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

7.2.1.2.2 Divisional teams shall have a minimum of eight matches in the week.

7.2.1.2.3 Honours teams shall have a minimum of seven matches in the week.

#### 7.2.1.3 Hours of Commitment

7.2.1.3.1 All nominating schools must finalise their teams by COB Friday prior to the tournament commencing.

7.2.1.3.2 Schools are invited to attend the opening ceremony, details of which will be advised prior to the tournament.

7.2.1.3.3 A representative from each school must attend the technical meeting. Refer to section 6.5.3.

7.2.1.3.4 Matches commence each day at the earliest 8am.

7.2.1.3.5 Actual hours will depend upon nominations. Matches will be played at the conclusion of the opening ceremony on Sunday.

#### 7.2.1.4 Match Start Times

7.2.1.4.1 Matches are to start the first rally at the scheduled time or 10 minutes after the preceding match for Honours divisions.

7.2.1.4.2 If a team is 5 minutes late it shall forfeit the first set. If it is another 5 minutes late it shall forfeit the second set. If it is another 5 minutes late it shall forfeit the third set. Teams forfeiting an entire match shall be fined \$200 in accordance with clause 6.6.3.

7.2.1.4.3 The Tournament Director has the authority to approve the delay of a start time due to exceptional circumstances and this decision shall be final.

#### 7.2.1.5 Rescheduled Matches

7.2.1.5.1 The Tournament Director has the sole discretion to reschedule forfeited matches upon application from a team if the team can demonstrate that they have been disadvantaged due to circumstances beyond their control. The rescheduled match shall not take place within 2 hours of another commitment of the team that was in attendance (This concession shall not apply to the forfeiting team).

7.2.1.5.2 If matches are delayed, for any reason, the Tournament Director is authorised to reschedule/relocate such matches. Unless otherwise advised, teams should always be prepared to play at the scheduled time.

7.2.1.5.3 Duty team adult must verify with both team coaches to confirm the score on the tablet before submission as an accurate record of the game result.

### 7.2.2 **Honours**

#### 7.2.2.1 Match Warm Ups

7.2.2.1.1 Teams shall be given a minimum of 15 minutes warm up on the match court. This shall consist of 6 minutes general warm up, 6 minutes spiking together, 1 minute serving, 1 minute coaching instructions and 1 minute for duty to check line-ups. Other combinations of time allocation may be used with mutual agreement of the coaches, but the overall time may not be increased.

#### 7.2.2.2 Match Duration

7.2.2.2.1 Where the participating teams could still finish in the top 4 placings for that division, best of 5 sets shall be used - sets 1-4 are played to 25 points and set 5 (the deciding set) is to 15. In all sets a lead of two points is required. All other matches are best of 3 sets. Sets 1 and 2 are played to 25 points and set 3 (the deciding set) is played to 15.

#### 7.2.2.3 Match Format

7.2.2.3.1 To win a match, a team must win 3 out of 5 sets in the best of 5 sets format, or 2 out of 3 sets in the best of 3 sets format. All sets are played with Rally Points System (every rally scores a point).

7.2.2.3.2 A set is won by the team which first reaches 25 points with a 2 point advantage, except in the deciding set where it is 15 points with a 2 point advantage. There is no point limit in any set. In the deciding set the teams change ends at 8 points.

7.2.2.3.3 There are two time outs (per team) in each set including the deciding set. Each time out will have duration of 30 seconds.

### 7.2.3 **Divisional**

#### 7.2.3.1 Match Warm Up

7.2.3.1.1 Teams shall be given a minimum of 10 minutes warm up on the match court. This will consist of 3.5 minutes general warm up, 3.5 minutes spiking together, 1 minute serving, 1 minute coaching instructions and 1 minute for the duty team to check line-ups on the court. Other combinations of time allocation may be used with mutual agreement of the coaches, but time may not be increased.

#### 7.2.3.2 Match Duration and Format

##### 7.2.3.2.1 Pool Matches

7.2.3.2.1.1 These matches have a fixed playing time of 60 minutes, in addition to the warm up as described above. The start and finish of a match will be signalled by an audible siren, or similar. If the referee has whistled for service prior to the final siren, then that rally must be played, and shall count toward the

scores. The referee alone shall determine whether the whistle preceded the siren.

7.2.3.2.1.2 Sets are played to 25 points. A team wins a set when they have a score of at least 25, with a lead of 2 points. Any number of sets may be completed within the specified playing time. In particular the match does not end when a team is leading 2 sets to nil.

7.2.3.2.1.3 A set that has not reached a normal conclusion when the final siren sounds, shall be counted as a completed set if the leading team has reached a score of at least 13 points, with a lead of at least 2 points.

7.2.3.2.1.4 The winner of a match shall be determined by the number of sets won. If teams are equal on sets, then the winner shall be determined by the total number of points won in all sets, completed or not. If the teams are still equal then the result is a draw. **See Attachment 4 for examples of a win, loss and draw.**

7.2.3.2.1.5 If the final siren sounds to signify the end of the match during a rally, the rally must be played out.

7.2.3.2.1.6 Time-outs are not permitted during the final 5 minutes of a match. A time-out which commences prior to the last five minutes shall be completed normally. It is the referee's responsibility to check the running clock, before authorising a time out.

7.2.3.2.1.7 Substitutions are permitted during the final 5 minutes of a match, but teams delaying the substitution process during this time should expect the strict application of the rules in relation to time-delays.

#### 7.2.3.2.2 All Repechage Matches

7.2.3.2.2.1 Such matches come under a heading of 'Repechages' outlined on the page of the online results system. Not all divisions have Repechage matches.

7.2.3.2.2.2 As for Pool Matches, with one exception:

7.2.3.2.2.3 A match cannot be a draw. Should the result of a match be a draw at the normal conclusion of the match, then one additional rally shall be played and included in the score, thus breaking the tie.

#### 7.2.3.2.3 Finals Matches

7.2.3.2.3.1 Such matches come under headings of 'Quarter Finals', 'Semi Finals' or 'Playoffs' on the Divisional Draw diagram provided on the page of the online results system.

7.2.3.2.3.2 To win a match, a team must win 2 out of 3 sets. All sets are played with Rally Points System (every rally scores a point).

7.2.3.2.3.3 A set is won by the team which first reaches 25 points with a 2 point advantage, except in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and deciding set where it is 15 points with a 2 point advantage. There is no point limit in any set. In the deciding set (3<sup>rd</sup>) the teams change ends at 8 points.

#### 7.2.3.2.4 Shortened Matches

In the event a timed game is shortened due to injury or unforeseen circumstances the following will apply:

- If 30 minutes of play has been completed a result will be declared for the game at the time of suspension based on the rules for timed matches – refer rule 7.2.3.2.1.
- If less than 30 minutes of play has been completed
  - If one team, according to rule 7.2.3.2.1, has achieved 2 sets, the result will be declared accordingly
  - If Not, then
    - For pool matches the result will be declared a draw, but actual sets and points won will be credited to each team
    - For repechage matches, the match will be determined by total points won. Should this be equal, then if one team holds a lead on sets, they are the winner, otherwise the winner shall be the team that was leading (on total points) prior to the last rally that was conducted.

## 7.3 On the spot Protest

- 7.3.1 ALL GAMES: On the spot protests will be decided in the first instance by a Referee Supervisor. If not resolved, the Referee Delegate will be asked for a ruling. Resolution will be immediate and the match will resume as directed by the mediator. 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 issued a penalty and the game will resume immediately.

## 7.4 Uniforms and Dress Regulations

- 7.4.1 All teams are expected to play in team uniform. This uniform shall include numbered tops (**front and back** with numbers greater than 18 acceptable) and uniform shorts of the same colour, design and type. Team members who are not in uniform shall not be allowed to take part in the match.
- 7.4.2 Any uniform exemptions must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director prior to the commencement of competition.
- 7.4.3 No jewellery may be worn during a match (including watches). The wearing of hats or bandannas is not permitted both during a match or whilst performing duty for a match.
- 7.4.4 Clothing required for religious purposes is acceptable, but written notification must be given to the Tournament Director prior to the commencement of competition.
- 7.4.5 Display of sponsorship logos on uniforms (shirts, shorts or socks) is encouraged, subject to the following regulations:
- 7.4.5.1 Any logo or message must not conflict with any event sponsor, as identified in any documentation distributed to schools up to three months prior to the registration day of the event.
- 7.4.5.2 Should a potential conflict arise with a pre-existing team sponsor, and any event sponsor identified up to three months prior to the event, it shall be the responsibility of the team to advise the Commission of such potential conflict and the Commission, shall then determine further action.
- 7.4.5.3 Any team who fails to advise the Commission of a potential sponsorship conflict prior to the event may be required by the Control Committee to remove or blank out the offending sponsor's logo or message before being permitted to compete in the event.
- 7.4.5.4 Any logo or message on playing uniforms must be consistent across all members of a team.
- 7.4.5.5 The maximum size of any logo or message on the front or back of a playing shirt shall not exceed 25cm in width and 10 cm in height and shall be at least 5cm clear of the playing number.
- 7.4.5.6 The maximum size of any logo or text on playing shorts shall be 10cm in width and height and may only appear on the front of the shorts.
- 7.4.5.7 Should any logo, graphic or text, attached to or printed on a playing uniform in any form, be it sponsorship related or not, be judged to be offensive by the Control Committee, the team shall not be permitted to compete until such time as the offensive item is removed or blanked out.
- 7.4.5.8 The Tournament Director is authorised to rule on the acceptability of a uniform logo, graphic or text should a sample uniform or full scale artwork be submitted prior to the event.

## 8 OFFICIATING & COACHING

### 8.1 Referees

- 8.1.1 Each school must provide accredited officials for all team duties.
- 8.1.2 Each school must nominate the teams referee(s) during the online team nomination process. Multiple nominations are permitted.
- 8.1.3 Referee qualifications are those published by VA.
- 8.1.4 For honours matches, referees must have a minimum of Level 2 qualification.
- 8.1.5 See **Attachment 2 Level 1 to Level 2 Upgrade Requirements**.
- 8.1.6 Non-playing referees (adults or students) are encouraged and may officiate for multiple teams; provided alternative qualified referees are nominated and are available should the duties of those teams clash.
- 8.1.7 The following referee qualification requirements shall apply for this event:

| Year 7, 8 & 9 Divisional Competition | 1st Referee                         | 2nd Referee                         | Scorer & Linesmen |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Medal Playoffs                       | AVSC to provide                     | Duty Team provide a Level 1 referee | Duty Team         |
| All other matches                    | Duty Team provide a Level 1 referee | Duty Team                           | Duty Team         |

| Year 8 & U15 Honours Competition | 1st Referee                         | 2nd Referee                         | Scorer & Linesmen |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Medal Playoffs                   | AVSC to provide                     | Duty Team provide a Level 2 referee | Duty Team         |
| All other matches                | Duty Team provide a Level 2 referee | Duty Team provide a Level 1 referee | Duty Team         |

| Year 10, 11 & 12 Divisional Competition | 1st Referee                         | 2nd Referee | Scorer & Linesmen |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| All matches                             | Duty Team provide a Level 1 referee | Duty Team   | Duty Team         |

| U16, U17 & Open Honours Competition | 1st Referee                         | 2nd Referee                         | Scorer & Linesmen |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| All matches                         | Duty Team provide a Level 2 referee | Duty Team provide a Level 1 referee | Duty Team         |

- 8.1.7.1 An adult team official must be part of the duty team across all divisions.
- 8.1.7.2 For all non-medal playoff matches in the Year 7, 8 & 9 divisional matches, the adult team official must be the 2nd referee if the 1st referee is a student.
- 8.1.7.3 All nominated referees are invited to attend a referee meeting on the first day of competition. Different meeting times may be scheduled throughout the day and communicated to schools prior to the tournament. At this meeting, regulations such as playing boundaries will be established for all the courts as well as the scoring application, protest resolution and match protocol. **Please note:** the volleyball rules for this tournament are as per FIVB rules with an added 12-sub rule and Libero per set rule and other exemptions mentioned above. **(See Attachment 1)**. Presentations for referees, scorers and line judges will be available online prior to the tournament.
- 8.1.8 All referees are required to provide their own whistle. Due to health regulations, whistles will NOT be available for loan. Penalty cards will be available on every court.
- 8.1.9 Whilst acting as a referee, officials will be under the control of the competition Referee Delegate and assistants.
- 8.1.9.3 Referee assessment may be available during the tournament; however, a personal application must be made to the Referee Delegate at the start of the tournament to arrange suitable times.

## 8.2 Referee Delegates and Referee Supervisors

- 8.2.1 Volleyball Australia Referees Committee (VARC) will appoint referee delegate and referee supervisors after receiving recommendations from VA Events Department.
- 8.2.2 Referee Supervisors will provide support and feedback to referees under the control of the Referee Delegate.

## 8.3 Coaches

- 8.3.1 Each team must nominate at a minimum one (1) head coach during the online team nomination process. Multiple nominations are permitted.
- 8.3.2 Coach qualifications are those published by VA.
- 8.3.3 Each head coach must have a minimum of a Level 1 Foundation coach accreditation.
- 8.3.4 All head coaches must have a Working with Children Check or equivalent in their state. If your state gives exemptions for teachers, then the appropriate paperwork must be submitted instead.



- 8.3.5 All head coaches must complete and submit certifications of completion for the Play by the Rules modules, Child Protection and Harassment and Discrimination. There will be no exemptions for teachers.
- 8.3.6 All head coaches must be a current member of their state association.  
For more information on how to register for the foundation coaching course please go to <http://www.volleyballaustralia.org.au/page/coach-education-development-program>

## 8.4 Duty Teams

- 8.4.1 All participating teams will be rostered for duty at times close to their scheduled playing times.
- 8.4.2 Teams may be rostered for duty in divisions other than their own.
- 8.4.3 Teams on duty must provide a referee, second referee, two scorers and two lines-people. Duty teams are to be present at the start of the official warm-up prior to the match. Duty teams must ensure that the tablet has been completed fully and verified by both coaches at the commencement and conclusion of the match before the teams leave the competition court. Coaches must complete/verify player lists before the match and the duty adult must liaise with both team coaches to ensure the correct result is being submitted.
- 8.4.4 The wearing of hats, bandannas or the use of electronic devices are prohibited whilst on duty.
- 8.4.5 Teams on duty are required to wear appropriate enclosed shoes.
- 8.4.6 Failure to provide duty personnel in accordance with these Regulations will result in a \$20 per person fine to be deducted from the team bond.
- 8.4.7 In addition to the standard duty roster, a stand-by duty team may be nominated from the teams participating in the final match of each day, on each court. In the event that matches have to be switched from one court to another (to avoid particularly late finishes) the **stand-by duty team** shall be required to perform duty on that match.
- 8.4.8 A duty 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.
- 8.4.9 A duty 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.

## 8.5 Team Bond

- 8.5.1 As part of the entry fee to the tournament each School shall be invoiced a team bond deposit of \$200 per team, as indicated on the nomination form. Schools nominating more than 4 teams shall be invoiced a team bond of \$800. For any fines over and above the bond deposit, schools will be invoiced to recoup the additional amount.
- 8.5.2 The bond will be returned as soon as possible after the tournament if all commitments are fulfilled.
- 8.5.3 Any duty violations or forfeited matches will incur financial penalties and will be covered by this bond, or schools will be invoiced for penalties over the bond deposit.
- 8.5.4 Venue managers 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.

## 8.6 Duty Team for the Last Two Days

- 8.6.1 In a progression tournament, it is impossible to predict the participants in later round matches. The Tournament Director is authorised to reassign duties in later matches to achieve a fairer distribution of assignments. Teams will be given reasonable notice of any such changes.

## 9 GENERAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### 9.1 Venue Cleanliness

- 9.1.1 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.
- 9.1.2 One of the duties 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 duty of each school/team 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.
- 9.1.3 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.

## 9.2 Adult Supervision

- 9.2.1 All teams participating in the AVSC must have an adult, approved by the school's Principal, present for the duration of the tournament. Teams may be withdrawn by the Tournament Control Committee from the competition if this condition is not met.

## 9.3 Champion School

- 9.3.1 All teams are allocated tournament points according to Appendix 2 'Champion School Ranking Points'.
- 9.3.2 Subject to Clause 3.2, the Champion School for the year of the tournament will be decided by cumulative tournament points gained by the leading six teams for each school.
- 9.3.3 The champion boys' school and the champion girls' school will be decided by the cumulative tournament points by the leading three teams of the relevant gender.

## 9.4 Australian Championships, International Medals and MVPs

- 9.4.1 The Australian Champion is the highest placed Australian team in each Honours Division.
- 9.4.2 International teams in all divisions who finish in the top 3 placings will receive a corresponding International medal. The gold, silver and bronze medallions for each division will be awarded to the three highest placed Australian teams.
- 9.4.3 MVPs will only be awarded in the Honours Divisions and Year 7 and 8 Division 1. This will be decided by the winning coach after the gold medal match.

## 9.5 Long Service Awards

- 9.5.1 VA shall acknowledge long service to the AVSC by recognising those who have accumulated 10, 15, 20 and every subsequent 5 years of involvement.
- 9.5.2 Any school or individual who has participated in the AVSC in any capacity (playing, team manager, coach, referee, volunteer, etc.) for a total of 10, 15, 20 and every subsequent 5 years of involvement is eligible to be nominated for a Long Service Award.
- 9.5.3 Nomination procedures shall be determined by the VA and published in the preliminary information sent to schools.

## 9.6 First Aid/Sports Injury Service Supervision

- 9.6.1 An adult (teacher, manager, coach, or 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.
- 9.6.2 First Aid/Sports Strapping Service Officers ***WILL NOT*** provide services to students who are not accompanied by an adult (teacher, manager, coach, or parent).
- 9.6.3 All team managers are expected to familiarise themselves with their state and school's injury/incident reporting procedures.

## 9.7 Ambulance insurance

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

## 9.8 Alcohol/Drug Consumption

- 9.8.1 Smoking, drinking alcohol and the taking other social drugs is strictly forbidden during the whole of the tournament. Any breach of this rule may result in the player being ejected from the tournament, and their school officials will be notified. Further disciplinary action is the responsibility of the school.

## 9.9 Anti-Doping Policy

9.9.1 VA has an Anti-Doping Policy, available at its website:

<http://www.volleyballaustralia.org/index.php/about-us/anti-doping>.

As an official National Championship, all participating athletes agree to be bound by and are subject to this Policy, including random drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti Doping Authority (ASADA) under its legislation.

## 9.10 Stealing

9.10.1 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 Tournament. The theft of balls, personal property or equipment, will result in the expulsion of the player(s) and/or team from the competition and a review will determine their involvement in future Tournaments. ***Please be aware that police intervention will also be sought.***

## 9.11 Venue Rules

9.11.1 Players are expected to respect playing venues 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 tournament and may be liable to sanctions such as suspension for a match or a number of matches.

9.11.2 Any official of the AVSC has the authority to report offences to the Tournament Control Committee for further action.

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

9.11.3.1 No bouncing or passing of volleyballs in foyer areas.

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

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

## 9.12 Use of Multiple Venues

9.12.1 It is anticipated that this event will utilise more than one venue. No team shall be required to participate in matches at more than one venue on any single day.

## 9.13 Dates of Birth

9.13.1 Players' dates of birth (DOB) and year level should be entered correctly on the nomination form as accurate records are required to ensure teams are entered in the correct division and players are eligible to participate.

9.13.2 A player's DOB found to be in error in honours division may result in the team forfeiting all matches in which that player participated.

## 10 SANCTIONS

### 10.1 Player & Team Eligibility

10.1.1 Sanctions for non-compliance of team eligibility (refer **Section 3**) and player eligibility (refer **Section 4**) will be considered by the Tournament Director at the event.

10.1.2 The officials of the teams in breach need to show cause to the Tournament Director, as to why a sanction should not be imposed on that team.

10.1.3 Depending on severity of breach, levels of sanctions may vary from warnings, forfeiture of competition points, fines and/or expulsion from the event. A review of future inclusion in subsequent events may occur.

10.1.4 Officials can appeal the decision to the Control Committee in writing within 1 hour of the receipt of the decision.

10.1.5 The Control Committee's decision shall be final.

## 11. Attachment 1 - Twelve (12) Substitution Rule & Libero per Set

- a) A team shall be allowed a maximum of twelve (12) substitutions in any one set. Players starting a set may be replaced by a substitute and may subsequently re-enter the set twice. Each substitute may enter the set three times. A player shall not enter the set for a fourth time (starting shall count as an entry). Players re-entering the set must assume the original position in the service order in relation to other team mates. No change may be made in a player's position in the service order unless necessitated by an injury requiring an abnormal substitution under the provisions of paragraph b) below. Any number of players may enter the set in each position in the service order.
- b) If through any injury a player is unable to play and substitution cannot be legally made the team is entitled to make an EXCEPTIONAL substitution beyond the limits of paragraph (a). (This means that ANY player may replace the injured player including a libero to their number).
- c) If through injury or accident a player is unable to play and substitution cannot be made under the provisions of paragraph a) or b), the first referee may grant a special time-out under the provisions of the rules of the game.
- d) If a team becomes incomplete through expulsion of a player and substitution cannot be made under the provisions of paragraph a) above, the team loses the set by default, keeping the points acquired. If a team becomes incomplete through disqualification of a player and substitution cannot be made under the provisions of paragraph a) above, the team loses the match by default, keeping the sets and points acquired.

### Example

The following diagram illustrates how substitutions are recorded on the scoresheet.

|    |   | II | III | IV | V | VI |
|----|---|----|-----|----|---|----|
| 10 |   | 4  | 11  | 2  | 1 | 7  |
| 6  | 3 |    |     | 5  |   |    |
| 10 |   |    |     | 2  |   |    |
| 9  |   |    |     | 5  |   |    |
| 8  |   |    |     | ②  |   |    |
| ⑩  |   |    |     | ↶  |   |    |
| 8  |   |    |     |    |   |    |

In the example shown above, the starting line-up is 10, 4, 11, 2, 1 and 7.

This means that these players made their first entry for the set. The coach then substitutes into position one (I) players numbered 6, 9, 8 and 3. Number 10 has made three (3) entries and is not permitted any more entries for the set. The same can be said for player number 5 in position four (IV).

The players numbered 10, 6, 9, 8 and 3, must remain in position one (I) on the scoresheet and none of them can be used to substitute into another position in this set. For example, player 8 has only appeared twice so far and can therefore make another appearance on court but only in position one (I) and only if no more than twelve substitutions are used per set.

In the example shown above, all twelve substitutions have been used.

The scorer recording the substitutions will use the left side column first for each position and when the left is full use the right side column.

There is no requirement to record the score at the time of each substitution.

The scorer reports the 11th and 12th substitutions of the team and the third court entry of a player to the second referee who then indicates to the coach concerned and First Referee in that order.

### Libero per Set

Refer to section 7.1.5.

## 12. Attachment 2 - Regional Upgrades for Honours Divisions

This document explains the new system that has been developed in order to replace the Honours level referee accreditation that was implemented three (3) years ago. The Honours accreditation was developed in order to address a number of shortfalls in the refereeing structure for indoor volleyball.

At present an Honours level exists for the more advanced player/referee who attends AVSC and is entered into an Honours division.

Currently these students are assessed by an approved 'Honours Assessor', getting this approval allows them to officiate Honours games, but this accreditation is only specific to AVSC.

The Volleyball Australia Referee Committee (VARC) is adopting this new system to ensure that we continue to encourage referees moving through the various accreditation levels.

This document recognizes:

- The role that the Australian Volleyball Schools' Cup plays in the development of referees at the Foundation level (Level 1) and therefore its role in the pathway to higher levels of officiating;
- The resource constraints of the VARC and VA's Member States;
- The experience, skills and attributes of people involved with the AVSC that are not involved in the activities of the State Referee Commissions.

Refereeing is not simply about 'knowing the rules'. Whilst a referee needs to know the rules, the application of those rules, the understanding of how the rules inter-relate and how they are then applied and the ability of an individual to manage and control the game are also important. The importance of each of these aspects varies, depending on the level of the referee.

### FOUNDATION (LEVEL 1) TO DEVELOPMENT (LEVEL 2) REFEREE ASSESSORS

The movement of referees from level 1 to level 2 grading is the first step in the refereeing pathway. A person assessing the competency of a person moving from level 1 to level 2 requires:

- Knowledge and understanding of the rules of volleyball
- Understanding of the game management and control aspects
- An ability to assess and provide constructive feedback to a referee.

VA has introduced the assessor process that will include a broader group of people that would not traditionally assess referees. The role of these assessors is to assess, provide feedback and recommend the upgrade of people from Level 1 to Level 2 where basic criteria is met.

#### **The Criteria for a Level 2 Assessor are:**

- Current referee grading of 'Level 2' and approved by their State Referee Commission
- OR**
- Involved in a State or National volleyball school competition, *State team program/ other relevant HP program* as a coach/manager for at least 3 consecutive years or over a 5 year period if not consecutive;
- and**
- A referee grading that is current. Note: If the referee grading is 'Level 1' the person's grading must not have expired; **and**
  - A teaching, training or similar qualification e.g. Cert VI.

To be recognised as a Level 2 Assessor, a person that believes they meet the criteria will apply to their State Referee Commission or directly to VA only if no State Referee Commission exists. Accreditation will be provided for a period of 2 years. State Referee Commissions will retain a list of accredited Level 2 Assessors they approve of and provide VA with the list. VA will have the final say in accreditation of Level 2 Assessors.

**Assessment Criteria Level 1 to Referee Level 2:** In order to provide some standardisation in feedback/assessment criteria and to provide an indication of a referee's capabilities, an assessment form has been developed. When a recommendation is made for upgrade, the attached (see *Appendix 1*) must be completed and lodged with the relevant state referee commission.



## 13. Attachment 3 – Fixed time matches (Win and Draw scenarios)

### Example of a Win

#### Scenario 1:

|        | Set 1 | Set 2 | Set 3 |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Team A | 25    | 25    | 25    |
| Team B | 22    | 21    | 7     |

Team A wins 3-0

Why: All sets were played out to 25 points

#### Scenario 2:

|        | Set 1 | Set 2 | Set 3 |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Team A | 25    | 8     | 25    |
| Team B | 11    | 25    | 7     |

Team A wins 2-1

Why: All sets were played out to 25 points.

#### Scenario 3:

|        | Set 1 | Set 2 | Set 3 |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Team A | 25    | 10    | 13    |
| Team B | 12    | 25    | 11    |

Team A wins 2-1

Why: For all sets to be included a team must reach 13 points, with a 2 point difference.

#### Scenario 4:

|        | Set 1 | Set 2 | Set 3 |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Team A | 25    | 22    | 20    |
| Team B | 18    | 25    | 21    |

Team A wins on points 67 point to 64

Why: One set all, no 2 point difference therefore add up total points.

#### Scenario 5:

|        | Set 1 | Set 2 |
|--------|-------|-------|
| Team A | 20    | 12    |
| Team B | 25    | 2     |

Team B wins 1-0

Why: Only one set was completed and the 2<sup>nd</sup> set did not reach 13 points

#### Scenario 6:

|        | Set 1 | Set 2 |
|--------|-------|-------|
| Team A | 20    | 13    |
| Team B | 25    | 2     |

Team A wins 33 points to 27

Why: One set all (2<sup>nd</sup> set reached 13 and

### Example of a Draw

#### Scenario 1:

|        | Set 1 | Set 2 | Set 3 |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Team A | 25    | 22    | 15    |
| Team B | 22    | 25    | 15    |

Draw 1-1 and equal in 3<sup>rd</sup> set (62-62)

Why: Both teams won one set each and there was not a two point difference in the third set – add up total points. Total points are equal so it is a draw

#### Scenario 2:

|        | Set 1 | Set 2 | Set 3 | Set 4 |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Team A | 25    | 22    | 20    | 25    |
| Team B | 19    | 25    | 25    | 23    |

Draw 2-2 and all points are equal (92-92)

Why: Both teams won two sets each -add up total points. Total points are equal so it is a draw

## 14. Appendix 1 - Level 2 Referee Assessment and Recommendation

Name of Referee: \_\_\_\_\_

*Instructions:* This assessment sheet is based on the VARC-1 form. This assessment sheet includes those areas that are relevant to a Level 1 Referee seeking an upgrade to Level 2. The role of the assessor is to assess and provide feedback to the referee. Where an area of the rules is not included, e.g. application of sanctions, the assessor's role is to educate - how might the sanction have been applied. The referee should be able to apply each item on this sheet most of the time (>75%). Assessors should ensure that all referees recommended for upgrade to Level 2 have completed at least 18 games and have undertaken the role of 1<sup>st</sup> referee, 2<sup>nd</sup> referee, scorer and line judge. Refer to the NOAS guidelines for more information. When completing this sheet, the Assessor will indicate either 'Yes' (observed most of the time) or 'n/a' (not observed). The shaded area means that it is not applicable for that role.

| <b>1. Service, player positions</b>  |                               |                               |               |                   |
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| <p><i>This part of the assessment relates to the rules applying to the execution of the service and the position of the receiving and serving team at the moment of contact with the ball by the server.</i><br/> <i>Feedback –1<sup>st</sup> Referee - Observe server and serving team. Know the basic rules of serving (blow for service when the server has the ball and the receiving team is ready, serve in service zone, hit ball with hand/arm within 8 seconds) and of positional/rotational faults. 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee – know the basic rules of positional/rotational faults and make sure the receiving team is being observed on service. Scorer – make sure that server is checked against the score sheet each time. Tell the 2<sup>nd</sup> referee is incorrect server.</i></p> |                               |                               |               |                   |
|  | <b>1<sup>st</sup> referee</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> referee</b> | <b>Scorer</b> | <b>Line judge</b> |
| <b>1.1 Obvious foot fault</b><br><i>Guide – foot/feet of the server have obviously penetrated the end line. Line judge indicates to referee</i>  |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>1.2 Serve off hand</b><br><i>Guide – the ball is 'hand balled'. The player does not throw the ball up or release the hand holding the ball when contact is made.</i>  |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>1.3 Serve within 8 seconds</b><br><i>Guide – the ball is not served in 8 seconds from when the referee blows the whistle for service.</i>   |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>1.4 Obvious positional faults</b><br><i>Guide – 1<sup>st</sup> referee identifies players of the serving team that are not in their correct position at the moment of the hit of the serve, including a player being out of court.</i><br><i>2<sup>nd</sup> referee identifies players in the receiving team that are not in their correct position at the moment of the hit of the serve, including a player being out of court.</i>   |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>1.5 Rotational faults</b><br><i>Guide – Scorer identifies that the incorrect server has served. 2<sup>nd</sup> referee blows whistle when scorer tells them.</i>  |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>2. Ball Contact Control</b>   |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <p><i>This part of the assessment relates to the rules applying to the ball's contact with the player and other objects.</i><br/> <i>Feedback – Watch players contact with the ball, ensure no more than 3 hits by a team. Follow the ball to pickup touches on blocks. Use your team (line judges &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> referee). Encourage observation of and discussion with more experienced referees.</i></p>  |                               |                               |               |                   |
|  | <b>1<sup>st</sup> referee</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> referee</b> | <b>Scorer</b> | <b>Line judge</b> |
| <b>2.1 First hit of the team - Obvious catch and throw</b><br><i>Guide – The ball can be clearly seen to stop before being released.</i>   |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>2.2 Second and third hit of the team – normal situation – Obvious catch and throw &amp; double contact</b><br><i>Guide – A normal situation is when the player has not had to run to get the ball. The referee should be able to apply the most obvious catch and throws (see above) and double contacts. Examples of obvious double contacts include the ball travelling in a direction not</i>  |                               |                               |               |                   |

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| aligned with the direction of the feet/hands of the player. <b>Note: Noise and balls with some spin are not obvious indicators of double contact.</b>   |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>2.3 Second and third hit of the team – extraordinary situation</b><br>Guide – An extraordinary situation is when the player has had to run to get the ball. The referee should <b>not</b> call minor technical breaches.   |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>2.4 Four hits</b><br>Guide – This applies to 4 hits in general play (i.e. the maximum of 3 is exceeded) and the ball played into the net or the blockers hands.  |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>2.5 Ball touched or hit by block or other players that is obvious</b><br>Guide – Line judge able to see & indicate obvious touches.  |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>2.6 Ball contact with floor or outside object</b><br>Guide – An outside object includes the referee stand, roof, walls etc. Line judge signals out.  |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>3. Play at the Net</b>   |                               |                               |               |                   |
| This part of the assessment relates to the rules applying to either the ball or the player in relation to the net<br>Feedback – 1 <sup>st</sup> referee – Use of other officials to assist. 2 <sup>nd</sup> referee – watching net/line and not following ball. Line judge – need to watch the ball in relation to the antenna.               |                               |                               |               |                   |
|   | <b>1<sup>st</sup> referee</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> referee</b> | <b>Scorer</b> | <b>Line judge</b> |
| <b>3.1 Crossing space (antennae, outside)</b><br>Guide – Balls played over the net into the opponent's court that hit the antenna or are obviously outside the antenna are called. Referee aware of balls on their respective sign. Line judge signals balls out.   |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>3.2 Penetration (line, space) under the net</b><br>Guide – Calls most obvious illegal penetration of the feet under the net.   |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>3.3 Net touch</b><br>Guide – Calls most obvious touches of the top part of the net.  |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>4. Appearance &amp; Personality</b>  |                               |                               |               |                   |
| This part of the assessment relates to confidence of the referee in performing his/her duties.<br>Feedback – Call what you see, not what you hear; look confident & interested; try to blow the whistle immediately the fault occurs; if you are not sure, let the play go; separate out whistle from signal to serve, from signal for fault. |                               |                               |               |                   |
|   | <b>1<sup>st</sup> referee</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> referee</b> | <b>Scorer</b> | <b>Line judge</b> |
| <b>4.1 Presentation – clean and formally dressed</b><br>Guide – As required for the competition   |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>4.2 Image and behaviour</b><br>Guide – Positive image, e.g. On time, appears interested  |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>4.3 Reactions &amp; attitude</b><br>Guide – 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> referee. Able to blow the whistle and apply a decision with a level of confidence. Line judge – indicates fault when it occurs with confidence   |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>4.4 External pressure</b><br>Guide – Does not blow the whistle because of team/spectator calls, only changes decision because of additional information that renders their initial decision incorrect.   |                               |                               |               |                   |
| <b>5. Game Management</b>   |                               |                               |               |                   |
| This part of the assessment relates to the overall efficient and effective management of the game, including rules for interruptions  |                               |                               |               |                   |

Feedback – making use of the rest of the officiating team; 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> referee & scorer working together on subs and timeouts, keeping track of time between sets and for timeouts; correct position in stand, movements at the net; blow whistle immediately fault occurs; separate out whistle, signal to serve, signal for fault; correct hand signals and when applied.

|   | 1 <sup>st</sup> referee | 2 <sup>nd</sup> referee | Scorer | Line judge |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|------------|
| <b>5.1 Cooperation</b><br><i>Guide – 1<sup>st</sup> referee - Checks with line judge/2<sup>nd</sup> referee if unsure about decision. 2<sup>nd</sup> referee – Checks with scorer for subs and occasionally checks for other items. Scorer – lets 2<sup>nd</sup> referee know if ready/not ready.</i> |                         |                         |        |            |
| <b>5.2 Timeouts</b><br><i>Guide – 1<sup>st</sup> referee – authorizes timeout. 2<sup>nd</sup> referee – calls timeout when asked by coach, times length. Scorer – correctly records timeout and notifies 2<sup>nd</sup> referee when 2 timeouts for a team.</i>                                       |                         |                         |        |            |
| <b>5.3 Substitutions</b><br><i>Guide – 1<sup>st</sup> referee – authorizes sub. 2<sup>nd</sup> referee – calls sub when sub steps into sub zone. Scorer – records sub. Notifies referee when maximum number of subs for a team.</i>   |                         |                         |        |            |
| <b>5.4 Intervals, injury, external interference</b><br><i>Guide – 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> referee – keep time between sets to about 3 minutes, stop play if player injured, call replay if ball on court. Scorer – records 3 minutes between sets.</i>                                    |                         |                         |        |            |
| <b>5.5 Optical position to judge</b><br><i>Guide – The 1<sup>st</sup> referee is high enough in the stand, i.e. eye height approximately 75cms above the height of the top of the net. The 2<sup>nd</sup> referee is not hiding behind the net pole and there is some movement.</i>                   |                         |                         |        |            |
| <b>5.6 Use of whistle</b><br><i>Guide – Blows whistle to stop &amp; start play.</i>   |                         |                         |        |            |
| <b>5.7 Use of official hand signals</b><br><i>Guide – Uses correct hand signals although may not apply correct signal to a particular situation.</i>  |                         |                         |        |            |

## 6. Organisation

*This part of the assessment relates to the referee's ability to be organized and prepared for the task.*

Feedback -

|  | 1 <sup>st</sup> referee | 2 <sup>nd</sup> referee | Scorer | Line judge |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|------------|
| <b>Game preparation</b><br><i>Guide – as expected for the competition</i>  |                         |                         |        |            |
| <b>Playing protocol</b><br><i>Guide – as expected for the competition</i>  |                         |                         |        |            |
| <b>Punctuality</b><br><i>Guide – Adequate time to perform duties required for the match.</i>   |                         |                         |        |            |
| <b>Game Completion</b><br><i>Guide – 1<sup>st</sup> referee - Ensure captains sign, results box is completed and accurate, game officials are documented and sign scoresheet. 2<sup>nd</sup> referee – ensure sign scoresheet. Scorer – scoresheet is filled out accurately and correct scoring technique applied.</i> |                         |                         |        |            |

### Comments/Areas to work on (3 points):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Level 2 Assessor:**

15. Appendix 2 - Champion School Ranking Points

| <b>Champion School Ranking Points</b> |                |                |                 |                 |                  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                                       | <b>Open</b>    | <b>Other</b>   | <b>Division</b> | <b>Division</b> | <b>Division</b>  |
|                                       | <b>Honours</b> | <b>Honours</b> | <b>1</b>        | <b>2</b>        | <b>3 &amp; 4</b> |
| <b>Position</b>                       | <b>Points</b>  | <b>Points</b>  | <b>Points</b>   | <b>Points</b>   | <b>Points</b>    |
| 1                                     | 120            | 100            | 80              | 60              | 50               |
| 2                                     | 110            | 95             | 75              | 55              | 45               |
| 3                                     | 105            | 92             | 72              | 52              | 42               |
| 4                                     | 100            | 90             | 70              | 50              | 40               |
| 5                                     | 95             | 88             | 68              | 48              | 38               |
| 6                                     | 90             | 86             | 66              | 46              | 36               |
| 7                                     | 85             | 84             | 64              | 44              | 34               |
| 8                                     | 82             | 82             | 62              | 42              | 32               |
| 9                                     | 80             | 80             | 60              | 40              | 30               |
| 10                                    | 79             | 79             | 59              | 39              | 29               |
| 11                                    | 78             | 78             | 58              | 38              | 28               |
| 12                                    | 77             | 77             | 57              | 37              | 27               |
| 13                                    | 76             | 76             | 56              | 36              | 26               |
| 14                                    | 75             | 75             | 55              | 35              | 25               |
| 15                                    | 74             | 74             | 54              | 34              | 24               |
| 16                                    | 73             | 73             | 53              | 33              | 23               |
| 17                                    | 72             | 72             | 52              | 32              | 22               |
| 18                                    | 71             | 71             | 51              | 31              | 21               |
| 19                                    | 70             | 70             | 50              | 30              | 20               |
| 20                                    | 69             | 69             | 49              | 29              | 19               |
| 21                                    | 68             | 68             | 48              | 28              | 18               |
| 22                                    | 67             | 67             | 47              | 27              | 17               |
| 23                                    | 66             | 66             | 46              | 26              | 16               |
| 24                                    | 65             | 65             | 45              | 25              | 15               |

Notes:

1. The overall champion will be determined by counting only the top 6 scores for each school.
2. The champion boys school and champion girls school will be determined by counting only the top 3 teams for each relevant gender.
3. Only Australian teams are considered when determining the position that a school finished within a division.



## 16. Appendix 3 – 2018 AVSC Key Dates

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| <b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b>         | <b>Online Team Entries Open</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>   | <b>Online Team Entries Close</b><br>Schools must nominate their players <u>and</u> their referees by this time, but may amend divisions following state schools cup events. Please ensure referees nominated have current membership for the duration of the event.<br><b>International Teams</b> - Nominations to be accompanied by their national federation ranking where multiple teams are seeking entry into the same division. |
| <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>   | 1) Eligibility exemption requests close<br>2) Wildcard nominations close<br>3) Long service nominations close<br>4) Member state associations are provided nomination lists to verify membership within each state/territory<br>5) Teams withdrawing from the competition from this date forfeit <u>half</u> their entry fee  |
| <b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b> | <b>AVSC Committee review all exemption and wildcard applications</b>  |
| <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018</b>      | 1) Exemption requests confirmed and announced<br>2) Wildcard nominations confirmed and announced  |
| <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>  | <b>Confirmation of entry sent to schools</b><br>Ensure all players, staff and referees names are correct. Ensure the nominated division/s, players DOB and membership numbers are all correct. Once confirmed please send the documentation to the VA office via email signed off by your school Principal. If there are any changes, please amend them on the form and online.   |
| <b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018</b>     | <b>Confirmation of entry documentation due</b>  |
| <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018</b>   | <b>Nomination advice &amp; tax invoice sent to school</b>   |
| <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018</b>     | <b>Teams withdrawing from competition after this date forfeit their <u>entire</u> entry fee</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>  | 1) Team entry fee payments due<br>2) Entry fees received after this date will incur a \$100 late entry fee  |
| <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018</b>     | <b>Draft tournament draw published on tournament website and emailed to confirmed coaches</b>   |
| <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>     | <b>AVSC Commences</b>   |
| <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018</b>    | <b>AVSC Concludes</b>   |