

PORT LINCOLN VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

BI – LAWS

1. ALTERATIONS TO BI-LAWS

- a. *The Bi – Laws may be amended at Annual General Meetings or Special General Meetings.*

2. MATCHES

- a. (1) *All matches are to be the best of 5 sets duration unless the game time limit specified for the division expires.*
(2) *No time out to be called in the last 5 minutes (time limit games) and / or 5 points from match point.*
- b. *The Rally Point Scoring System will be introduced in 1999 and the matches will be played at the best of 5 sets, the first four sets to 25 points, the fifth set to 15 points, each of them with a minimum lead of 2 points. In the Rally Point Scoring system, each rally wins a point whether it is for the serving or for the receiving team.*
- c. *In the case of expired time a team with 13 points or more and at least a 2 point margin during the 1st, 2nd 3rd or 4th set shall be awarded the incomplete set and in case of expired time during the 5th set a team with 8 points or more and at least a 2 point margin shall be awarded the incomplete set.*

3. DIVISIONS

- a. *Each competition shall consist of a number of divisions.*
- b. *Clubs may not have more than one team in any one division, unless a full complement of teams is fielded in that competition*

4. SEASONS

- a. *The length, playing dates and match fees of each season shall be determined by the committee.*

- b. *Each season shall consist of playing rounds followed by finals matches.*

5. FINALS AND PREMIERSHIPS

- a. *The premiership in each division shall be determined by final matches.*
- b. (1.) *Divisions consisting of 5 or more teams shall play a final 4 format.
Finals will be played as follows :*
- a) *1st V 2nd*
 - b) *3rd V 4th*
 - c) *loser (a) V winner (b)*
 - d) *Winner (a) V winner (c)*
- (2) *Divisions consisting of less than 5 teams shall play a final 3 format
Finals will be played as follows :*
- a) *1st V 2nd*
 - b) *Loser (a) V 3rd*
 - c) *Winner (a) V winner (b)*
- d. *All finals matches shall be best of 5 sets.*

6. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- a. *A player who moves to a higher division for a minimum of 3 games will be classed as a higher division player for that season.*
- b. (1) *A maximum of 2 higher division players will be able to play in Division 1 Mixed.*
- (2) *Higher division players may be on the score sheet of a lower division but only 2 may be on the court at any time excepting clause 6.b.(1).*
- c. *Higher division players playing in lower divisions will be ineligible for Most Outstanding trophy points and players choice awards.*
- d. *A player may play a maximum of 3 games – in total – as an unregistered player, provided the appropriate fee is paid.*
- e. *A player must play a minimum of 3 games as a registered player, in that division, to qualify for finals.*
- f. *Players who register as a part of a team for a division will be instantly classified as a player for that division, if nominated as a part of a team for more than one division, the player will be classified as a player in the higher division.*

7. QUALIFICATION OF ROOKIES

- a. *A rookie shall be a player in their first season for the association in any division.*
- b. *If a player moves up to a higher division in the following seasons they are then eligible for the rookie award in the higher division for that season.*
- c. *If a player moves up to a higher division and plays 3 games in that division they are only eligible for votes in the higher division.*

8. QUALIFICATION OF DIVISIONS

- a. *Divisions are rated by standard as follows :*
 - 1. *Division 1 Mixed*
 - 2. *Division 1 Men*
 - 3. *Division 1 Women*
 - 4. *Division 2 Mixed*
 - 5. *Division 2 Men*
 - 6. *Division 2 Women*
- b. *(1) Men divisions for men*
(2) Women divisions for women
(3) Mixed divisions must have minimum of 2 of opposite gender

9. CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

- a. *The championship table shall terminate at the end of the playing rounds prior to the finals matches.*
- b. *(1) During the competition teams shall receive three championship points for a win, two for a draw, one for a loss and minus one for a forfeit.*
(2) Teams shall lose one championship point for each absent duty team member with a maximum of three penalty points.
- b. *For the purpose of the championship tables final position the following shall apply :*
 - (1) Table order shall be determined by championship points.*
 - (2) In the case of equal championship points, the percentage shall be calculated as follows:*
Percent = (No. of points for) divided by (No. of points for plus No. of points against) multiplied by 100.
 - (3) In the case of equal points and percent, a differential shall be applied, calculated as follows :*
Differential = (No. of points for) minus (No. of points against).

- (4) *If all factors are equal and a decision is necessary for the purposes of finals matches, a deciding match shall be played under minor round conditions.*

10. REGISTRATION

- a. (1) *All players must each season be registered with one team and be a member of the Association by paying the membership fee.*
(2) *Players may nominate for other divisions but need only to pay the membership fee once.*
- b. (1) *At the commencement of each season, on date nominated by the committee, each team shall be required to register all its players with the Association.*
(2) *No team shall register with less than 6 players.*
- c. (1) *A player must be registered before their 4th game.*
(2) *Failure to register shall result in the team being deemed as unregistered and unable to earn championship points.*
- d. *The committee have the right to change or exclude a team nomination for a particular division if the team is deemed unsuitable for the division standard.*

11. PLAYING TEAM

- a. (1) *A playing team shall comprise of no less than 5 players at all times during the match.*
(2) *If the 6th player or substitution arrives after game commencement, they may only commence playing with the permission of the referee when the captain of the team calls for a substitution, provided that their name is listed on the score sheet prior to game commencement and the match fee is paid prior to commencement of the second set.*
(3) *When a team consists of 5 players only, that team must nominate where the gap (hole) will be situated, and the gap must rotate during the match.*
(4) *In mixed divisions the gap may be deemed as one of the opposite gender.*
- b. (1) *A team not fielding 5 players 10 minutes after the scheduled starting time shall forfeit the 1st set.*
(2) *A team not fielding 5 players, 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time, shall forfeit the match, and their opponents shall be given a score of 75 –0 (i.e. 3 games of 25 – 0).*
(3) *If a team after using all substitutes is reduced below 5 players, that team shall forfeit the set but retain all points scored. If unable to continue in the next set within the required time the remaining sets*

shall be forfeited. The opponents will be given a score of 25– 0 for any remaining sets.

- c. In the case of both teams having insufficient players the referee will abandon the match and record forfeits.*
- d. If a player is found ineligible with reference to membership registration or match fees their team shall forfeit the match.*

12. TRANSFERS

- a. A registered player shall not play within a season for any other team in the same division originally registered unless a transfer is approved.*
- b. Transfers shall be submitted in writing to the committee.*
- c. If approved by the team concerned the transfer is automatic.*
- d. If a player is refused a clearance by their team they can appeal to the committee.*
- e. Any non-registered player is eligible to play for any other team in the same grade without transfer.*

13. UNIFORMS

- a. (1) All players shall be dressed in correct uniforms by the 4th match.*
(2) Division 1 - Team tops shall be identical (same colour and make) with iron-on contrasting coloured numbers on the back.
Division 2 – Team tops shall be similar in colour with iron-on contrasting numbers visible on the shirt.
- b. A penalty of 1 point per set for each incorrectly dressed player shall be imposed by adding to the score of the opposing team at the commencement of the set, or if the player is not present at the commencement of the set, on substitution.*

14. DUTY TEAMS

- a. Each team must supply required number of responsible people for duty by advertised time. For games during the season this will consist of a Main Referee, a Second Referee & a Scorer. During Finals 2 linespersons will also be required.*

- b. *The duty club shall put up the net and equipment, if on early duty, and take it down and clean up if on late duty.*
- c. (1) *The score sheet is to be filled with player names and numbers before commencement of the game.*
 (2) *The umpire will not commence the match until the match fee for all players has been paid.*
- d. ***If the duty team is not present 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game shall be declared a draw unless:***
 - (1) ***A referee can be found to umpire and both captains agree to play in the time remaining.***
 - (2) ***If the substitute referee is part of another duty team, all four captains involved must agree to the substitution.***
 - (3) ***For each absent duty team member one (1) premiership point will be deducted with a maximum of three (3) penalty points.***
- e. *Score sheets must be filled out with the correct result and signed by both captains and referee.*
- f. *The duty team, will be responsible for casting votes for the most outstanding award. After the match he / she must fill in the scoresheet with 6 votes. Most Outstanding 3 votes, then 2 votes, then 1 vote.*
- g. *The captains of the opposing team will be responsible for casting votes for the 'Players Choice Award.'*
- h. (1) *At the end of each season, trophies will be awarded for the Most Outstanding player, per division.*
 (2) *Mixed division shall be awarded Most Outstanding for each gender.*
 (3) *Each division shall also award an Association Award, as determined by the committee.*
 (4) *At the end of each season, trophies will be awarded for the Players Choice, per division.*

15. DISPUTES AND PROTESTS

- a. (1) *In the case of a dispute concerning any aspects of the game, the committee shall be required to set up a dispute committee of 6 members.*
 (2) *A minimum of 3 must attend the hearing.*
- b. *Members of the dispute committee must not be connected with the team or the players concerned.*

- c. *Protests and disputes must be verbally notified to a Committee Member within 24 hours and then lodged in writing to the Committee within 4 days of the incident, stating the time of the incident, circumstances, persons involved etc.*
- d. *The disputes committee will follow the rules / interpretations of the Australian Volleyball Association rule book.*

16. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- a. (1) *People wishing to coach any senior or junior representative team must apply, in writing, to the executive committee within 1 week following the A.G.M.*
(2) *The executive will decide if more than one applicant applies.*
- b. *Selectors for representative teams will be the President or their proxy, the coach of the team and the competition secretary or their proxy.*
- c. *Players participate in tournaments at their own cost (eg travel and accommodation) except if the executive decide otherwise in light of fundraising.*
- d. *The Port Lincoln Volleyball Association pay tournament nominations for representative teams.*

17. STATE REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

- a. *Players who represent SA can apply to the Association for financial assistance which may be given at the discretion of the executive.*

18. EXPULSION

- a. *Expulsion means no participation in games, umpiring, coaching, scoring, social functions or any Port Lincoln Volleyball Association function.*
- b. *Any team allowing an expelled person to play, umpire, coach or score will lose all premiership points earned in that season.*
- c. *An umpire has the authority to delay play if an expelled person is participating in the above mentioned activities.*