



VOLLEYBALL VICTORIA BEACH SCHOOLS CUP

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

South Melbourne Beach

10-12 March 2021

1. Introduction

The following regulations and conditions apply to the **Volleyball Victoria Beach Schools Cup (VVBSC)**. The VVBSC will be scheduled as follows:

1.1 EVENT INFORMATION

DATES: **JNR EVENT** (YEAR 7 & 8) - Wednesday 10 March 2021
 INT EVENT (YEAR 9 & 10) - Thursday 11 March 2021
 SNR EVENT (YEAR 11 & 12) - Friday 12 March 2021

VENUE: **South Melbourne Beach – Opposite 102 Beaconsfield Parade, Albert Park**

2. Nominations

2.1 CLOSING DATE

Closing date for team nominations is **5pm Wednesday 17 February 2021**. Team nominations after this date will be subject to VV discretion.

2.2 DIVISIONS

Nominations are invited from schools for the following divisions in both boys and girls:

Year	Division	Date
Year 7	Fours	10.03.21
Year 8	Fours	10.03.21
Year 9	Pairs	11.03.21
Year 9	Fours	11.03.21
Year 10	Pairs	11.03.21
Year 10	Fours	11.03.21
Year 11	Pairs	12.03.21
Year 11	Fours	12.03.21
Year 12	Pairs	12.03.21
Year 12	Fours	12.03.21

3. Entry Fee

3.1 GENERAL

3.1.1 Entries close Wednesday 17 February 2021. Team Entry Fees are as follows:

- **PAIRS - \$66.00 (GST INCLUSIVE) PER TEAM**
- **FOURS - \$110.00 (GST INCLUSIVE) PER TEAM**

3.1.2 In addition to the team entry fee it is a condition of entry that each individual player is a registered member of Volleyball Victoria. To be eligible to compete in the Volleyball Victoria Beach Schools Cup, players must be registered as a **Casual** level member or higher. This registration entitles players to compete in a 1 Day Tournament/Event.

3.1.3 Team entries received and accepted after the closing date will be charged \$76 for a Pairs team and \$120 per Fours team.

4. Entry Process

4.1 NOMINATION

4.1.1 Schools nominate teams into the event via online submission of the official nomination forms.

4.1.2 Upon successful completion you will receive notification via email together with a list of the schools' players currently registered.

4.1.3 All players must be registered with VV prior to the event (refer 3.1.2)

4.2 NOMINATION VERIFICATION

By accepting the terms and conditions online you are verifying that:

4.2.1 All listed players are students at the school.

4.2.2 All year levels listed, and dates of birth are correct.

4.3 NOMINATION CLOSING DATE

- 4.3.1 Nomination forms must be completed online and will be accepted until **5pm 17 February 2021**. Any entries received after this time will be placed on a waiting list to be called upon if teams withdraw.
- 4.3.2 Teams entering after the stated date run the risk of not being accepted into the competition if planning has proceeded to such an extent that inclusion of additional teams is impractical.
- 4.3.3 Any team who nominates late will be accepted on Volleyball Victoria's terms and conditions, as determined at that time and will be subject to the fees as outlined in section 3.1.3. The conditions laid out here apply only to teams that nominate prior to the advertised closing date.
- 4.3.4 Placement of teams into Divisions is at the discretion of Volleyball Victoria.
- 4.3.5 Volleyball Victoria reserves the right to merge divisions in the event of minimal entries.

4.4 Schools will be invoiced the total amount of team entries after the closing date on a strict 7-day payment term. Payment at the time of online entry is encouraged but not required.

- 4.6 After nominations have closed and divisions finalised, schools will be sent a Confirmation of Nomination.

5. Withdrawal of teams

- 5.1 Any team withdrawing before the closing date will not be penalised.
- 5.2 Any team withdrawing after closing date will forfeit the entire nomination fee.

6. Division Eligibility

- 6.1 **AGE**
No division will be limited by age although mature age students will not be able to participate.
- 6.2 **YEAR LEVEL**
Players must be in the school year specified or below to compete in that division (e.g. a Year 11 pairing could consist of a Year 11 student and a Year 10 student but cannot include a Year 12 student).

7. Team Eligibility

7.1 GENERAL

- 7.1.1 Only female students may play in girls' divisions.
- 7.1.2 Male or female players may play in boys' divisions.

7.2 MIXED TEAMS

- 7.2.1 The competition is not mixed; however, Volleyball Victoria reserves the right to accept into a boys' division any teams that may contain female players. A request for such allowance must be made in writing, and must accompany the team's nomination.

7.3 VICTORIAN SCHOOL TEAMS

- 7.3.1 Team nominations will only be accepted from schools listed on the relevant Victorian list of registered schools.
- 7.3.2 Schools, which have feeder schools that are listed separately on the Victorian list of registered schools, cannot nominate players from the feeder school.

7.4 UNIFORMS AND DRESS REGULATIONS

- 7.4.1 A matching team uniform is not compulsory; however, all teams are encouraged to play in a team or school sports uniform. Uniform would best consist of shorts, long sleeve T-Shirt, hat and sunglasses.

8. Player Eligibility

8.1 GENERAL

- 8.1.1 Each player must be a registered member of Volleyball Victoria. Player registration will be checked before the Confirmation of Nomination. Teams may register players online – www.volleyballvictoria.org.au "2021 Membership" and follow the prompts.
- 8.1.2 Each player shall conform to the year level and gender requirements of the team for which they are nominated.
- 8.1.3 Each player must be currently enrolled as a full-time student at the school for which they are nominated.
- 8.1.4 The student must be enrolled in and attend the school at the time of competition.
- 8.1.5 The school roll is regarded as the central proof of eligibility. Team entries are countersigned by the school Principal as verification.

8.2 PLAYING FOR TWO TEAMS

8.2.1 A player can only play for one team per day during the tournament. If special circumstances warrant (injuries/sickness) a team may, on application to the Tournament Director, request player(s) move to another division. Normal eligibility rules apply.

9. Awards & Champion School

- 9.1 Gold and Silver medals will be awarded to all grand finalists in each division at the completion of each day's tournament.
- 9.2 A Volleyball Victoria Beach Schools Cup Champion School will be awarded with a trophy.
- 9.3 The points award system for the champion school will be as follows:

DIVISION		POINTS AWARDED PER PLACING		
Type	Year Level	1st	2nd	3rd or Below
Fours	Year 7 & 8	10	5	1
Fours	Year 9 & 10	10	5	1
Fours	Year 11 & 12	10	5	1
Pairs	Year 9 & 10	10	5	1
Pairs	Year 11 & 12	10	5	1

10. Event Draw

10.1 DRAW PUBLICATION

- 10.1.1 A draft tournament draw and other relevant information will be circulated to schools via **email only** in the week prior to the event. Please ensure your school's contact has an email address and provides this to Volleyball Victoria.
- 10.1.2 A draft tournament draw will also be posted on the Volleyball Victoria website in the week prior to the event (www.volleyballvictoria.org.au).
- 10.1.3 The Tournament Director reserves the right to make changes to the draw up to and including the day of competition.

11. Safety

- 11.1** Please be aware that any applicable local government regulations will ensure that the beach is as physically safe as possible. The beach will be mechanically sifted and hence in the safest possible condition immediately prior to the commencement of the event.
- 11.2** Although Volleyball Victoria will undertake to make the environment as safe as possible, no guarantee will be made that the sand will be free of dangerous objects.

12. First Aid

- 12.1** A first aid practitioner will be available at all time throughout the tournament. A medical tent will also be provided.

13. Match Conduct

13.1 NUMBER OF MATCHES

- 13.1.1 Each team is guaranteed at least three matches.

13.2 COMPETITION TIMETABLE

- 13.2.1 The competition timetable is expected to be as follows:

TIME	ACTIVITY
8:30	Teams Arrive at Beach.
8:45	Teachers register teams at Admin. Tent.
9:15	Players meeting - assemble of centre court.
9:30	Round Robin matches commence
2:30	Round robin matches conclude.
3:00	Semi-final matches commence.
3:30	Grand-final matches commence.
4:00	Grand-final matches conclude.
4:15	Medal presentations.
4:30	Schools depart.

- 13.2.2 All nominating teams must register their attendance 30 minutes prior to the commencement of their first scheduled match.
- 13.2.3 The Tournament Director reserves the right to extend or amend playing hours as necessary in the overall interest of the tournament.
- 13.2.4 The Tournament Director reserves the right to amend the scheduled day of play, in the event of amalgamation of divisions.

13.3 MATCH TIMES

13.3.1 Matches are to start 5 minutes after the preceding match; the scheduled order of matches will be listed on the event draw.

13.4 MATCH WARMUPS

13.4.1 Teams will not be given an official on court warm-up and will not be allowed to warm up on court.

13.4.2 If teams wish to warm up prior to their matches, they must do so away from the court area, where they will not interfere with any games and while the previous match is underway.

13.5 DUTY

13.5.1 Each participating team will have a duty (refereeing) roster.

13.5.2 Each duty team must present to their allotted court 10 minutes prior to their scheduled duty.

13.5.3 Each duty team will be required to provide a main referee and scorer (& net referee in fours).

13.5.4 Court supervisors will be present to assist referees with any disputes.

13.6 COURT SUPERVISORS

13.6.1 A court supervisor(s) will be allocated to assist in the delivery of the event.

13.6.2 The court supervisor(s) will be responsible for keeping the courts running smoothly and to time, and will be available to assist duty teams.

13.6.3 The court supervisor(s) will assist in completing the pool results on each court.

13.6.4 The court supervisor will be your point of contact for dispute resolution.

13.6.5 Please direct any questions on the day to the relevant court supervisor.

14. Playing Conditions

14.1 RULES OF THE GAME

14.1.1 Except where explicitly stated, or limited by the venue playing conditions, the Rules of the Game of Beach Volleyball (FIVB) will apply.

14.2 MATCH DURATION/CONDITIONS

14.2.1 Each match will be best of 3 sets, played first to 15 points with a 2-point advantage.

14.2.3 A third set will be played first to 9 points with a 2-point advantage.

14.2.4 Each scheduled match will be allotted a maximum of 1-minute break between sets.

14.2.5 Teams will switch ends after every 7 points (or 5 points in the third set).

14.3 NET HEIGHTS

Division	Boys	Girls
Junior (Year 7 & 8)	2.24 metres	2.15 metres
Intermediate (Year 9 & 10)	2.35 metres	2.15 metres
Senior (Year 11 & 12)	2.43 metres	2.24 metres

15. General policies

15.1 ADULT SUPERVISION

15.1.1 Each school nominated in the VVBSC must have an adult, approved by the school's Principal, present for the duration of the tournament. Teams may be withdrawn from the competition if this condition is not met. This policy will be strictly adhered to.

15.2 FIRST AID / SPORTS INJURY SERVICE SUPERVISION

15.2.1 A First Aid Practitioner will be present throughout the duration of the tournament.

15.2.2 An adult (teacher, manager, coach or parent) must accompany all students requiring first aid/sports strapping. The officers providing the first aid/sports strapping service may require the accompanying adult to sign a document indicating they were present during the relevant treatment.

15.3 ALCOHOL/DRUG CONSUMPTION

15.3.1 Smoking, drinking alcohol and taking other social drugs are strictly forbidden during the whole of the tournament. Any breach of this rule will result in the player being ejected from the tournament, their school and parents notified, as well as the player being returned home on the first available transport. Any additional expenses will be the responsibility of the parents of the offending person.

15.4 STEALING

15.4.1 All coaches, managers and individual team members must be aware of the ramifications of theft and or malicious damage of tournament equipment, team equipment, and personal property at this event. Any incidents of theft of balls, personal property and equipment will result in the expulsion of the player and/or team from the competition. Please be aware that police intervention will be sought.

15.5 BLOOD

15.5.1 In keeping with common sports practice, matches cannot proceed if there is a bleeding player, or blood on balls or equipment. Should bleeding occur, the player will be removed from the game, as per the rules concerning an injured player, and cannot take their place on the court until there is no more evidence of blood or bleeding. Matches will be halted until such time as all blood has been removed from playing equipment.

16. Rules

16.1 Service

- Only one service attempt is permitted.
- An attack hit on an opponent's serve, when the ball is completely above the height of the net is illegal from anywhere on the court.
- In service reception a serve is not considered a hard-driven ball therefore a "double" is not allowed as it is in indoor volleyball.

16.2 Setting

- A ball which is set over the net must be directly forwards or backwards and have a trajectory perpendicular to the shoulders. If the intention is to set the ball for the partner and it accidentally passes over the net, then it will not be penalised.

- Only a hard-driven ball (above the height of the net) taken overhead can be a double hit.

Note 1: A serve is not a hard-driven ball.

Note 2: A “hard driven ball” is usually a spike above the height of the net that has a downward trajectory and is a play where the receiver does not have time to change their shot.

- If a serve or soft attack (loopy trajectory) is received overhand on the fingers, then it must be called ‘double contact’ if the contact is not clean or carried.

16.3 At the Net

- An attack hit is illegal if it is completed using an open-handed tip or ‘dink’ directing the ball with the fingers (**Does NOT apply for FOURS**).
- Blocking counts as the first hit for the team (**Does NOT apply for FOURS**).
- A player may enter an opponent’s court provided this does not interfere with the opponent’s play.

16.4 Scoring

- A match is best of 3 sets; therefore, a team will win the match by winning two sets. Sets 1 and 2 will be played to 15 and set 3 will be played to 9 however a team must have a two-point advantage before a set is won.
- Teams will switch ends after every 7 points.

16.5 Time outs

- Each team is permitted 1 x 30 seconds time out per set

16.6 Substitutions

- NO SUBSTITUTIONS will be allowed in PAIRS divisions.
- SUBSTITUTIONS will be allowed at the change of ends in FOURS divisions only.
- A maximum of 2 substitute players will be allowed per FOURS team.

16.7 Blocking

- A block is considered the first contact (hit) of the ball (**Does NOT apply for FOURS**).

16.8 Forfeit Score

- A forfeit match shall be recorded as two sets to nil (15 points – 0 points each set).

16.9 Uniforms

- All team are encouraged to wear school or matching uniforms but this is not a compulsory requirement.

16.10 Championship Format

- Match Points - WIN = 4 points
 DRAW = 2 point
 LOSS = 1 point
 FORFEIT = 0 points

16.11 Championship Grading

- If two or more teams in a pool are equal on points at the end of the preliminary rounds, then the higher placed team(s) will be decided when the first of the following criteria (applied in order) favours one team.
 - (a) Total match points accrued during the competition.
 - (b) Percentage of sets won during the competition.
 - (c) Percentage of points won during the competition.

16.12 Match Duration

- All matches will be best of 3 sets
- A team will win each set (match) by scoring 15 points (9 points in the last set) with a two-point margin (no ceiling).
- Teams will switch ends after every 7 points.
- No time limit will apply.

16.13 Official Warm-Up Duration

- No official on court warm-up will be allowed. Athletes may warm up in their own time prior to the commencement of their matches, but must not interfere with any matches in progress.

16.14 Time Defaults

- If a team is not ready to play five minutes after the official match time the first set will be forfeited, if a team is not ready to play 10 minutes after the official match time, the match will be forfeited.

16.15 Duty Team's Responsibilities

- All teams must supply duty officials as rostered on the official championship draw.
- Duty teams must be available ten minutes before the official match time.
- Duty teams must supply as a minimum, a qualified MAIN REFEREE and a SCORER (and net referee in FOURS).
- **Teams must provide their own whistles for duty.**
- Teams failing to fulfill duty requirements **will lose a match point.**

17. Extreme Weather Conditions

17.1 CANCELLATION

Volleyball Victoria reserves the right to postpone or cancel any day of this three-day Tournament in the event of extreme weather conditions.

17.2 If on the day prior to an event the weather forecasters predict that temperatures and conditions will be excessively hot, cold, wet and/or windy, Volleyball Victoria may elect to cancel or postpone one or more days of the Tournament. In such circumstances Volleyball Victoria will contact all Schools on the day prior to advice of such a decision. Schools who have paid their fees in advance will receive a full refund in such circumstances.

17.3 If after play commences on any given event day, the weather conditions become extreme, it is at the discretion of the Volleyball Victoria Tournament Director as to whether the tournament will continue. In the event the tournament is then cancelled there will be no refund of fees paid.

The threshold conditions for cancellation include the following:

- Wind more than 30 knots (excluding gusts), as measured on centre court;
- Continuous rain that lasts longer than one hour;
- Temperature more than 38 degrees Celsius (measured in the shade) and where no cool change is forecast.

If the temperature reaches 34 degrees Celsius (measured in the shade), then the tournament play will be modified, for example, extra time-outs/breaks, shortening matches.

18. Comfort and Safety

18.1 Beaches in Victoria are unpredictable places with a wide range of possible weather conditions and for that reason we suggest the following to ensure comfort and safety:

- SPF 30+ sunscreen and zinc
- Up to 4 litres of water per person, preferably in an insulated container (e.g. Esky).
- Warm clothes e.g. tracksuit and windcheater.
- A hat/cap and long-sleeved shirt.
- Balls to warm up with – match balls are only available for matches.
- Lip sunscreen
- Sunglasses – preferably polarized.
- A pair of playing shorts.
- A playing shirt.
- Beach socks to protect your feet
- A towel to sit on/dry yourself/dry the ball off.
- Socks/runners.
- Sandals/thongs, which we suggest that all players wear in between games.
- A Tee-shirt or similar to change into at the end of the day
- Food to eat during the day. Suggestions include fruit, muesli bars, sandwiches etc.

18.2 HYDRATION

18.2.1 Hydration is essential. Even on a mild day, it is not unusual for people to lose up to 4 kg over the course of the day from perspiration. Bring plenty of water, and try to continuously drink throughout the day.

18.2.2 In very hot and humid conditions, you should aim to drink at least 1 litre of water for every hour that you are at the beach.

18.3 SKIN PROTECTION

18.3.1 Volleyball Victoria recommends you follow sensible procedures when you are at the VVBSC.

18.3.2 Avoid sun exposure by seeking shade wherever practicable. **It is recommended that all Schools try to bring their own tent to the VVBSC and set them up as meeting points for all players between games and to store their students' personal belongings.**

18.3.3 Apply sun screen before you arrive at the beach, and reapply in accordance with the manufacturer's directions.

18.3.4 Wear appropriate clothing to block the sun's rays wherever practicable. This includes hats and shirts when playing, and long-sleeved tops and pants when you are doing duty.

19. OTHER VOLLEYBALL COMPETITIONS AND TOURNAMENTS

Volleyball Victoria run several volleyball and beach volleyball competitions and tournaments and can arrange coaching clinics at your school. For more information on where interested players and schools can further participate in volleyball please contact Volleyball Victoria:

www.volleyballvictoria.org.au

Australian Beach Volleyball Junior Championships is a national beach volleyball tournament where states from across the country compete for the National Titles. Information on the Victorian State Beach Volleyball Program, including trials, can be found from the Volleyball Victoria website.

20. WAIVER

It is a condition of entry to the VVBSC that teams acknowledge the possibility of change of format of the tournament should unforeseen or extreme circumstances arise. Such changes to the tournament will be communicated appropriately and will be adhered to. Such decisions will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Volleyball Victoria will determine and/or interpret matters not covered by the Tournament Regulations and all Volleyball Victoria decisions will be final. Volleyball Victoria has the right to amend any tournament rule if required.

21. CONTACT DETAILS

Please do not hesitate to contact administration with any queries relating to the VVBSC:

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