

Preamble

The Premier League will be offered annually with multiple divisions for both Men and Women including **Open** (Premier, Divisions 1 & 2) and **Juniors** (U18 Div1, U/18 Div2 & U/16). These By-Laws address arrangements associated with the eligibility of players, requirements of participant teams, and conduct of the competition. Unless otherwise listed in these by-laws the Premier Volleyball League (PVL) competition are conducted in accordance within the official rules of FIVB as varied by Volleyball Australia. Competition dates, location, divisions offered and entry process will be available through the Volleyball Queensland website: www.vq.org.au.

1. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 1.1. The Premier Volleyball League will consist of one (1) annual season.
- 1.2. There will be up to **6** divisions in each gender offered: Premier, Divisions 1 & 2 and U/18 Div1, U/18 Div2 and U/16's.
- 1.3. **All divisions except Open Division 2 are capped at a maximum of twelve (12) teams.** There is no limit on the number of teams for Division 2. Extra teams will be subject to court availability.
- 1.4. Teams who have not paid their match fees by the scheduled date will not receive competition points until the amount is paid. If fees are not paid within one (1) month of the scheduled date, each team playing for the club/association will lose all competition points in addition to having money deducted from their bond. Teams may also be excluded from the competition due to outstanding debts to VQ. Payment plans may be considered in exceptional circumstance prior to the 1st due date and need to be submitted in writing to Volleyball Queensland's General Manager on gm@vq.org.au.
- 1.5. All **Affiliates** participating in the competition, including officials, Coaches and Team Captains are deemed to have agreed to these By-Laws.

2. TEAMS

- 2.1. **Affiliates are only eligible to enter a single team in Premier, Division 1 and U/18 Div1. A second team is allowed in the lowest open and junior divisions, which in 2019 will be Division 2, U/18 Div2 and U/16's.** Volleyball Queensland reserves the right to vary these conditions in exceptional circumstances.
- 2.2. Entry is restricted to teams from **Affiliates** who have submitted and paid their affiliation to Volleyball Queensland for the year of competition. This year's deadline for affiliation application's submission to VQ is **12 March 2019**.
- 2.3. Each team's grading is determined by results from the previous year. If a team has not entered the competition previously, they can only enter junior divisions or the lowest open division.
- 2.4. A maximum number of teams allowed to enter will be restricted depending on venue and time availability. The basis of priority for teams entering will be as follows:
 - a) First priority will be given to **affiliates** fielding teams in all **twelve (12)** divisions.
 - b) Second priority will be given to **affiliates** fielding teams in **eleven (11)** divisions and so on.
 - c) If **affiliates** enter the same number of teams, priority will be given to the highest placed team from the previous year's results.
- 2.5. Single teams **from affiliates** may be granted entry, subject to the discretion of VQ.
- 2.6. VQ reserves the right to refuse entry to any team.

- 2.7. VQ reserves the right to admit teams or vary entries in divisions to ensure that a division remains viable, optimal and team numbers are even (to avoid scheduled byes).

3. PLAYERS

3.1. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1.1 For players to be eligible, they must be a current **financial** registered member of VQ, and the **affiliate** they represent. There will be “Zero Tolerance” regarding unregistered players at any stage of the season. Registrations must be received by VQ prior to 11.59 pm on the Wednesday before playing.
- 3.1.2 All players must be properly registered prior to playing in the competition. Transfers during the season must be received by VQ prior to 11.59 pm on Wednesday for a player to be eligible to play in the next round.
- 3.1.3 Men/boys are not eligible to play in women’s/girls competition matches and women/girls may not play in men’s/boys matches.
- 3.1.4 All **Affiliates** have a duty of care to ensure that players in the **Open** divisions are of an appropriate skill level for the division they are playing in. The Venue Manager/ Chief Referee may determine if a player is **not of an appropriate skill level and recommend the withdrawal of** that player from the team list. Players in the Junior divisions must be under the stated age for the full calendar year of the competition.
- 3.1.5 Any team fielding an illegal or ineligible player (e.g. unregistered, not properly transferred, under a false name, or not under the correct age for age limited divisions) will forfeit that match.
- 3.1.6 Players may be added to the Team List during the match upon request and with the approval of the Venue Manager. **At re-scheduled or mid-week matches hosted by affiliates**, this will be decided upon by agreement between the captains with the 1st referee having the deciding vote, if required.
- 3.1.7 Only those players named on the score sheet at the end of the match, and having entered the court during the match, will be regarded as having played.
- 3.1.8 In the event of a forfeit due to incomplete team numbers, those listed on the score sheet and present at the scheduled start time, will be recorded as playing.
- 3.1.9 If an **Affiliate** has more than one team in a particular **division**, players may only participate in one team all season.
- 3.1.10 Unless otherwise stated, eligibility by-laws for the preliminary rounds, are also in effect for all finals matches.

3.2. PREMIER DIVISION ELIGIBILITY

- 3.2.1 Premier **Division** teams may use Division 1 or 2 players.
- 3.2.2 The Premier **Division** Libero is ineligible to play as Libero in Division 1 or 2 in the same round but may play in any other position if eligible under (3.3)

3.3. DIVISION 1 or 2 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.3.1 The “Top Eight” (8) players in Premier division for each **affiliate** are determined solely by cumulative court time throughout the PVL season.

- 3.3.2 The Top Eight players list will be established after Round 3 and will then be reviewed and updated weekly. This list will be sent to the **affiliates'** primary contact by 5.00pm on the Wednesday following the completed round of fixtures. Clubs may request that one other contact be added to this mailing list.
- 3.3.3 To determine players on this list that are eligible to play in Division 1, the following conditions apply:
- a) The top five (5) players on the list are ineligible
 - b) Clubs must choose one player from the remaining 3 players to be Premier Division only. The remaining 2 players are eligible to play in Division 1. None of the top 8 players are eligible for Division 2.
- 3.3.4 Division 1 or 2 Liberos are ineligible to play as Libero in Premier Division, but may play in any other position.
- 3.3.5 The Division 1 Libero is ineligible to play as Libero in Division 2 in the same round but may play in any other position if eligible under (3.4).
- 3.3.6 **The Division 2 Libero is ineligible to play as Libero in Division 1 in the same round but may play in any other position if eligible under (3.4).**
- 3.3.7 If an ineligible player is found to be playing in a Division 1 or 2 match by the Competition Management, the Division 1 or 2 team will forfeit the set/s in which the ineligible player takes part. The ineligible player will be excluded from further participation in the match. Where possible, the match should continue from this point.
- 3.3.8 If a Premier Division player is injured, a Club may submit a "PVL Injury Exemption Form" to permit a 'replacement player' to cover this injury period without impacting their Division 1 or 2 status.
- 3.3.9 In the event of an injury, teams may apply by 5pm Wednesday prior to the match for a "one off" exemption from the **PVL Competition Manager**: pvl@vq.org.au.
- 3.3.10 Any players included on the "Elite Player" List are not eligible for Division 1 or 2.
- 3.3.11 Adult players that have represented the Senior National team in the preceding 12 months are not eligible for Division 1 or 2. This does not apply to Junior players (U/19) who are only ineligible for Division 2 or Junior divisions.
- 3.3.12 **Players who are in the "AVL 2018 Queensland Top 10" list for the Queensland Pirates are not eligible for Division 1 or 2. An up-to-date list will be published on the PVL website. These players will automatically be included in their respective club's "Top 8" list.**
- 3.3.13 Adult players that have been full-time members of the VA-COE Indoor and/or Beach Volleyball programs in the preceding 12 months are not eligible for Division 1 or 2.

3.4. DIVISION 2 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.4.1 No player from the "Top 8" in Premier Division is eligible to play in Division 2.
- 3.4.2 The top six players in Division 1 (as based on cumulative court time) will be established after Round 3 and will then be reviewed and updated weekly. This list will be sent to the **affiliates'** primary contact by 5.00pm on the Wednesday following the completed round of fixtures.
- 3.4.3 No player from the "Top 6" in Division 1 is eligible to play in Division 2.

4. FINALS

4.1. FINALS ELIGIBILITY – PREMIER DIVISION

- 4.1.1 To be eligible to participate in the Premier Division finals, players must have been listed as taking the court in five (5) preliminary round matches. These matches may be accrued in any grade.
- 4.1.2 Each **Affiliate may submit a list of Elite players before Round 4** whom they wish to be **considered** eligible for Premier Division finals only (subject to by-law 3.1). These Elite players are considered to be AIS/COE-based or overseas players that are **unable to qualify to play in PVL Finals through the PVL regular season** due to these commitments.
- 4.1.3 In the event that Elite players are added to either the indoor or beach national program after the PVL season has commenced, players may be added to or withdrawn from the Elite player list subject to suitable documentary evidence being presented to the PVL Control Committee. This must be done within four (4) weeks of the players commencing their involvement with the national program. Amendments may only be made **up to the end of Round 6**.
- 4.1.4 Elite players listed for the finals (under by-law 4.1.2) must have gained eligibility for finals with their **listed Affiliate** in the previous season of the Premier Division, to be eligible for the finals. Previous seasons will only be considered if continuity of registration is evident with the **affiliate**, up to the current season (i.e. registered each year, and no transfers intra- or interstate).
- 4.1.5 By-law 4.1.3 does not apply to Elite Junior Players (U/19 National Indoor or Beach players) in their first season of PVL competition; however they must still be registered on the Elite Player List by their club.
- 4.1.6 If an athlete has not competed in 5 matches, a Club may apply for an exemption for the athlete to participate in **PVL Finals** only. Written exemptions will be treated on its merits. Exemptions must be submitted to the **PVL Competition Manager**, pvl@vq.org.au by close of business (5.00pm) on the Monday before the final series begins.

4.2. FINALS ELIGIBILITY – DIVISION 1 or 2

- 4.2.1 To be eligible to play in the finals, a player must have played at least five (5) PVL preliminary **rounds** in Division 1, Division 2 or Junior matches for their **affiliate**.
- 4.2.2 Byes will not be counted towards matches played when determining eligibility for finals.
- 4.2.3 Players in the Premier Division “Top 6” are ineligible for Division 1 and those in the “Top 8” are ineligible for Division 2.
- 4.2.4 Players in the Division 1 “Top 6” are ineligible for Division 2
- 4.2.5 Division 1 or 2 players are allowed to play in their Premier Division team finals series.
- 4.2.6 If an athlete has not competed in 5 matches, a Club may apply for an exemption for the athlete to participate in Division 1 or 2 only. Written exemptions will be treated on its merits. Exemptions must be submitted to the **PVL Competition Manager**: pvl@vq.org.au by close of business (5.00pm) on the Monday before the final series begins.

4.3. FINALS ELIGIBILITY – JUNIOR DIVISION

- 4.3.1 To be eligible to participate in the Junior Division finals, players must have been listed as taking the court in **Four (4)** preliminary round matches in **any open or junior** division **for their listed affiliate**.
- 4.3.2 If an athlete has not competed in **4** matches, a Club may apply for an exemption for the athlete to participate in the Junior Division only. Written exemptions will be treated on its merits. Exemptions must be submitted to the **PVL Competition Manager**: pvl@vq.org.au by close of business (5.00pm) on the Monday before the final series begins.

4.4. FINAL'S FORMAT

- 4.4.1 All Senior division matches will be played as best of five (5) sets, with a rally point scoring system. The first 4 sets will be played to 25 points with a 2 point advantage. The fifth set will be scored to 15 points (with a 2 point advantage). No cap is applied to any set.
- 4.4.2 All Junior Finals matches will be played as best of three (3) sets, with a rally point scoring system to 25 points with a 2 point advantage **for the first 2 sets. The third set will be scored to 15 (with a 2 point advantage)**. No cap is applied to any set.
- 4.4.3 Teams that breach By-Law 3.1.5 in finals matches will automatically forfeit all sets in which that player took the court.
- 4.4.4 In case of a forfeit during the finals, the offending team will be eliminated from the finals series. Only teams that have fulfilled their finals commitments, including duty, will be eligible for any medals or awards.

5. MATCH REGULATIONS

5.1. FORMAT

- 5.1.1 Unless otherwise stated in these By-Laws, all matches will be conducted under the FIVB 2017-2020 International Rules of Volleyball.
- 5.1.2 All **Open** division matches will be played as best of five (5) sets, with a rally point scoring system. The first 4 sets will be played to 25 points with a 2 point advantage. The fifth set will be scored to 15 points (with a 2 point advantage). No cap is applied to any set.
- 5.1.3 All Junior matches will be played as three (3) compulsory sets, with a rally point scoring system to 25 points with a 2 point advantage **in the first 2 sets and to 15 in the third set. No points cap is applied to any set.**
- 5.1.4 The 12 Substitution Rule will be used in all **divisions**.
- 5.1.5 **Junior Liberos may be appointed "by set" however the player must retain the same jersey number.**
- 5.1.6 The games will be played under the GEST (Guaranteed Earliest Starting Time) system. This means that if matches run over the scheduled finishing time, the next match does not start until 15 minutes after the previous match. If the match finishes more than 15 minutes before the next scheduled match, that match will not commence until the scheduled starting time.
- 5.1.7 If a team due to play has performed duty on the previous match, both teams will receive an additional five (5) minutes changeover time, resulting in 20 minutes from "last whistle to first whistle" between games. This time includes the warm-up protocol.

- 5.1.8 Each team is allowed a maximum of three (3) team officials on the bench (e.g. Coach, Assistant Coach & Manager).
- 5.1.9 The 2019 PVL match ball is the Mikasa “MVA 200” 8-panel volleyball.
- 5.1.10 The net heights are as follows:
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| Open Men and U/18 Boys – 2.43m | U/16 Boys – 2.35m |
| Open Women and U/18 Girls – 2.24m | U/16 Girls – 2.15m |

5.2. FORFEITS AND LATE STARTS

- 5.2.1 All matches (first serve whistle) will commence at the time advised in the official draw or fifteen (15) minutes after the completion of the previous match on that court, whichever is the later. This time includes the warm-up protocol.
- 5.2.2 If a team is not ready to start at the advised time, it forfeits the first set. If, after ten (10) minutes, the team is still not ready to commence, it forfeits the second set. Once a further ten (10) minutes has elapsed, ie. 20 minutes after scheduled start time, a match forfeit will be recorded. Teams will incur fines for the sets forfeited.
- 5.2.3 When neither team is ready to commence at the advised starting time, both teams forfeit the first set. If neither team is ready to start after ten (10) minutes, both forfeit the second set and a double match forfeit will be recorded once a further ten (10) minutes has elapsed, i.e. 20 minutes after scheduled start time.
- 5.2.4 Where both teams have forfeited the first set but are then ready to play at the start of the second set, the match shall be played as a best of three (3) sets. In Junior divisions one (1) set to 25 points with a 2 point advantage will be played.
- 5.2.5 Where both teams have forfeited the first and second sets but are then ready to play at the start of the next set, the match will consist of one (1) set to 25 points.
- 5.2.6 The Venue Manager reserves the right to permit matches to commence late without penalty, due to unforeseen problems eg. Notified traffic accidents, major events.
- 5.2.7 The Venue Manager or Chief Referee may give permission for a Libero to be re-designated as a normal court player in order to avoid a forfeit in the case of an injury.

5.3. RESCHEDULED MATCHES

- 5.3.1 All requests for a match to be rescheduled for whatever reason should be emailed to the PVL Competition Manager: pvl@vq.org.au and the opponent at least 2 weeks in advance.
- 5.3.2 A response is required a minimum of 9 days before the scheduled match.
- 5.3.3 These matches will be held no later than 2 weeks after the scheduled match and will be held at a venue approved of by the non-requesting team. The requesting team is responsible for organizing the venue (at their cost) and the officials /duty team(s). Forfeits will apply to teams that do not comply.
- 5.3.4 The requesting team is also responsible to cover any scheduled duty of the non requesting team in the pertinent round.
- 5.3.5 Where a match has been rescheduled at VQ’s request, there will only be 1 option provided after consultation with the teams involved. Failure to comply with this request will result in a forfeit being applied.

5.4. UNIFORMS

5.4.1 All players must wear a uniform, complete in the following details:

- a) The shirt must have – permanently fixed to the front and back – a number between 1 and 99. Numbers on the front right hand side of the shorts are also encouraged.
- b) The colour and design of the shirt must be consistent throughout the team.
- c) Male players must wear shorts consistent in colour, trim and style.
- d) Women’s teams are allowed to wear shorts, sports briefs or bike pants, providing the uniform is consistent throughout the team in terms of colour.
- e) The manufactures brand/logo must not exceed 10 x 10cm unless the marking is consistent across the team, including stripes on shorts.
- f) Sponsors logo must be consistent across the team.

5.5. OFFICIALS

5.5.1 Duty teams must provide a First Referee, a Second Referee, two (2) standing Lines persons and one (1) Scorer.

5.5.1.1 In Premier Division, the First Referee provided by the Affiliate must be a VA-accredited Level 2 Badge referee or higher. If the referee is a current accredited Level 2 referee and is wearing a VA Referee Shirt (sky blue colour) whilst refereeing the match, they will be paid \$35 by VQ per match.

5.5.1.2 In all other divisions, the First Referee provided by the Affiliate must be a VA-accredited Level 1 Badge referee or higher. Payment is not provided by VQ. All qualified referees overseeing PVL matches are encouraged to wear the VA Referee Shirt (sky blue colour).

5.5.2 QVRC will roster a Chief Referee for all venues for all Rounds. The Chief Referee will be available to assess Referee upgrades.

~~5.5.3 Premier Division teams must nominate a Referee (VA Level 2 Badge or higher) on their Senior Team Lists, who will go into the pool of Referees. In the case of VQ unable to secure a First Referee for Premier Division games, the Duty Team is responsible for providing the First Referee. See new By-law 5.5.1.1 above.~~

5.5.4 All teams in the Junior Divisions must ensure that there is a responsible adult available to supervise their Junior Referees during duty.

5.5.5 QVRC will coordinate and VQ will pay a First and a Second Referee for all Open Finals matches and a First Referee only for Junior Finals matches (\$35 per Best of 5-set matches, \$25 per Best of 3-set matches). In the case of QVRC unable to secure a Second Referee, the Duty Team is responsible for providing the Second Referee.

5.5.6 Duty teams without a minimum of 5 players reporting to the Venue Manager or Chief Referee at the Scorer’s bench at the coin toss (7 minutes from the start of the game) will be fined \$20 for each player missing. The First Referee is then responsible for the match starting on time. Once the match commences, any duty team shortfall will see this fine increased to \$50 for each player missing.

5.5.7 Duty teams must ensure that the score sheet is completed in accordance with the ‘checklist’ on the Scorer’s bench. The ‘checklist’ is also available from the Venue Manager.

5.5.8 All Scorers and Lines people are prohibited from using mobile phones and other electronic devices during the match.

5.6. PLAYER / COACH BEHAVIOUR

- 5.6.1 Athletes or coaches may be given a written warning by the Competition Management in regards to their conduct during competition. This will be emailed to the club contact no later than 5.00pm on the Tuesday following the match in question.
- 5.6.2 Any athlete or coach who receives two written warnings within a 5 week period will be;
- suspended immediately at the end of the match in which they incurred their second written warning.
 - suspended from being involved in the same team's next match, which does not include "byes".
 - cannot be involved in any matches or divisions until Part b) above is completed.
- 5.6.3 The **PVL Competition Manager**, Chief Referee and Venue Manager have the power to issue sanctions to Players, Coaches and Spectators as they deem appropriate.
- 5.6.4 Any athlete or coach who receives two **Red Cards** within a 5 week period, **excluding time delay sanctions**, will be:
- suspended immediately after the match in which they incurred the second sanction.
 - suspended from being involved in the same team's next match, not including "byes".
 - cannot** to be involved in any matches or divisions until Part b) above is completed.
- 5.6.5 Any athlete or coach who is sanctioned with expulsion (Red & Yellow together) will be:
- suspended immediately at the end of the match in which they incurred the sanction.
 - suspended from being involved in the same team's next match, not including "byes".
 - cannot** be involved in any matches or divisions until Part b) above is completed.
- 5.6.6 Any athlete or coach who is sanctioned with disqualification or expulsion will be cited to appear within 5 days at a VQ Judiciary Committee hearing at Sports House Milton at the discretion and direction by the VQ General Manager.

6. COMPETITION STANDING AND PENALTIES

6.1. PREMIERSHIP POINTS

- 6.1.1 Premiership points will be awarded in all divisions as follows:
- 3 points for a win
 - 1 point for a loss
 - 1 point for each set won
 - 0 points for a bye
 - 2 points for a forfeit
 - 1 point for an incorrect, **incomplete or substandard** score sheet by the duty team. (by-law 5.5.7)
 - 1 point for "player not listed" and "Libero incorrectly listed" will be applied to the duty team. **The offending team may also be penalised if the fault is due to their error. These penalties will only apply** if discovered after the conclusion of the match. The match result will stand.
- 6.1.2 If for any reason the number of matches played by teams in a division is not equal, then competition standings will be determined by average competition points earned per game.

PENALTY BOND

6.1.3 All **Affiliates participating in PVL** will be required to pay a penalties bond for all teams, which will be refunded at season end, minus any fines accrued (plus any funds received from forfeits). Team bonds are set at the following rates:

- Existing club team \$150 per team inc. GST
- New club in 1st year \$300 per team inc. GST

6.1.4 Clubs/associations will be fined, for open division matches, as follows:

- a) **\$20** for each player not in correct uniform (by-law 5.4.1)
- b) **\$20** for each duty team default (by-law 5.5.6), **increasing as per the by-law.**
- c) **\$100** in the case of a match forfeit (by-law 5.2.2, 5.2.3)
- d) **\$20** for a one (1) set forfeit, **\$50** for a two (2) set forfeit (by-law 5.2.2 and **5.2.3**)
- e) \$50 per day for delayed submission of score sheets from re-scheduled matches.
- ~~f) **\$100** for late electronic lodgement of team lists.~~
- g) \$150 for non-attendance at Pre/Post season meetings.
- h) **50% of entry fee for withdrawal of Senior teams after acceptances.**
- i) **25% of entry fee for withdrawal of Junior teams after acceptances.**
- j) \$100 for late receipt of bond per team.
- k) \$40 penalty for not having an appropriate standard of referee.
- l) \$30 penalty for not leaving the team benches in a clean and tidy manner as judged by the Venue Manager. The sides chosen at the start of the game will designate each team's area of responsibility.
- m) \$40 for a scoresheet penalty during finals matches (6.1.1 f) & (6.1.1 g).
- n) \$100 for non attendance at Pre Season Referees Workshop.

All penalties and fines in the Junior division will be at 50% of the Open divisions.

6.1.5 A fine notification will be sent to the **Affiliate's** primary contact via email. The fine notice will explain the details of the infringement. All fine amounts include GST.

6.1.6 **Match forfeit fee** (\$88) will be credited to the bond of the non-offending team.

6.1.7 Where a game is not played as a result of a forfeit, there will be an escalating penalty.

- a) 1st offence – fine only.
- b) 2nd offence – fine + 50%. Teams will also have to show cause why they should remain eligible for finals.
- c) 3rd offence – 2 x fine. Teams will be ruled out of finals and will be suspended from the competition for the following year.

6.1.8 A fine only will apply to matches that are played and then deemed a forfeit due to illegal players, etc. Forfeits of this type will not attract the escalating penalty.

6.2. PREMIERSHIP TABLE

6.2.1 The **ranking** of teams on the premiership points table is determined in **this order**:

- a) The most premiership points.
- b) The highest ratio of points won to points played (*five decimal places*)
- c) The highest ratio of sets won to sets played (*five decimal places*)
- d) Result of the last match between the two (2) teams.

The set/point quotient equation is as follows:
$$\frac{\text{Points Won}}{\text{Points Played}} \times 100$$

7. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

7.1. The PVL Club Championship will be awarded to the club with the most Club Championship points at the end of the season. Club Championship points will be allocated in two parts:

7.1.1 Participation Points - a base level of points awarded for entering a club's first team in that division; and

7.1.2 Placing Points - determined by the team's finishing position in that division.

7.2. Clubs with more than one team entered in a division will only receive "Placing Points" for their highest finishing club team in that division. The points corresponding with the second club team's position are "sterilised" and lower-placed teams do not move up the "Placing Points" table.

7.3. Club Championship points table

7.3.1 Participation Points

Division	Premier	Division 1	Division 2	Under 18 Div1	Under 18 Div2	Under 16
Points	100	80	60	40	20	20

7.3.2 Placing Points

Place	Points
1 st	20
2 nd	15
3 rd	12
4 th	10
5 th	9
6 th	8
7 th	7
8 th	6
9 th	5
10 th	4
11 th	3
12 th	2

7.4. Totals are calculated at the end of all finals matches.

7.5. If Associations are tied on Club Championship points, then they will be determined by the following sequential criteria:

- a) Premier Division premiership points
- b) Premier Division points ratio (*five decimal places*)
- c) Premier Division set ratio (*five decimal places*)

8. AWARDS

- 8.1. Each division will receive medals/trophies for finishing first, second or third. An annual trophy for each division's champion team will also be presented to the winners of each division. A perpetual trophy is presented and is given back to VQ prior to the start of the season.
- 8.2. A "Most Valuable Player" award will be distributed to a player in each division who has accumulated the most points during the regular season. The 1st referee will award points on a 3 points and 1 point basis, with the 3 points going to a player on the winning team.
- 8.3. Players listed in the "Top 6/8" are ineligible to win the MVP in the respective lower divisions.
- 8.4. There will be a MVP awarded to the player of the match in all Grand Finals. This will be voted on by the **two match** referees.

9. MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

- 9.1. The Venue Manager is responsible for the efficient running of the PVL on a week to week basis. They will coordinate with the Chief Referee in implementing the "on the spot Protest Resolution" procedure and provide a weekly incident report to the **PVL Competition Manager**.
- 9.2. The **PVL Competition Manager** is responsible for the issuing of fines and penalties for any infringements as per by-law 6.1.4, the recording and regularly updating of the draw, premiership points table, fines and penalties register and details of matches played by players to determine eligibility for finals, or ineligibility to play in another team/grade.
- 9.3. The Chief Referee is responsible for appointment of referees **if one is not provided by the duty team** and implementing the "on-the-spot Protest Resolution" procedure.
- 9.4. The Premier Volleyball League Control Committee comprises of the **PVL Competition Manager**, Chief Referee and VQ Events **Manager**. The Control Committee's role is to operate the Premier Volleyball League within the terms of these By-Laws, the VQ Constitution and the rules of the game. The Control Committee reports to the VQ General Manager.
- 9.5. All formal written complaints concerning management of the competition should be marked to the attention of the VQ General Manager and will be dealt with as quickly as possible.

10. PROTESTS, APPEALS & REFERRALS

- 10.1. All match protests will be resolved using the "on the spot protest resolution" guidelines.
- 10.2. All appeals regarding score sheet penalties and ineligible players must be received by the **PVL Competition Manager, pvl@vq.org.au within 3 business days of receipt of the breach notice.**
- 10.3. Matters concerning discipline (Section 5.6) will be referred to the VQ Judiciary Committee for action as outlined in VQ's "Complaints Handling Procedure".
- 10.4. Appeals against a decision of the PVL Control Committee must be lodged to VQ's General Manager **within 5 days of receiving a decision** in accordance with VQ's "Complaints Handling Procedure".