

QLD Masters

Competition By-Laws (v2)



1. Team Eligibility

- 1.1. Men, Women and Mixed Divisions will be offered for Beach Volleyball. Men and Women Divisions will be offered for Indoor Volleyball.
- 1.2. No qualification standards are required for QLD Masters.
- 1.3. International Teams will be allowed to participate in all Divisions at QLD Masters, with approval of the VQ Board and shall compete on an equal basis with all other teams in the competition.

2. Team Nominations and payments

- 2.1. Team nominations must be entered online through the entry portal provided on the tournament website: <https://www.vq.org.au/competitions/qld-masters/>
- 2.2. Teams will be sent an invoice with all the associated payment details and due dates.
- 2.3. Team withdrawals after invoices are sent will incur the following financial penalties:
 - 2.3.1 Withdrawal up to invoice payment date – full refund/cancellation of invoice.
 - 2.3.2 Withdrawal after invoice payment date but before draw publishing date – 50% refund.
 - 2.3.3 Withdrawal after the draw publishing date – full entry fee payable.

3. Player Eligibility

- 3.1. The minimum age requirement to participate in QLD Masters is 30 years. Age determined for 30+, 40+ and 50+ Men and Women at the end of the calendar year of the tournament.
- 3.2. For players to be eligible, they must be a current recreational member (minimum) of VQ (by 11.59pm Wednesday prior to the tournament).
- 3.3. All players must be VQ registered correctly prior to playing in the competition.
- 3.4. Male registered players cannot play in the women's competition matches. Female registered players cannot play in the men's competition matches.
- 3.5. 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.
- 3.6. Players may be added to the team list during the tournament upon request and with the approval of the Competition Manager.
- 3.7. In the event of a forfeit due to incomplete team numbers, those present at the scheduled start time will be recorded as playing.

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4. Finals Format and Eligibility

- 4.1. To be eligible to play in Gold & Bronze medal matches (Beach and Indoor), a player must have entered the court in at least two (2) prior matches for that Team during the tournament.
- 4.2. A player can play in only one (1) Division for Indoor. A player can play in more than one Division for Beach.
- 4.3. Teams fielding 'ineligible players' in the finals series will automatically forfeit all sets in which that player took the court.
- 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 final commitments, including duty, will be eligible for any medals or awards.

5. Match Regulations

5.1. Format

- 5.1.1 Unless otherwise stated, all matches will be conducted under the current FIVB International Rules of Volleyball/Beach Volleyball.
- 5.1.2 All Beach matches will be played using the "Best of Three (3) Sets Untimed" format, with rally point scoring system.
- 5.1.3 All Indoor matches will be 60-minute matches, including a 5-minute warm up, using the "Best of Three (3) Sets Timed" format, with rally point scoring system.
- 5.1.4 Indoor Volleyball (6-a-side, up to 6 reserves) – Set 1 and 2 to 25 points with a two-point advantage. Set 3 to 15 points with a two-point advantage.
- 5.1.5 Incomplete sets (Indoor) will count as a set won if a team has 13 or more points (8 in the deciding set) and leads by two (2) or more points.
- 5.1.6 Any Indoor match (including all playoffs and medal matches) that is tied on sets will be awarded to the team that scored the most points in the match, if still drawn the winner will be the team that won the last point played.
- 5.1.7 Teams may use a Libero as well during an Indoor Volleyball match, but only one (1) player designated per set is allowed.
- 5.1.8 The games will be played under the GEST (Guaranteed Earliest Starting Time) system. This means that:
 - 5.1.8.1 All matches (first serve whistle) will commence at the time advised in the official draw or ten (10) minutes after the completion of the previous match on that court, whichever is the later. This time includes the warm-up protocol.
 - 5.1.8.2 Duty Teams will not be required for Indoor Volleyball. x2 Duty Members will be required for Beach Volleyball, except medal matches.
- 5.1.9 Each team is allowed a maximum of three (3) Team officials on the bench (e.g. Coach, Assistant Coach & Manager).
- 5.1.10 The QLD Masters Indoor match ball is the Mikasa "MVA 200" 8-panel volleyball.
- 5.1.11 The QLD Masters Beach match ball is the Mikasa "VLS 300" 8-panel volleyball.

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5.1.12 The net heights are as follows:

- Beach Volleyball:** Men – 2.43m.
Women – 2.24m.
Mixed – 2.35m.
- Indoor Volleyball:** Men – 2.43m.
Women – 2.24m.

5.2. Forfeits and Late Starts

- 5.2.1 All matches will commence at the time advised in the official draw or as required through clause 5.1.6. This time includes the warm-up protocol.
- 5.2.2 If a Team is not ready to start at the advised time, that team forfeits the first set. If, after another ten (10) minutes, either Team is still not ready to commence, that Team forfeits the second set. Once a further ten (10) minutes has elapsed, a match forfeit will be recorded.
- 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.
- 5.2.4 The Competition Manager reserves the right to permit matches to commence late without penalty, only in extenuating circumstances.

5.3. Uniforms

- 5.3.1 It is optional for all Teams to wear a uniform.

6. Officials

- 6.1. VQ will attempt to provide a suitably experienced and currently accredited first referee for all QLD Masters matches (Beach and Indoor).

7. Player/Coach Behaviour

- 7.1. Any athlete or coach, who is sanctioned with disqualification in a match, will be cited to appear before the VQ Judiciary.
- 7.2. Any athlete or coach who receives two (2) red cards during the tournament will be suspended from being involved in the same team's next match.
- 7.3. Players or Coaches, who receive red card offences, may be cited to appear before the VQ Judiciary Committee at the discretion of the Competition Manager and Chief Referee.

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8. Competition Standings and Penalties

- 8.1. Competition points will be awarded as follows:
 - a) 3 points for a win.
 - b) 1 point for a loss.
 - c) 0 points for a forfeit.
- 8.2. Competition Table. The position of Teams on the competition points table is determined by the following order:
 - a) The most competition points.
 - b) The highest percentage of sets won to sets played (five decimal places).
 - c) The highest percentage of points won to points played (five decimal places).
 - d) Result of the pool match between the two (2) teams.

9. Awards

- 9.1. Each division will receive medals for finishing 1st, 2nd or 3rd.
- 9.2. Winners in all divisions will be published on VQ's website and in our Annual Report.

10. Management of the Competition

- 10.1. The Competition Manager(s) is responsible for the efficient running of the tournament.
- 10.2. The Chief Referee is responsible for appointment of referees, and implementing the "on-the-spot Protest Resolution" procedure.
- 10.3. 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.

11. Protests, Appeals & Referrals

- 11.1. All match protests will be resolved using the "on-the-spot protest resolution" guidelines.
- 11.2. Matters concerning discipline will be referred to the VQ Judiciary Committee for action as outlined in VQ's "Complaints Handling Procedure".
- 11.3. Appeals against a decision of the Competition Manager must be lodged to VQ's General Manager in accordance with VQ's "Complaints Handling Procedure".