



# Spiker Sports Competition By-Laws



1. For players to be eligible, they must be a current financial member of VQ (Recreational Level). There will be "Zero Tolerance" regarding unregistered players at any stage of the season. Any unregistered players taking the court will result in a forfeit being applied to their team. Registration is available online on the VQ website.
2. Full match fees must be paid for each game regardless of how many players play in the team each week.
3. Match fees must be paid prior to taking the court.
4. If any Team forfeits their match and fails to notify VQ 48 hours prior, they will be required to pay the full weekly fee for the Team that has been impacted by the forfeiture for that round, in addition to their own (i.e. \$66.00).
5. Team captains must provide all requested player details on the nomination form. Player names must be provided on the nomination form before the start of the season, in order to be eligible to play Finals.
6. Games run as a 5 min warm up, followed by a 45 min timeslot per match (published game time reflects the start of the warm up). All matches are best of 5 sets (Set 1-4 to 25 points/2 point advantage. Set 5 to 15 points/2 point advantage).
7. Games will finish on time. Any delays in starting each set will not be added onto the game time.
8. Each team should have a minimum of two (2) females on court at all times. If a full team has only one (1) female they will be penalised 5 points per set, if they have no female players they will be penalised 10 points per set. If a team has less than six (6) players then at least one (1) must be female, otherwise the loss of 5 points per set will apply.
9. There is no jump serving in Mixed Divisions.
10. In Mixed Divisions, if a server scores 5 points in a row, the serving team will automatically rotate so there is a new server.
11. Players must play a minimum of three (3) games to be eligible to play Finals.
12. There are unlimited substitutions allowed. Additional participants can rotate on the court through positions one (1) or four (4).
13. 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 first Referee will solely determine whether the whistle preceded the siren.
14. This is a social competition. Please show respect to your fellow competitors and Referees.
15. Premiership points will be awarded in all divisions as follows:
  - a) 3 points for a win
  - b) 1 point for a loss
  - c) 1 point for each set won
  - d) 0 points for a bye
  - e) -2 points for a forfeit