

Preamble

The Premier Volleyball League (PVL) is a volleyball competition which is offered annually to Affiliate and Associate Affiliates of Volleyball Queensland (Affiliates). The PVL comprises multiple graded Divisions for both Men and Women including open age and junior competitions. These By-Laws address arrangements associated with Volleyball Queensland (VQ) Affiliates entering the PVL, the eligibility of players, requirements of participant teams, and conduct of the competition. Unless otherwise listed in these By-Laws the PVL competition is 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 VQ website: <https://www.vq.org.au/competitions/premier-volleyball-league/>

1. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 1.1. The PVL will consist of one (1) season played annually.
- 1.2. Entry is restricted to teams from Affiliates who have submitted and paid their affiliation to VQ for the year of competition. The deadline for affiliation application submission to VQ is 28 February.
- 1.3. There will be up to 5 Divisions in each gender available: Premier, Divisions 1, 2 & 3 and U19A.
- 1.4. All Divisions are capped at a maximum of twelve (12) teams. Extra teams will be subject to court availability.
- 1.5. Teams who have not paid their match fees by the due 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 VQ's General Manager on gm@vq.org.au.
- 1.6. All Affiliates participating in the PVL, including officials, Coaches and Team Captains are deemed to have agreed to these By-Laws.

2. TEAMS

- 2.1. Affiliates can only enter a single team in Premier, Division 1 and U19A. An Affiliate may enter a second team in Division 2 however a Division 3 may be formed subject to the number of team nominations received in Division 2. Affiliates are to plan for this occurrence when selecting their rosters. VQ reserves the right to vary these conditions in exceptional circumstances.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. 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 fourteen (14) PVL and Junior PVL (JPVL) Divisions.
 - b) Second priority will be given to Affiliates fielding teams in thirteen (13) 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.
- 2.4. Single teams from Affiliates may be granted entry, subject to the discretion of VQ.
- 2.5. VQ reserves the right to refuse entry to any team.
- 2.6. 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 Full 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 11:59pm on the Wednesday before playing. Players deemed to be "under registered i.e. Recreational instead

of Full will have 1 week's grace to update their registration correctly before penalties apply. (3.1.5 & 6.1.1).

- 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 11:59pm 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 are of an appropriate skill level for the Division in which they compete. 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 (1) team in a particular Division, players may only participate in one (1) 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 lower Division players.
- 3.2.2 The Premier Division Libero is ineligible to play as Libero in Division 1 or lower Divisions in the same round but may play in any other position if eligible under (3.3)

3.3. DIVISION 1, 2 or 3 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 (1) 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 (1) 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 Liberos
 - a) Division 1, 2 or 3 Liberos are ineligible to play as Libero in Premier Division, but may play in any other position.
 - b) The Division 1 Libero is ineligible to play as Libero in Division 2 or 3 in the same round but may play in any other position if eligible under (3.4).

- c) The Division 2 Libero is ineligible to play as Libero in Division 1 or 3 in the same round but may play in any other position if eligible under (3.4).
- d) The Division 3 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 (3.4).
- 3.3.5 If an ineligible player is found to be playing in a Division 1, 2 or 3 match by the Competition Management, the Division 1, 2 or 3 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.
- 3.3.6 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, 2 or 3 status.
- 3.3.7 In the event of an injury, teams may apply by 5:00pm Wednesday prior to the match for a "one off" exemption from the PVL Competition Manager: leagues@vq.org.au.
- 3.3.8 Any players included on the "Elite Player" List are not eligible for Division 1, 2 or 3.
- 3.3.9 Adult players that have represented the Senior National team in the preceding 12 months are not eligible for Division 1, 2 or 3. This does not apply to Junior players (U19) who are only ineligible for Division 2 or 3 or Junior Divisions.
- 3.3.10 Prior to the PVL Season commencing, VQ will publish a list of the "Top 10" female and male Queensland Pirates based on the previous year's AVL or like competition. Those players who are in the 'Top 10' and are NOT already excluded by the "Top 8/6" system are not eligible for Division 1, 2 or 3. Exemptions will be dealt with on a case by case basis.
- 3.3.11 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, 2 or 3.

3.4. DIVISION 2 & 3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.4.1 No player from the "Top 8" in Premier Division is eligible to play in Division 2 or 3.
- 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 or 3.
- 3.4.4 No player from the "Top 6" in Division 2 is eligible to play in Division 3.

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 33% of preliminary round matches (rounded up to the nearest whole number). These matches may be accrued in any PVL Division.
- 4.1.2 Byes will not be counted towards matches played when determining eligibility for finals.
- 4.1.3 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.
- 4.1.4 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.
- 4.1.5 Elite players listed for the finals (under By-Law 4.1.1) 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).

4.1.6 By-law 4.1.4 does not apply to Elite Junior Players (U19 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.

4.1.7 If a player has not competed in the appropriate number of matches, a Club may apply for an exemption for the player to participate in PVL Finals only. Written exemptions will be treated on its merits. Exemptions must be submitted to the PVL Competition Manager, leagues@vq.org.au by close of business (5:00pm) on the Monday before the final series begins.

4.2. FINALS ELIGIBILITY – DIVISION 1, 2 or 3

4.2.1 To be eligible to play in the finals, a player must have played at least 33% of preliminary round matches (rounded up to the nearest whole number). These matches may be accrued in the Division the player seeks to play or any 'lower' Division.

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 or 3.

4.2.4 Players in the Division 1 "Top 6" are ineligible for Division 2 or 3.

4.2.5 Players in the Division 2 "Top 6" are ineligible for Division 3.

4.2.6 Division 1, 2 or 3 players are allowed to play in their Premier Division team finals series.

4.2.7 If a player has not competed in the appropriate number of matches, a Club may apply for an exemption for the player to participate in Division 1, 2 or 3 only. Written exemptions will be treated on its merits. Exemptions must be submitted to the PVL Competition Manager: leagues@vq.org.au by close of business (5:00pm) on the Monday before the final series begins.

4.3. FINALS ELIGIBILITY – U19A

4.3.1 To be eligible to participate in the U19A finals, players must have played at least 33% of preliminary round matches (rounded up to the nearest whole number).

4.3.2 Byes will not be counted towards matches played when determining eligibility for finals.

4.3.3 If a player has not competed in appropriate number of matches, a Club may apply for an exemption for the player to participate in the Junior Division only. Written exemptions will be treated on its merits. Exemptions must be submitted to the PVL Competition Manager: leagues@vq.org.au by close of business (5:00pm) on the Monday before the final series begins.

4.4. FINALS FORMAT

4.4.1 All finals 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 Teams that breach By-Law 3.1.5 in finals matches will automatically forfeit all sets in which the illegal or ineligible player took the court.

4.4.3 In case of a forfeit during the finals, the offending team may 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 Premier, Division 1, 2 & 3 matches will be played as best of five (5) sets, with a rally point scoring system. The first four (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 Under 19A
- All round matches are best of five (5) sets within the time frame 80 minutes. No set will start if the match is in the last five (5) minutes of time-limited matches.
 - Warmup (10 minutes) and access to the court will start at scheduled match times.
 - No time outs or substitutions can be called in the last five (5) minutes.
 - Incomplete sets 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.
 - Any match (including semi-finals 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.
 - If the Referee has whistled for service prior to the siren for end of match, then that rally must be played, and shall count toward the scores. The 1st Referee alone shall determine whether the whistle preceded the siren.
- 5.1.4 The 12 Substitution Rule will be used in all Divisions.
- 5.1.5 Matches 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. For junior matches this is 10 minutes.
- 5.1.6 If a team due to play was involved in the match immediately prior, both teams will receive an additional five (5) minutes changeover time, resulting in 20 minutes from “last whistle to first whistle” between matches. This time includes the warm-up protocol. For junior matches this is 10 minutes.
- 5.1.7 Each team is allowed a maximum of three (3) team officials on the bench (e.g. Coach, Assistant Coach & Manager).
- 5.1.8 The 2020 PVL match ball is the Mikasa “MVA 200” & “V200W” 8-panel volleyball.
- 5.1.9 The net heights are as follows:
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| Open Men and U19 boys | 2.43m |
| Open Women and U19 girls | 2.24m |

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. For junior matches this is 10 minutes.
- 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, i.e. 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.
- 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 e.g. 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: leagues@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 10cm 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 1st Referee, a 2nd Referee, two (2) standing Lines persons and one (1) Scorer.
 - a) In Premier Division & Division 1, the 1st 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.
 - b) In all other Divisions, the 1st 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 QVRC may, from time to time, nominate/roster a development Referee to officiate Premier Division matches. This nomination will be made in writing to advise the Affiliate designated to the duty, no later than the Friday preceding the round.
- 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 1st and a 2nd Referee for all Open Finals matches and a 1st 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 2nd Referee, the Duty Team is responsible for providing the 2nd Referee.
- 5.5.6 Duty teams without a minimum of five (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 match) will be fined \$20 for each player missing. The 1st 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 / SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR**

- 5.6.1 Players, coaches or spectators 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 player, coach or spectator who receives two (2) written warnings within a 5 week period will be;
 - a) suspended immediately at the end of the match in which they incurred their second written warning.
 - b) suspended from being involved in the same team's next match, which does not include "byes".
 - c) 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 player, coach or spectator who receives two (2) Red Cards within a 5 week period, excluding time delay sanctions, will be:
 - a) suspended immediately after the match in which they incurred the second sanction.
 - b) suspended from being involved in the same team's next match, not including "byes".
 - c) cannot to be involved in any matches or Divisions until Part b) above is completed.
- 5.6.5 Any player, coach or spectator who is sanctioned with expulsion (Red & Yellow together) will be:
 - a) suspended immediately from the match in which they incurred the sanction.
 - b) suspended from being involved in the same team's next match, not including "byes".
 - c) cannot be involved in any matches or Divisions until Part b) above is completed.
- 5.6.6 Any player, coach or spectator 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:
 - 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
 - f) -1 point for an incorrect, incomplete or substandard score sheet by the duty team. (By-Law 5.5.7)
 - g) -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 match.

6.2. PENALTY BOND

6.2.1 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

6.2.2 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) \$150 for non-attendance at Pre/Post season meetings.
- g) 50% of entry fee for withdrawal of Senior teams after acceptances.
- h) 25% of entry fee for withdrawal of Junior teams after acceptances.
- i) \$100 for late receipt of bond per team.
- j) \$40 penalty for not having an appropriate standard of Referee.
- k) \$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 match will designate each team's area of responsibility.
- l) \$40 for a scoresheet penalty during finals matches (6.1.1 f) & (6.1.1 g).
- m) \$100 for non-attendance at Pre Season Referees Workshop.

6.2.3 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.

6.2.4 Match forfeit fee (\$100) will be credited to the bond of the non-offending team where applicable.

6.2.5 Where a match 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.

6.2.6 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.

6.3. PREMIERSHIP TABLE

6.3.1 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 (5 decimal places)
- c) The highest ratio of sets won to sets played (5 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 (2) 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 (1) 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	Division 3	Under 19	Under 17	Under 15
Points	100	80	60	40	50	20	10

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 (*5 decimal places*)
- c) Premier Division set ratio (*5 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 next 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 (2) 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 6.2.2, 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 (1) is not provided by the duty team and implementing the “on-the-spot Protest Resolution” procedure.
- 9.4. The PVL Control Committee comprises of the PVL Competition Manager, Chief Referee and the Sport Operations Manager (or delegate). The Control Committee’s role is to operate the PVL within the terms of these By-Laws, the VQ Constitution and the rules of the match. 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, leagues@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”.