

Preamble

The Junior Premier Volleyball League (JPVL) is a volleyball competition which is offered annually to Affiliate and Associate Affiliates of Volleyball Queensland (Affiliates). The JPVL comprises girls and boys junior competitions and is offered in the following Divisions:

- U15
- U17 and
- U19B - *note that U19A will be offered as part of PVL and operate under those By-Laws.*

These JPVL By-Laws address arrangements associated with Volleyball Queensland (VQ) Affiliates entering the JPVL, the eligibility of players, requirements of participant teams and conduct of the competition. Unless otherwise listed in these By-Laws, the JPVL competition is conducted in accordance within the official rules of FIVB as varied by Volleyball Australia. Further specific competition details will be available through the VQ website: <https://www.vq.org.au/competitions/premier-volleyball-league/>

1. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 1.1. The JPVL 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.
- 1.3. There will be three (3) age based Divisions in each gender available.
- 1.4. All Affiliates participating in the JPVL, including officials, Coaches and Team Captains are deemed to have agreed to these By-Laws.

2. TEAMS

- 2.1. Affiliates can enter multiple teams in each Division.
- 2.2. VQ reserves the right to refuse entry to any team.
- 2.3. Each Division will be capped at twelve (12) teams. If this cap is reached the Division will be delivered with graded competitions i.e. A & B grades. Affiliates are to plan for this occurrence when selecting their rosters.
- 2.4. VQ reserves the right to admit teams or vary entries in Divisions/Grades to ensure that a Division/Grade remains viable, the competition optimal and team numbers are even to avoid scheduled byes while working within venue and court time availability.
- 2.5. As a guide the basis of priority for team's entry being accepted will be as follows:
 - 2.5.1. First priority will be given to Affiliates fielding teams in all three (3) Divisions.
 - 2.5.2. Second priority will be given to Affiliates fielding teams in two (2) Divisions.
 - 2.5.3. If Affiliates enter the same number of teams, priority will be given to the highest placed team from the previous year's results.

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.
- 3.1.2. All players must be properly registered prior to playing in the competition. Players considered to be "under registered" i.e. Recreational instead of Full, will have one (1) week's grace to upgrade their registration level before penalties apply. (3.1.7 & 6.1.1.).

- 3.1.3. Transfers during the season must be sought using the VQ Transfer Form and received completed by VQ prior to 11:59pm on Wednesday for a player to be eligible to play in the next round.
- 3.1.4. Boys are not eligible to play in girls competition matches and girls may not play in boys matches.
- 3.1.5. All Affiliates have a duty of care to ensure that players are of an appropriate skill level for the Division in which they are competing. 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.
- 3.1.6. Players must be under the stated age for the full calendar year of the competition. E.g. to be eligible for the U17 Division a player cannot turn 17 in the year of the competition.
- 3.1.7. 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.
- 3.1.8. Players may be added to the Team List on the score sheet during the match upon request and with the approval of the Venue Manager
- 3.1.9. 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.
- 3.1.10 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 having played.
- 3.1.11 If an Affiliate has more than one (1) team in a Division, players may only participate in one (1) team all season.
- 3.1.12 Unless otherwise stated, eligibility By-Laws for the preliminary rounds are also in effect for all finals matches. Should these JPVL By-Laws be deficient in resolving a matter, the PVL By-Laws can be referred to by Competition management to assist in interpretation of matters as they arise.

4. FINALS

4.1. FINALS ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1.1. To be eligible to play in the finals, a player must have played at least 33% of JPVL preliminary round matches for their Affiliate.
- 4.1.2. Byes will not be counted towards matches played when determining eligibility for finals.
- 4.1.3. If a player has not competed in an appropriate number of matches to compete in finals, an Affiliate may apply for an exemption for the player to participate. E.g. a player was injured for part of the season. Written exemptions will be treated on their 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 FORMAT

- 4.2.1 All 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.
- 4.2.2 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. Matches that start late for any reason will still finish at the scheduled finish time.
- 5.1.2. Warmup (10 minutes) and access to the court will start at scheduled times (6:30pm, 7:40pm and 8:50pm). The 'match commencement whistle' for the match will occur ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start time.
- 5.1.3. All round matches are three (3) compulsory sets, with a rally point scoring system to 25 points with a 2 point advantage in the first two (2) sets and to 15 in the third set with a 2 point advantage, within the 60 minute time frame.
- 5.1.4. No time outs or substitutions can be called in the last five (5) minutes.
- 5.1.5. Incomplete sets will count as a set won if a team has 13 or more points in the first two (2) sets or 8 in the deciding set and leads by 2 or more points.
- 5.1.6. Any match 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. If the Referee has whistled for service prior to the siren for end of match, the rally must be played, and shall count toward the scores. The 1st Referee alone shall determine whether the whistle preceded the siren.
- 5.1.8. The 12 Substitution Rule will be used in all Divisions and Liberos can be changed per set.
- 5.1.9. 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.
- 5.1.10. Each team is allowed a maximum of three (3) team officials on the bench (e.g. Coach, Assistant Coach & Manager).
- 5.1.11. The 2020 JPVL match ball is the Mikasa "MVA 200" & "MVA 200W" 8-panel volleyball.
- 5.1.12. The net heights are as follows:

Boys	U19 2.43m	U17 2.43m	U15 2.35m
Girls	U19 2.24m	U17 2.24m	U15 2.15m

5.2. FORFEITS AND LATE STARTS

- 5.2.1. Any team(s) not ready at the match commencement whistle, will forfeit the first set with a 25-0 score. After a further 10 minutes increments if a team is still not ready, they will forfeit the second set and third sets, with a 25-0 & 15-0 score respectively and the non-forfeiting team will be declared the winner three (3) sets to nil (0).
- 5.2.2. 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 for the remainder of the 60 minutes as a best of three (3) sets.
- 5.2.3. 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 be played for the remainder of the 60 minutes and consist of one (1) set to 25 points.
- 5.2.4. 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, subject to 5.1.2.

5.3. UNIFORMS

- 5.3.1. All players must wear a uniform, complete in the following details:
- 5.3.2. The shirt must have – permanently fixed to the front and back – a number between 1 and 99.
- 5.3.3. The colour and design of the shirt must be consistent throughout the team.
- 5.3.4. Male players shorts should be generally consistent in colour.
- 5.3.5. Female players can wear shorts, sports briefs or bike pants, provided the uniform is generally consistent throughout the team in terms of colour.
- 5.3.6. Sponsors logo must be consistent across the team.

5.4. OFFICIALS

- 5.4.1. Duty teams must provide a 1st Referee, a 2nd Referee, two (2) standing Lines persons and one (1) Scorer.
- 5.4.2. Affiliates must ensure that each duty team has a responsible adult available to supervise their Junior Referees during duty.
- 5.4.3. All Scorers and Lines people are prohibited from using mobile phones and other electronic devices during the match.

5.5. PLAYER / COACH / SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

- 5.5.1. Players, coaches or spectators may be given a written warning by the Competition Management regarding their conduct during competition. This will be emailed to the Affiliate contact no later than 5:00pm on the Tuesday following the match in question.
- 5.5.2. Any player, coach or spectator who receives 2 written warnings or 2 Red Cards (excluding time delay sanctions) within a five (5) week period will be:
 - a) suspended from being involved in the same team's next match, which does not include a bye.
 - b) cannot be involved in any other matches or Divisions until the suspension imposed at 5.5.2. a) is completed.
- 5.5.3. 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 two (2) matches, which does not include byes.
 - c) cannot be involved in any other matches or Divisions until the suspension imposed at 5.5.3. a) is completed.
- 5.5.4. Any player or coach who is sanctioned with disqualification or expulsion will be cited to appear within 5 days at a VQ Judiciary Committee hearing 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.

- 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. Teams who have not paid their match fees by the due date will not receive competition points until the amount is paid.
- 6.1.3. If fees are not paid within one (1) month of the due payment date, each team playing for the Affiliate will lose all competition points in addition to having money deducted from their bond.
- 6.1.4. Teams may also be excluded from the competition due to outstanding debts to VQ.
- 6.1.5. Payment plans may be considered in exceptional circumstance prior to the 1st due date and need to be submitted in writing to VQs General Manager on gm@vq.org.au.

7. PENALTY BOND

- 7.1. All Affiliates participating in JPVL will be required to pay a penalties bond for all teams, which will be refunded at season end, minus any fines accrued.
- 7.2. 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
- 7.3. Affiliates will be fined, as follows:
- a) \$10 for each player not in correct uniform.
 - b) \$10 for each duty team default.
 - c) \$50 in the case of a match forfeit (except in the case of a double forfeit).
 - d) \$10 for a one (1) set forfeit (except in the case that both teams forfeit).
 - e) \$50 for non-attendance at Pre/Post season meetings.
 - f) 25% of entry fee for withdrawal after acceptances.
 - g) \$50 for late receipt of bond per team.
 - h) 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.
 - i) Match forfeit fee (\$50) will be credited to the bond of the non-offending team.
 - j) Teams with multiple forfeits may need to show cause to maintain eligibility for finals.

8. PREMIERSHIP TABLE

- 8.1.1. 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: $\frac{\text{Points Won}}{\text{Points Played}} \times 100$

9. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

- 9.1. 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 will be allocated in two (2) parts:

- 9.1.1. Participation Points - a base level of points awarded for entering a club's first team in a Division; and
- 9.1.2. Placing Points - determined by the team's finishing position in that Division.
- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. Club Championship points table
 - 9.3.1. Participation Points

Division	U17	U15
Points	40	20

9.3.2. Placing Points

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

10. AWARDS

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. 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 point and 1 point basis, with the 3 points going to a player on the winning team.
- 10.3. 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.

11. MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

- 11.1. The Venue Manager is responsible for the efficient running of the JPVL on a week to week basis. They will provide a weekly incident report to the PVL Competition Manager.
- 11.2. The PVL Competition Manager is responsible for the issuing of fines and penalties for any infringements as per By-Law 7.3, 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.
- 11.3. The PVL Control Committee comprises of the PVL Competition Manager, Chief Referee and Sport Operations Manager (or delegate). The Control Committee's role is to operate the JPVL within these By-Laws, the VQ Constitution and the rules of the match. The Control Committee reports to the VQ General Manager.
- 11.4. 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.