



Spiker Sports Competition By-Laws



Preamble

Spiker Sports is a weekly volleyball competition designed for male and female social players. Spiker Sports comprises two (2) multiple graded Divisions including Division 1 & 2 'Mixed'. These By-Laws address arrangements associated with entering Spiker Sports, the eligibility of players, requirements of participant teams and conduct of the competition. Competition dates, location, Divisions offered and entry process will be available through the Volleyball Queensland (VQ) website: <https://www.vq.org.au/competitions/spiker-sports/>
This is a social competition. Please show respect to your fellow competitors and Referees.

1. COMPETITION FORMAT

1.1 OVERVIEW

- 1.1.1 Spiker Sports will take place on Monday and Wednesday evenings.
- 1.1.2 Weekly timeslots are as published through the VQ website – the time reflects the start of warm up: <https://www.vq.org.au/competitions/spiker-sports/>
- 1.1.3 All matches will be played using the “Best of Five (5) Sets Timed” format (including Finals and Medal Matches); 45 minutes plus a 5 minute warm up/changeover.
- 1.1.4 Set 1-4 to 25 points with a two-point advantage.
- 1.1.5 Set 5 to 15 points with a two-point advantage.
- 1.1.6 If a server scores 5 points in a row, the serving team will automatically rotate so there is a new server.
- 1.1.7 There is no jump serving in Spiker Sports.
- 1.1.8 Unlimited substitutions will be applied to all matches. Additional players can rotate on the court through positions one (1) or four (4).

2. TEAMS

2.1 OVERVIEW

- 2.1.2 The number of teams allowed to enter may be restricted depending on venue and time availability.
- 2.1.3 VQ reserves the right to refuse entry to any team.
- 2.1.4 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. INCOMPLETE TEAMS (LESS THAN 6 PLAYERS)

- 3.1.1 Each team must 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.
- 3.1.2 Teams may play with five (5) players. The sixth place on the court will be a blank spot that will be recorded on the score sheet as a X. When the blank spot (X) is the one to serve, the offending team automatically lose their serve and a point is awarded to the opposition team.
- 3.1.3 Teams with four (4) players present may borrow a guest player to make their team up to five (5) to prevent a forfeit.

4. PLAYERS

4.1 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1.1 For players to be eligible, they must hold a current recreational membership (or higher) with VQ. There will be “Zero Tolerance” regarding unregistered players at any stage of the competition. Registrations must be received by VQ prior to 11:59 pm on the Wednesday before the competition commences.
- 4.1.2 Any unregistered players who take the court are in violation of By-Law 4.1.1, which will result in a forfeit being applied to their team. Registration is available online via the VQ website: <https://www.vq.org.au/membership/>
- 4.1.3 Any team fielding an unregistered player or one listed under a false name will forfeit that match.



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5. FINALS

5.1 FINALS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1.1 To be eligible to play in Finals and Medal Matches (i.e. Preliminary Finals, Semi-Finals and Gold & Bronze Medal Matches), a player must have played a minimum of three (3) scheduled round matches for that team during the current season (not including byes).
- 5.1.2 Team captains must provide all requested player details on the team nomination form. Player names must be provided on the team nomination form before the start of the season, in order to be eligible to play Finals and Medal Matches.
- 5.1.2 Teams fielding 'ineligible players' in Finals/Medals Matches will automatically forfeit all sets in which that player took the court.

5.2 FINALS FORMAT

- 5.2.1 All Finals and Medal Matches will be played using the "Best of Five (5) Sets Timed" format; Set 1-4 to 25 points with a two-point advantage and Set 5 to 15 points with a two-point advantage.
- 5.2.2 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 will be eligible for any medals or awards.

6. MATCH REGULATIONS

6.1 FORMAT

- 6.1.1 Full match fees must be paid for each game regardless of how many players play in the team each week.
- 6.1.2 Full match fees must be paid prior to taking the court each week.
- 6.1.3 Matches that start late for any reason will still finish at the scheduled finish time.
- 6.1.4 Warmup (5 minutes) and access to the court will start at scheduled times (7:00pm and 7:50pm).
- 6.1.5 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.
- 6.1.6 Any match (including 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.
- 6.1.7 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 Referee shall determine whether the whistle preceded the siren.
- 6.1.8 The 2020 Spiker Sports match ball is the Mikasa "MVA 200" & "V200W" 8-panel volleyball.
- 6.1.9 The net heights are as follows:
Division 1 & 2 'Mixed': 2.35m

7. FORFEITS AND LATE STARTS

- 7.1.1 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).
- 7.1.2 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 45 minutes as a "Best of Five (5) Sets Timed" format.
- 7.1.3 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 45 minutes and consist of one (1) set to 25 points.
- 7.1.4 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 6.1.4.
- 7.1.5 If a team forfeits their match and fail to notify VQ 48 hours prior, they will also 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.



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8. UNIFORMS

- 8.1.1 VQ advise all male players to wear shorts and all female players to wear shorts, sports briefs or bike pants.

9. OFFICIALS

- 9.1.1 No duty teams are required for any match at any stage during the Spiker Sports Season.

10. PLAYER / SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

- 10.1.1 Players or spectators may be given a written warning by Competition Management regarding their conduct during competition. This will be emailed to the team contact no later than 5.00pm on the Tuesday following the match in question.
- 10.1.2 Competition Management have the power to issue sanctions to players or spectators as they deem appropriate.
- 10.1.3 Any player or spectator who receives two (2) written warnings or two (2) Red Cards (excluding time delay sanctions) during the competition will be:
- suspended from being involved in the same team's next match, which does not include a bye.
 - cannot be involved in any matches or Division until the suspension imposed at 5.5.3 a) is completed.
- 10.1.4 Any player or spectator who is sanctioned with expulsion (Red & Yellow together) will be:
- suspended immediately from the match in which they incurred the sanction.
 - suspended from being involved in the same team's next two (2) matches, which does not include byes.
 - cannot be involved in any other matches or Divisions until the suspension imposed at 5.5.4 a) and b) is completed.
- 10.1.5 Any player or spectator who is sanctioned with disqualification or expulsion will be cited to appear within 5 days at a VQ Judiciary Committee at the discretion and direction by the VQ General Manager.

11. MATCH PROTOCOL

11.1 OVERVIEW

- 11.1.1 Scheduled Start Time (e.g. 7:00pm)
Time which teams will have access to the court and officially commence warmup
- 11.1.2 Captains **Whistle** (e.g. 7:01pm)
Referee conducts coin toss
- 11.1.1 End of warmup **Whistle** (e.g. 7:04pm)
- 11.1.2 Match Commencement **Whistle** (e.g. 7:05pm)
- 11.1.3 Referee whistles for the first service of the match

12. COMPETITION STANDING & PENALTIES

12.1. PREMIERSHIP POINTS

- 12.1.1 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.

13. PREMIERSHIP TABLE

- 13.1.1 The ranking of teams on the premiership points table is determined in this order:
- The most premiership points.
 - The highest ratio of points won to points played (5 decimal places).
 - The highest ratio of sets won to sets played (5 decimal places).



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The set/point quotient equation is as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Points Won}}{\text{Points Played}} \times 100$$

14. MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

- 14.1.1 The Venue Manager is responsible for the efficient running of the competition. They are also responsible for recording the premiership points table and penalties register.
- 14.1.2 The Spiker Sports Control Committee comprises of the VQ Club Services Coordinator and Venue Manager. The Control Committee's role is to operate the competition 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.
- 14.1.3 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.