



Queensland Beach Volleyball  
2021/22 Player's Handbook



# **2021/22 PLAYER'S HANDBOOK**

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Welcome to the 2021/22 Queensland Beach Volleyball Tour (QBVT).

Firstly, please allow me to say a big thank you to all the participant's in last summer's QBVT; together we got through events being postponed and rescheduled due COVID lockdowns, supported each other as a Beach Volleyball family, keeping each other safe and supporting each other... all with record numbers of participants.

As a direct result of that strong Beach Volleyball community we have had new promoters join, existing promoters expand their range of events, and former promoters re-join the Tour. As a result, the Tour offers events from Townsville to Coolangatta. I encourage you to play as many of the events you can, especially those in Central and Northern Queensland.

Other key changes to this summer's QBVT include a Masters division being offered at selected events, Juniors divisions being reassigned (now u15 & u17), and all events (except the Qld Open) offer the same points. The QBVT Championships format will change as well. You'll still need to play the minimum number of events, but then all eligible teams can enter. For further details please read the relevant parts of this Player's Handbook.

Stay safe, and I wish you all a great summer of Beach Volleyball.

Best Regards,

Damien Searle  
QBVT Tour Director  
Volleyball Queensland

## SECTION 1: TOUR GUIDELINES

### 1. AIMS OF THE TOUR

- 1.1 The Queensland Beach Volleyball Tour has been established by VQ with the following goals;
  - 1.1.1 Provide a competition environment for Queensland's elite and developing players.
  - 1.1.2 To showcase Beach volleyball to audiences across Queensland.
  - 1.1.3 To provide an important stage in the progression of athletes to 'higher level' (national and world) tours.
  - 1.1.4 To provide exposure and marketing opportunities for the sport's commercial partners.
  - 1.1.5 Commencement point for long-term objectives of the tour – including expansion of the Tour to new areas and separate tiers of the Tour to suit the abilities and skill level of players.
- 1.2 To ensure the integrity of the tour and its associated sponsors the following Tour Guidelines and Code of Conduct will be enforced to ensure that all players, spectators, officials and partners are afforded the maximum level of participation and involvement with the tour.

### 2. TOUR PROMOTER

- 2.1 The QBVT is promoted and managed by Volleyball Queensland (VQ).
- 2.2 All correspondence relating to the tour should be addressed:  
Events Manager  
c/- 1.11 Sports House  
150 Caxton Street, Milton, Qld, 4064,
- 2.3 Via email: [events@vq.org.au](mailto:events@vq.org.au).

### 3. OFFICIALS & STAFF

- 3.1 Tour Director: Damien Searle, VQ Events Manager
- 3.2 Player Representatives: will be appointed at each tournament
- 3.3 Event Staff: Tournament Director, Chief Referee & Local Promoters will be notified in the relevant event regulations.
- 3.4 A Tournament Director will be appointed for each event.

### 4. TOUR COMMITTEES

#### 4.1 Tour Technical Committee

At each tournament of the QBVT, the Tour Technical Committee will consist of the Tournament Director, the Local Promoter, VQ Representative, and Player's Representatives. The VQ General Manager will be ex-officio member of the Tour Technical Committee.

At all QBVT events, the Tour Technical Committee will rule on all disputes and protests arising during the tournament which are not strictly related on play or as an avenue of appeal on a dispute or protest arising from play. The Player's

Reps will only help rule on disputes concerning the other gender (e.g. male Rep assists with Female disputes)

#### 4.2 Dispute Committee

The Tour Director and the VQ General Manager, in conjunction with one of the nominated player representatives will form the Disputes Committee.

This group will rule upon any disputes or protests arising after the conclusion of the event.

Disciplinary matters not dealt with by the regulations in this handbook may be referred to the VQ Complaints Handling Procedure.

#### 4.3 QBVT Management Committee

The Committee will consist of the VQ General Manager (Chair), Tour Director, and elected Male & Female Player Representatives. Other guests may be invited to attend meetings from time to time.

This group will monitor the presentation, promotion and strategic management of the overall tour. Meetings of the committee will be on an as needs basis.

### 5. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5.1 The Calendar of Events (see website) includes events for open age athletes and juniors and masters (at selected events only).

### 6. VENUES

- 6.1 QBVT events will be conducted at both beach and off-beach venues. A full list of venues for this year tour is contained in (appendix A2).
- 6.2 In all instances, the tournament precinct will be under the control of VQ / Event Promoter. Players and associated spectators, coaches, etc. are expected to treat each venue with the respect that it deserves. Leave the venue as you find it.
- 6.3 For off-beach events, the Host Venue will retain control of the off court areas of the venue, and as such their operating guidelines are to be adhered to at all times in those areas. Any players contravening these guidelines shall be subject to sanctions as imposed by the host venue.  
NB: The TTC may impose further sanctions if deemed necessary and appropriate.

### 7. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 7.1 VQ approves the calendar of tournaments, the rules of the game, the publicity and promotion of tournaments, overall administration and the fulfilment of all requirements included in this handbook for the QBVT. Any questions concerning any of the tournaments should be addressed to the Volleyball Queensland's Events Coordinator.
- 7.2 QBVT players must be registered members of their State Volleyball Association and may only compete if indicated or authorised by their State Association. International players must have their participation approved by their home Federation. All players agree to abide by QBVT rules and tournament regulations.
- 7.3 All playing rules will be as outlined in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Official Rules (current), except where specifically excluded by Volleyball Queensland as outlined in this Handbook, or at the Technical Meeting the morning of Competition. Copies of the rules are available for perusal or purchase from VQ.

- 7.4 Participation is limited to pairs, unless otherwise advised. With the exception of specified mixed pairs events Male players will only be permitted to compete in Men's competitions and Female players will only be permitted to compete in Women's competitions.
- 7.5 All participants of the QBVT are subject to the regulations as outlined in the Code of Conduct.
- 7.6 COACHES
- 7.6.1 Each team is permitted to designate one coach. The Coach must remain a minimum of 4m from the court perimeter at all times during play. The Coach should be positioned in the general vicinity of the players rest area or another area determined by the TTC / TD.
- 7.6.2 Coaches' names must be supplied on all scoresheets in which their athletes participate and in which they will be coaching.
- 7.6.3 Coaches are only permitted to "coach" between sets, during time-outs, end of a rally and shall not communicate with match officials, opposing players and coaches at any time during a match.  
\* For further clarification of this interpretation please speak to the TTC / TD.
- 7.7 VQ will decide on all matters, which have not been covered by the Tour Handbook, or Official Beach Volleyball Rules.
- 7.8 Throughout the course of the Tour, any updates or clarifications to the rules and guidelines set out herein will be added to this Tour Handbook.

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## 8. COMPETITION GUIDELINES

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- 8.1 The Local Promoter is responsible for the overall control and supervision of the tournament organisation, holding the authority to make final decisions in consultation with the VQ Representative & Tour Sponsors pertaining to all matters at tournaments, including starting times and rule interpretations.
- 8.2 VQ will control all Tour related features, such as Seedings, and Tournament Dates.
- 8.3 MATCH FORMATS
- 8.3.1 The format for all matches during a tournament will be outlined at the Technical Meeting prior to play. This should also be advertised by the Local Promoter in advance.
- 8.3.2 Match Times
- 8.3.2.1 Allocated Start Times  
When used, all matches will have an allocated Start Time. These will operate as "earliest possible start" times unless the Tournament Director deems appropriate.
- 8.3.2.2 Interval Between Matches
- A maximum 10-minute interval between matches, unless otherwise indicated, is to be strictly enforced.
  - For teams required to, complete back-to-back games or duty-game, a minimum 15-minute interval will be permitted. A maximum period will be determined by the TTC / TD and applied where required.
- 8.3.3 At the discretion of the Tour Director (TD) / Tour Technical Committee (TTC), matches may be played without the inclusion of a technical time-out.

## 8.4 ALTERATIONS TO MATCH FORMAT

- 8.4.1 Where necessary, the TD / TTC can alter the Match Format to ensure the completion of the event.
- 8.4.2 Any Match Format changes will be announced immediately upon such decision.
- 8.4.3 Any currently incomplete matches will be played under the original advertised Match Format.
- 8.4.4 If 50% or less of matches in that Round are completed, all remaining matches in that Round will be completed according to the adjusted Match Format.
- 8.4.5 If more than 50% of matches in that Round are completed, all remaining matches in that Round will be completed according to the original advertised Match Format.

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## 9. EVENT GUIDELINES

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### 9.1 TECHNICAL MEETING

- 9.1.1 Technical Meetings will be held on the Saturday morning of the event from 7.30am, unless otherwise advertised. (Please read each events information page).
- 9.1.2 Attendance at this meeting is compulsory for all players. Sanctions will be imposed for failing to attend.

### 9.2 PLAYING UNDER LIGHTS

- 9.2.1 Where lights are unavailable, no games will commence after 30-minutes prior to the advertised sunset time unless directed by Tour Director.
- 9.2.2 Where lights are available, court lighting will be used to assist in the completion of the competition draw.

### 9.3 LIGHT DISPUTES

- 9.3.1 If in the event that the level of lighting may interfere with the completion of a match the following steps will be taken;
- If either Team requests the Tour Director will be called to review the situation and may choose to either instruct the match to continue or reschedule the match.
  - In the case of the match being rescheduled the match will be scheduled to commence at the next available match time prior to that of the next advertised match for the tournament.
  - If the decision to reschedule the match is made during an incomplete set or at the completion of a set then the;
    - Set scores for any completed sets will stand.
    - The current set will be replayed from 0-0.
    - The current score will stand if the break is less than 4 hours. If longer than 4hrs the match will re-start.

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## 10. TOURNAMENT ENTRY DETAILS

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- 10.1 To be eligible for entry into a QBVT tournament the following criteria must be met:
- 10.1.1 Players must be appropriately registered members of their State/National Volleyball Association.

- 10.1.2 Tournament entry fees must be paid as a whole and must accompany the tournament entry otherwise the entry will NOT be accepted.

#### ENTRY FEES

The entry fee for each tournament will be set by the Local Promoter and advertised in advance on the VQ website.

- 10.2 All entries must be made via VQ.
- 10.3 Entries close on the Monday before the advertised date for the tournament (unless otherwise specified on the Official Entry Form) and will be processed the Tuesday following the specified closing date.
- 10.4 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of VQ & the Local Promoter and may incur a late fee of \$20.
- 10.5 Should a team be forced to withdraw after the closing date for entries has elapsed that team shall forfeit their entry fee. If a "replacement" team is available, the withdrawing team will have their entry fee refunded. If a late entry is accepted into the draw and that team then withdraws, they shall forfeit their entry fee and late fee.
- 10.6 The number of teams permitted entry into each event may be limited NB: \* see qualification regulations.
- 10.7 Whilst teams/players may nominate for their preferred division on the entry form, draw considerations may mean that this is not always possible.

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### 11. RANKING POINTS SCHEDULE

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This summer the QBVT will adopt the AUS National Ranking System (NRS) to generate QBVT points, thereby points earned on the QBVT will contribute to a player's National Ranking.

- 11.1 The primary objective for the Player Ranking System is to promote a merit basis to assist in:
- Reward players for performances in each event,
  - Seeding teams for each event, and
  - Determining qualification for entry into tournaments.
- 11.2 Ranking Points can only be earned at designated NRS Events, including Qld Champs (Excludes special events)
- 11.3 Players will be rewarded for their performances in each event, with the level of points issued determined by the final ranking achieved.

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### 12. TOURNAMENT SEEDING POLICY

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- 12.1 A teams seeding will be calculated as follows:

Combined National Ranking points from each player's best 3 results in the last 365 days (at the date of the tournament).

- 12.2 Teams competing for the first time on the QBVT will be seeded at the discretion of the Tour Director.
- 12.2.1 For non-resident International teams, seedings will be in accordance with the current FIVB World Tour rankings, in relation to the resident teams.
- 12.2.2 Rankings for non-resident International teams that have played on the current National Tour shall be in accordance with the National Tour rankings
- 12.2.3 For all other teams Wildcards will be issued and seedings made at the discretion of the TD, in consultation with the TTC.

- 12.3 Seedings & Competition Draws

- 12.3.1 Seedings and Competition draws will be displayed at the tournament.

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### 13. PRIZE MONEY

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- 13.1 Prize money will be at the discretion of the Local Promoter
- 13.2 Prizes for events will be provided by the promoter.
- 13.3 Prizes and/or prize money may be withheld if a player or team does not attend the presentation ceremony.

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### 14. SPECIAL EVENTS: QBVT CHAMPIONSHIP

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- 14.1 Eligibility for QBVT Champs (applies to all teams);
- 14.1.1 Each individual must have played 3 QBVT events (in the event an ABVT round clashes with a QBVT round, participation in that ABVT round will be considered as a QBVT participation.
- No Wildcards will be granted
- 14.2.2 Each individual must have attended a Player's Rule Clinic that season

#### 14.2 ENTRY

- 14.2.1 Unlimited eligible teams in each division: Championship, Masters, Junior(u17 & u15) .

The Promoter of the Finals may choose to run extra divisions with no eligibility criteria.

#### 14.3 SEEDINGS

Teams will be seeded as per other QBVT tournaments

- 14.3.1 Format
- 1 or 2-day event (Saturday/Sunday)

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## 15. INCOMPLETE OR CANCELLED EVENTS

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- 15.1 The Tournament Control Committee has the right to reduce matches (length of time or number of points), alter the tournament format, stop or cancel play, as it deems necessary for player safety.
- 15.2 If a tournament is not started or the first round is incomplete, the tournament will be declared "cancelled".
- 15.3 Where possible a "cancelled" tournament will be rescheduled to another date. Teams will be notified as soon as possible if a cancellation is to occur.
- 15.4 Teams will need to re-enter for any rescheduled tournaments. Those teams that do not re-enter will have their entry fee refunded.
- 15.5 If a tournament is "stopped" after the first round but before all subsequent rounds are completed then the number of rounds will determine the rating points and prize money made available. These will be in ratio to completed rounds. E.g. if half the scheduled matches are played before the tournament is "cancelled" then 50% of rating points and prize money will be paid.
- 15.6 In the event of a "cancelled" tournament VQ will not be responsible for any loss incurred by a player due to the cancellation of that tournament.

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## 16. OFFICIAL COMPETITION UNIFORMS

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- 16.1 All players competing in a QBVT event;
- (a) Are free to wear shorts/bottoms of their own choosing. Matching shorts/bottoms are compulsory for all team events.
  - (b) If required by the Local Promoter, wear the official tournament playing top (this will be advertised in advance)

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## 17. TOUR PLAYER AWARDS

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- 17.1 Individual Awards are to be voted by the players.
- 17.2 Eligibility for Player Awards
- 17.2.1 All QBVT players are eligible to receive Player Awards.
  - 17.2.2 Players are ineligible for Player Awards if;
    - (a) Defaulted from a match or tournament.
    - (b) Suspended for any duration during the QBVT season.
- 17.3 The categories for the Player Awards are as follows:
- (a) Most Improved Player
  - (b) Most Valuable Player
  - (c) Player's Player
  - (d) Best Attacker
  - (e) Best Defender
  - (f) Best Blocker
  - (g) Best Setter
  - (h) Best Passer
  - (i) Best Server

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## 18. MATCH OFFICIATING

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- 18.1 In all matches where paid officials are not supplied, teams will be expected to Referee and Second Referee / Scorer. Generally, duty teams are allocated (in pool play or otherwise listed on match schedule) or "loser-duty" where

the team losing the last game on that court will referee the next match.

- 18.2 In the case of paid officials being present, the allocated or losing team shall still be expected to second referee and score.
- 18.3 Both 1<sup>st</sup> referee and 2<sup>nd</sup> referee are to officiate on opposite sides of the court, and both be standing and appropriately attired.

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## 19. PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

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- 19.1 The QBVT Code of Conduct shall bind all players, and the rules as outlined in this Handbook.

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## 20. PLAYER OBLIGATIONS

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- 20.1 The player ensures that they are in good health to participate in beach volleyball competitions and hereby assumes total responsibility for any health problems that may occur. The players undertake to take out their own insurances in relation to all and any matters arising from participation in the tournament sanctioned by VQ.
- 20.2 The player agrees to be bound by the AVF Anti-Doping policy and by the WADA (World Anti-Drug Agency) Anti-Doping policies as in force from time to time.
- 20.3 The player hereby for himself/ herself, his/ her heirs, executors and assigns irrevocably release VQ from all and any claims, actions, suits and proceedings whatsoever which he might have arising out of death, personal injury, property damage or other loss whatsoever suffered or incurred in connection with these Terms & Conditions. The release hereby given shall operate separately in favour of all persons, corporations and bodies involved and otherwise engaged in performing these Terms & Conditions and in promoting or staging events and the servants and agents of all of them.
- 20.4 The player indemnifies and agrees to hold and keep indemnified VQ from all claims, actions, suits and proceedings whatsoever arising out of the wrongful actions of the player.
- 20.5 The player acknowledges that VQ is not responsible for the safety of the player or his property during 'the Event' or at any other time.
- 20.6 The player acknowledges that nothing in these Terms & Conditions constitutes the relation of employer and employee and that he is not covered by worker's compensation insurance. The player may make his own arrangements in respect of insurance for personal injury or death and superannuation.
- 20.7 The player indemnifies VQ and agrees to hold and keep indemnified VQ from all claims, actions, suits and proceedings whatsoever arising from any personal injury that the player may suffer as a result of competing on the Queensland Beach Volleyball Tour
- 20.8 The player hereby authorises and grants VQ or their sanctioned agents the right to use their name, voice, likeness and biographical material concerning them for the limited purposes of publicising, promoting and advertising the Tour events, and for filming, televising and broadcasting, web casting, broadband and related IP/TCP internet presentations of the same.
- 20.9 The player grants and assigns to VQ or their sanctioned agents the right to make use and show, from time to time and at it's discretion, motion pictures, live, taped or filmed television and video footage through any medium including digital and

internet protocols of the player taken during the Tour events without further compensation and hereby waive any right to such compensation for player and their heirs.

- 20.10 The player shall not be permitted to display conflicting branding to any tournament sponsors at any tournament.
- 20.11 The player shall not in any way modify the official players uniform as supplied.
- 20.12 The player has read and understood the QBVT Player's Handbook & Code Of Conduct distributed to all players participating in the Queensland Beach Volleyball Tour events and agrees to its content, and has read and understood the above Terms & Conditions.
- 20.13 By submitting an entry form to agree to these Terms & Conditions, the QBVT Handbook & Code of Conduct, the player understands that this is an agreement between themselves and VQ and their sanctioned agents to abide to these terms, and that they maybe subject to sanctions as outlined in the Player's Handbook if they have been found to be in breach these Terms & Conditions.
- 20.14 The term of this Agreement shall be a period of 18 months from the date of tournament entry.

## SECTION 2: CODE OF CONDUCT

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this document is to specify the Code of Conduct to apply to all Players, Coaches and Officials participating in any event of, or activity associated with, the Queensland Beach Volleyball Tour.

### 2. GENERAL

- 2.1 Every Player shall, during all matches and at all times whilst within the tournament "precinct", conduct himself / herself in a professional manner, in accordance with the provisions as outlined in this Code of Conduct.
- 2.2 For the purpose of this document, the tournament "precinct" shall be defined as all sections of the beach / venue which are under the formal control of QBVT Event Management.
- 2.3 The provisions hereinafter set forth shall apply to every Player's conduct whilst within such "precincts".

### 3. PUNCTUALITY

- 3.1 Matches shall follow each other without delay in accordance with advertised order of play or as amended by the Tour Director.
- 3.2 Teams will be permitted an allocated period to be used on court for warm-up.
- 3.3 The order of play will be displayed in a highly visible place.
- 3.4 All teams are required to commence play at the instruction of the Referee
- 3.4.1 Either team not ready to commence play at the allocated match start time shall;
- (a) Automatically forfeit the 1<sup>st</sup> set,  
(b) Have 5-minutes to present themselves to commence play for the 2<sup>nd</sup> set.

- 3.4.2 If play has not commenced after this 5-minute period the team responsible for non-commencement of play shall;
- (a) Register a loss for the 2<sup>nd</sup> set.  
(b) Have 1-minute to present themselves to commence play for the 3<sup>rd</sup> set (if required)
- 3.4.3 If play has not commenced after this 1-minute period the team responsible for non-commencement of play shall register a loss
- 3.4.4 The TTC, after due consideration of all relevant circumstances, may elect, under extraordinary circumstances elect not to declare a default (loss of set). Such decision will be made immediately.
- 3.5 All duty teams must be ready to commence play at allocated start time. Failure to do so sanctions will apply.

### 4. ATTIRE

- 4.1 Players shall dress and present themselves in a professional manner.
- 4.2 Acceptable Attire
- Acceptable attire shall be defined as clothing that is clean, meets the standards of common decency and is appropriate for competition.
- 4.3 Visible Identification
- 4.3.1 Players are not permitted to promote, use or advertise, during the course of an event, any sponsors conflicting with the event / tour sponsor or any tobacco company whilst within the tournament "precinct".
- 4.4 Accessories
- 4.4.1 Players are free to wear / use headwear, arm and wristbands, socks, shorts, swimwear bottoms, drink bottles, towels, bags, transferable tattoo's, etc to display their own personal sponsorship at their own discretion.
- 4.4.2 Players' personal accessories should not be placed or positioned as to cover any signage of event / tour sponsors.

### 5. LEAVING THE COURT

- 5.1 A Player shall not leave the immediate playing area during a match without the permission of the Referee or other Tournament official.

### 6. BEST EFFORTS

- 6.1 A Player must use his / her best efforts to win a match.
- 6.2 If in the opinion of the Tour Director a Player has failed to do so, he / she must show cause to the Tour Management Committee as to why he / she should be permitted to continue their participation in that or any subsequent QBVT event.

### 7. FAILURE TO COMPLETE A MATCH

- 7.1 A Player must complete a match in progress unless he / she is reasonably unable to do so.
- 7.2 Violation shall subject a team to automatically default.
- 7.3 A forfeit will be recorded as a loss of match.



## 8. CEREMONIES & PRESENTATIONS

- 8.1 A Player participating in a Medal Match of an event must attend and participate in the Awards Ceremony after the match unless he / she are reasonably unable to do so.
- 8.2 In the event of a player being unable to attend the Awards Ceremony, reason must be given to the Tournament Director or other Tour Official, prior to the Player's non-attendance.
- 8.3 When accepting awards / prize money / prizes players are required to thank the Tour Sponsor, Presenting Sponsor, relevant associated sponsors and Host Venue.  
NB: For events conducted on beaches, players are required to thank the local council as the Host Venue.

## 9. INTERRUPTIONS TO PLAY

- 9.1 Unreasonable Delays
- 9.1.1 Players must commence play upon the order of the Referee.
- 9.1.2 Thereafter, except for allowed periods of time-out and change-of-ends, play shall be continuous and a player shall not unreasonably delay a match for any cause.
- 9.2 Start of Rally
- 9.2.1 Where possible the minimum amount of time shall elapse from the moment the Referee blows the whistle to end the rally to the moment the whistle is blown to commence the next rally.
- 9.2.2 Any unreasonable delay will subject the offending team to a penalty as outlined in the Point Penalty Schedule.
- 9.3 Change-Of-Ends
- 9.3.1 For any match under play shall be continuous upon the change-of-ends.
- 9.3.2 Failure of the serving team to meet this requirement shall result in a side-out.
- 9.3.3 Failure to comply by the receiving team shall result in awarding of 1 point to the serving team.

## 10. MISCONDUCT

- 10.1 During competition the following misconduct categories, sanctions and sanction scale shall apply. (See appendix A3)
- 10.1.1 Unsportsmanlike conduct – argumentation, intimidation, etc
- 10.1.2 Rude conduct – acting contrary to good manners or moral principals, expressing contempt.
- 10.1.3 Offensive conduct – defamatory or insulting words or gestures.
- 10.1.4 Aggression – physical attack or intended aggression.
- 10.1.5 Theft – Taking something that is not yours.
- 10.2 At all other times the following instances of misconduct will be addressed in accordance with section 12. Sanctions of this handbook.
- 10.3 Audible Obscenity
- 10.3.1 Players shall not use an audible obscenity within the tournament "precinct".
- 10.3.2 For the purpose of this rule, "audible obscenity" shall be defined as the use of language commonly known

and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the Referee, opponent's or spectators.

### 10.4 Visible Obscenity

10.4.1 Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the tournament "precinct".

10.4.2 For the purpose of this rule, "visible obscenity" shall be defined as any actions or gestures by a player that commonly have an obscene meaning, import to reasonable people or of an inappropriate nature.

### 10.5 Abuse of the Ball

10.5.1 Players shall not violently, dangerously, in frustration or anger, throw or kick the ball except in the reasonable pursuit of a rally.

10.5.2 For the purpose of this rule, "abuse of the ball" shall be defined as intentionally striking, kicking or throwing a ball out of the immediate area of the playing court, striking a ball dangerously or recklessly, or striking a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.

### 10.6 Abuse of the Net or Court Fixtures

Players shall not violently, dangerously, recklessly, in frustration or anger, hit or pull on the net, other court fixtures, signage or other facilities.

### 10.7 Theft of Tour Equipment

VQ & sanctioned agents shall be imposing a ZERO TOLERANCE on violation of the following Code of Conduct item. Any players found to be in breach of this item shall face automatic suspension and shall be afforded no recourse in overturning such sanction.

### 10.8 Verbal Abuse

10.8.1 Players shall not at any time abuse the match officials, teammates, opponents, spectators or Tournament officials.

10.8.2 For the purpose of this rule, "verbal abuse" shall be defined as statement/s that imply dishonesty, negligence or are derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

### 10.9 Physical Abuse

10.9.1 Players shall not at any time physically abuse or intend physical harm to any match official, teammate, opponents, spectators or Tournament official.

### 10.10 Unsportsmanlike Conduct

10.10.1 Players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, giving due regard to the authority of all tournament officials and the rights of teammates, opponents and spectators.

10.10.2 For the purpose of this rule, "unsportsmanlike conduct" shall be defined as any conduct by a player that is clearly abusive, detrimental to the success of the tournament or the sport.

10.10.3 This shall include "sledging" by players both on and off the court area and any attempts to influence the referee's decisions or interfere with the opponent's play.

## 11 DOPING

- 11.1 VQ & sanctioned agents shall be imposing a ZERO TOLERANCE on violation of the following Code of Conduct item. Any layers found to be in breach of this item shall face automatic suspension and shall be afforded no recourse in overturning such sanction.
- 11.2 Violation of the following provisions shall subject the team to automatically default.
- 11.3 Alcohol
- 11.3.1 Players shall at no time consume alcohol whilst involved in playing or officiating in a match.
- 11.3.2 Players shall at no time consume alcohol whilst within the Tournament "precincts" unless in an area designated by the Tournament Director.
- 11.4 Illegal Substances
- 11.4.1 Players shall at no time use any illegal substances whilst within the tournament "precinct".
- 11.4.2 Players shall at no time take to the court whilst under the influence of any illegal substances as outlined by Australian Sports Drug Agency / World Anti Doping Authority (WADA).
- 11.4.3 Testing for illegal substances may be carried out at events by the Australian Sports Drug Agency. Players found in breach of the WADA policy will be subject to sanctions outlined in the WADA policy and also further sanctions made available through these regulations.

## 12 SANCTIONS

- 12.1 A match referee may impose a yellow card sanction on a player or team for a minor breach of the code of conduct. A referee may, for a second minor breach or an initial more serious breach, impose a red card. On the issuing of a red card play shall be suspended and the Tournament Director will be called to the match and may impose further sanctions in respect to the red card incident or refer the matter to the TTC or the TMC for further consideration. (If required)
- 12.2 The Tournament Director may impose sanctions on players, teams and coaches for breaches of the regulations set out in this handbook and the code of conduct. The available sanctions include but are not limited to:
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| 12.2.1 | Official Warning   |
| 12.2.2 | Loss of point      |
| 12.2.3 | Loss of set        |
| 12.2.4 | Allocation of duty |
- 12.3 The TTC may impose sanctions on players, teams and coaches for breaches of the regulations set out in this handbook and the code of conduct. The available sanctions include but are not limited to:
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| 12.3.1 | Official Warning       |
| 12.3.2 | Loss of point          |
| 12.3.3 | Loss of set            |
| 12.3.4 | Loss of match          |
| 12.3.5 | Loss of tour points    |
| 12.3.6 | Allocation of duty     |
| 12.3.7 | Monetary Fines         |
| 12.3.8 | Exclusion from events. |

12.4 The TMC may also impose a sanction on players, teams and coaches for breaches of the regulations set out in this handbook and the code of conduct. The available sanctions include but are not limited to:

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| 12.4.1 | Official Warning       |
| 12.4.2 | Loss of point          |
| 12.4.3 | Loss of set            |
| 12.4.4 | Loss of match          |
| 12.4.5 | Loss of tour points    |
| 12.4.6 | Allocation of duty     |
| 12.4.7 | Monetary Fines         |
| 12.4.8 | Exclusion from events. |
| 12.4.9 | Suspension.            |

12.5 Any player/coach who has accrued 2 "red cards", as prescribed in the Point Penalty Schedule or FIVB Misconduct Scale, during the course of a tournament shall be defaulted in the match, in which the third penalty occurs.

12.6 Any player/coach excluded from a tournament must show cause to the Tournament Committee as to why he / she should be allowed to continue their participation in the current QBVT.

12.7 Any player/coach excluded from 2 tournaments throughout the course of the QBVT shall be ineligible to compete in any remaining events, including Tour Finals.

12.8 Appeals  
Players or teams wishing to appeal the decision of any sanction handed down must comply with the appeal procedures outlined in the Australian Volleyball Federation's member protection policy. (Available on the VQ website)

12.9 Tech Meeting  
Non-attendance of player/designated coach at tech meeting will result in the following:

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| 12.9.1   | 1 <sup>st</sup> occurrence – Official warning                                   |
| 12.9.1.1 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> occurrence – Loss of 1 <sup>st</sup> set in next scheduled game |
| 12.9.2   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> occurrence – Loss of next scheduled match.                      |

## 13 DEFAULTS

- 13.1 Default is defined as a loss of match.
- 13.2 Subsequently, at the discretion of the Tour Director/ Tour Committee, a player shall be excluded from the remainder of the tournament and shall receive no Ranking Points.
- 13.3 If in the opinion of the Tour Director the reason for the default is of a serious nature, the incident shall be reported to the Tour Committee, which may decide to impose sanctions against the offending player/s.

## 14 ADMINISTRATION OF THE CODE

- 14.1 The QBVT Co-ordinator and Technical Supervisor are empowered to enforce the rules and any subsequent sanctions, as outline in this Code of Conduct, at any time during the course of an event.
- 14.2 Any sanctions imposed by the recognised governing bodies of other competitions / tours / series shall carry over to be included on the QBVT.

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## 15 OFFICIALS CODE OF ETHICS

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- 15.1 Paid officials, volunteer officials and competitors who take on official roles (eg. Refereeing duty) are subject to this Code of Ethics. The Australian Volleyball Federation ratifies the Official's Code of Conduct.
- 15.2 The duty of the sports official is to act as an impartial judge of sporting competition. This duty carries with it an obligation for the official to perform with accuracy, consistency, objectivity and the highest sense of integrity. In order to preserve and encourage confidence in the professionalism and integrity of officiating, officials must first foster ethical behaviour.
- 15.3 The Articles of the Code are to:
- (a) Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
  - (b) Accept responsibility for all actions taken.
  - (c) Be impartial.
  - (d) Avoid any situation, which may lead to conflict of interest.

- (e) Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.
- (f) Value the individual in sport.
- (g) Seek continual self-improvement through study, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies.
- (h) Encourage inclusively and access to all areas of officiating.
- (i) Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance.
- (j) Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards athletes.
- (k) Refrain from any form of sexual harassment towards athletes.
- (l) Show caution and concern towards sick and injured athletes.
- (m) Officials have the right to expect that:
  - (n) Their health and safety are paramount.
  - (o) They are treated with respect and openness.
  - (p) They are appointed to a level of competition appropriate to their level of competence.
  - (q) They have access to self-improvement opportunities

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## A1. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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See <https://www.vq.org.au/competitions/tournaments/queensland-beach-volleyball-tour/>

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## A2. HOST VENUE LOCATION & INFORMATION

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Tournament specifics will be published on the QBVT webpage

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## A3. MISCONDUCT SANCTION SCALE

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Categories	Times	Sanction	Cards to Show	Consequence
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	First	Warning	Yellow	Prevention no penalty
	Second	Penalty	Red	Loss of Rally
Rude Conduct	First	Penalty	Red	Loss of Rally
	Second	Expulsion	Both Together	Team declared incomplete for the set, loss of set
Offensive Conduct	First	Expulsion	Both Together	Team declared incomplete for the set, loss of set
Aggression	First	Disqualification	Both separately	Team declared incomplete for the match, loss of match
Theft	First	Disqualification	-	1 month suspension

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## A4. RANKING POINTS & PLAYER RATING SCHEDULES

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The QBVT uses the AUS National Ranking System (NRS) to generate QBVT points, thereby points earned on the QBVT will contribute to a player's National Ranking.