

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.

These By-Laws address arrangements associated with Volleyball Queensland (VQ) Affiliates entering teams into the JPVL, 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 VQ website, www.vq.org.au

1. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 1.1. The JPVL will consist of one (1) season played annually.
- 1.2. Entry is open to Affiliate and Associate Affiliates of VQ for the year of competition (Nb affiliate status needs to be in place for JPVL nominations to be accepted).
- 1.3. There will be three (3) aged based Divisions in each gender available;
 - Under 15
 - Under 17 and
 - Under 19
- 1.4. Unless otherwise listed in these By-Laws, the JPVL competition is conducted in accordance with the official rules of FIVB as varied by Volleyball Australia (VA).
- 1.5. All Affiliates participating in the JPVL, including their players, coaches, team captains and officials are deemed to have read and understood these By-Laws and agree to be governed by them.

2. TEAMS

- 2.1. Affiliates can enter multiple teams in each Division. Where a Division is split into multiple grades, only one (1) team will be considered for the highest grade unless nominations permit; inclusion will be based on previous seasons results.
- 2.2. Each Division will be capped at ten (10) teams. If this cap is reached the Division will be delivered with split or graded competitions i.e. A, B & C grades. Affiliates are to plan for this occurrence when selecting their rosters.
- 2.3. VQ reserves the right to refuse entry to any team.
- 2.4. 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).
- 2.5. The basis of priority for teams entering 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. TEAM NOMINATIONS AND PAYMENTS

- 3.1. Team nominations must be entered through the entry process as provided at or from the JPVL webpage in www.vq.org.au.
- 3.2. Following nomination, teams will be issued an invoice for payment of their competition fees by the due date. This payment completes the team nomination process.
- 3.3. All competition fees are to be settled with VQ prior to round three (3) of JPVL.
- 3.4. Teams who have not paid their competition 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 JPVL due to outstanding debts to VQ.
- 3.5. Affiliates financial obligations if they withdraw teams are;

- 3.5.1 After close of nominations, 50% of the nomination fee is to be paid.
- 3.5.2 After commencement of the JPVL, 100% of the nomination fee is to be paid.

4. PLAYERS

4.1. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1.1. 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.
- 4.1.2. 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.
- 4.1.3. Transfers during the season must be completed, approved by the club the player is leaving and submitted to VQ by midday Thursday for a player to be eligible to play for their 'new' club in the next round.
- 4.1.4. Player clearances are not applicable for JPVL.
- 4.1.5. Boys are not eligible to play in girls competition matches and girls are not eligible to play in boys matches.
- 4.1.6. 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 may determine if a player is not of an appropriate skill level and recommend the withdrawal of that player from the team list.
- 4.1.7. 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.
- 4.1.8. 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.
- 4.1.9. 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. 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.
- 4.1.10. 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.
- 4.1.11. If an Affiliate has more than one (1) team in a Division, players may only participate in one (1) team all season.
- 4.1.12. 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 JPVL By-Laws can be referred to by Competition Management to assist in interpretation of matters as they arise.

5. FINALS

5.1. FINALS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1.1. To be eligible to play in the finals, a player must have played at least 33% of JPVL preliminary round matches (rounded up to the nearest whole number).
- 5.1.2. Byes will not be counted towards matches played when determining eligibility for finals.
- 5.1.3. 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 finals series begins.

5.2. FINALS FORMAT

- 5.2.1 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 two (2) sets. The third set will be scored to 15 (with a 2 point advantage). Finals matches are untimed.
- 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, including duty, will be eligible for any medals or awards.

6. MATCH REGULATIONS

6.1. FORMAT

- 6.1.1. 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.
- 6.1.2. All matches (first serve whistle) will commence at the time advised in the official draw.
- 6.1.3. The draw will provide for a 10 minute warmup with court access.
- 6.1.4. Matches that start late for any reason will still finish at the scheduled finish time.
- 6.1.5. No time outs or substitutions can be called in the last five (5) minutes.
- 6.1.6. 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.
- 6.1.7. 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.
- 6.1.8. 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.
- 6.1.9. The 12 Substitution Rule will be used in all Divisions and Liberos can be changed per set.
- 6.1.10. The Venue Manager or referee supervisor 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.
- 6.1.11. Each team is allowed a maximum of three (3) team officials on the bench (e.g. Coach, Assistant Coach & Manager).
- 6.1.12. The 2022 JPVL match ball is the Mikasa V200W.
- 6.1.13. 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

6.2. PLAYER RECORDS

- 6.2.1. All clubs are to utilise VQ's Affiliates On Line (AOL) to allocate their registered eligible players and coaches to teams to compete in each round of play.

6.3. FORFEITS AND LATE STARTS

- 6.3.1. Any team(s) not ready at the match commencement whistle, will forfeit the first set with a 25-0 score. After a further 10 minute 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).
- 6.3.2. 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.
- 6.3.3. 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.
- 6.3.4. 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 6.1.3.

6.4. UNIFORMS

- 6.4.1. All players must wear a uniform, complete in the following details:
- 6.4.2. The shirt must have – permanently fixed to the front and back – a number between 1 and 99. The number should be a minimum of 15cm on the front and minimum 20cm on the back.
- 6.4.3. The colour and design of the shirt must be consistent throughout the team, except if a libero is played. The Libero uniform is to contrast the rest of the team with a different dominant colour to any colour in the team uniform.
- 6.4.4. Male players shorts should be generally consistent in colour.
- 6.4.5. Female players can wear shorts, sports briefs or bike pants, provided the uniform is generally consistent throughout the team in terms of colour.
- 6.4.6. Sponsors logo must be consistent across the team.

6.5. OFFICIALS

- 6.5.1. Duty teams must provide a 1st Referee, a 2nd Referee, two (2) standing Lines judges and one (1) Scorer.
- 6.5.2. Affiliates must ensure that each duty team has a responsible adult available to supervise their Junior Referees during duty.
- 6.5.3. All Scorers, line judges and referees are prohibited from using mobile phones and other entertainment devices during the match.

6.6. PLAYER / COACH / SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

- 6.6.1. The PVL Competition Manager, Chief Referee, Referee Supervisor and Venue Manager have the power to issue sanctions to players, coaches and spectators as they deem appropriate.
- 6.6.2. Spectators whose behaviour is considered unruly or unsuitable for a junior sports competition can be evicted from the facility by the venue manager or referee supervisor or referred to facility security.
- 6.6.3. Any player or coach who receives two (2) written warnings or two (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 matches or Divisions until Part a) above is completed.
- 6.6.4. Any player or coach 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 matches or Divisions until Part b) above is completed.
- 6.6.5. 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.
- 6.6.6. Players, coaches or spectators may be given a written warning by Competition Management regarding their conduct during competition. This will be emailed to the Affiliate contact no later than 5:00pm on the Wednesday following the match in question.

7. COMPETITION STANDING AND PENALTIES

7.1. PREMIERSHIP POINTS

- 7.1.1. 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 where an official match is not played.

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

8.1.2. 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.

9. FINES

9.1. Clubs/associations are subject to fines as follows:

- a) \$20 for each player not in correct uniform.
- b) \$10 for each duty team default.
- c) \$30 for an incorrect, incomplete or substandard score sheet by the duty team.
- d) \$30 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.
- e) \$100 in the case of a match forfeit.
- f) \$10 for a one (1) set forfeit.
- g) \$150 for non-attendance at Pre/Post season meetings.
- h) A Fine/Penalty register will be sent to all key contacts in the PVL email group and published on the VQ website after each round. All fine amounts include GST.
- i) Match forfeit fee (\$100) may be credited to the competition fees of the non-offending team.
- j) Teams with multiple forfeits may need to show cause to maintain eligibility for finals.

10. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

10.1. 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:

10.1.1. Participation Points - a base level of points awarded for entering a club’s first team in that Division; and

10.1.2. Placing Points - determined by the team's finishing position in that Division.

10.2. 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.

10.3. Club Championship points table

10.3.1. Participation Points

Division	Under 19	Under 17	Under 15
Points	40	30	20

10.3.2. Placing Points

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1 st	20	5 th	9	9 th	5	13 th plus	1
2 nd	15	6 th	8	10 th	4		

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
3 rd	12	7 th	7	11 th	3		
4 th	10	8 th	6	12 th	2		

10.4. Totals are calculated at the end of all finals matches.

11. AWARDS

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. 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.

12. MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

- 12.1. The JPVL is overseen by its Control Committee, which comprises the PVL Competition Manager, the VQ Sport Operations Manager, Chief Referee and VQ staff member responsible for the JPVL. The Control Committee’s role is to conduct the JPVL within the terms of these By-Laws, the VQ Constitution and the rules of the game. The Control Committee reports to the VQ General Manager.
- 12.2. VQ’s responsible staff member and office is to manage all financial aspects of the JPVL, venue bookings, equipment allocations and dissemination of information to ensure the smooth operation of the JPVL. They will recruit additional staff to support delivery of the JPVL as needed.
- 12.3. The PVL Competition Manager is responsible for the production of the JPVL draw, recording and updating of the premiership points table, details of matches played by players to determine eligibility for finals, or ineligibility to play in another team/grade and the issuing of fines and penalties for any infringements.
- 12.4. The Venue Manager is responsible for the efficient running of a JPVL venue on a week to week basis. They will coordinate match delivery, liaise with teams, venue staff and ensure all equipment is in place, accounted for and arrange for scoresheets, results, incident and required reports to be submitted at the conclusion of each round of matches to the VQ office.

13. PROTESTS, APPEALS & REFERRALS

- 13.1. A match protest will be resolved using the “on the spot protest resolution” guideline. Match protests are not subject to further appeal.
- 13.2. An appeal regarding score sheet penalties and ineligible players must be received by the PVL Competition Manager, within 3 business days of publication of the Penalty Register.
- 13.3. Matters concerning discipline (Section 6.6) will be referred to the VQ Judiciary Committee for action as outlined in VQ’s “Complaints Handling Procedure”.
- 13.4. Appeals against a decision of the Control Committee must be lodged with VQ’s General Manager within 3 days of receiving a decision in accordance with VQ’s “Complaints Handling Procedure”.