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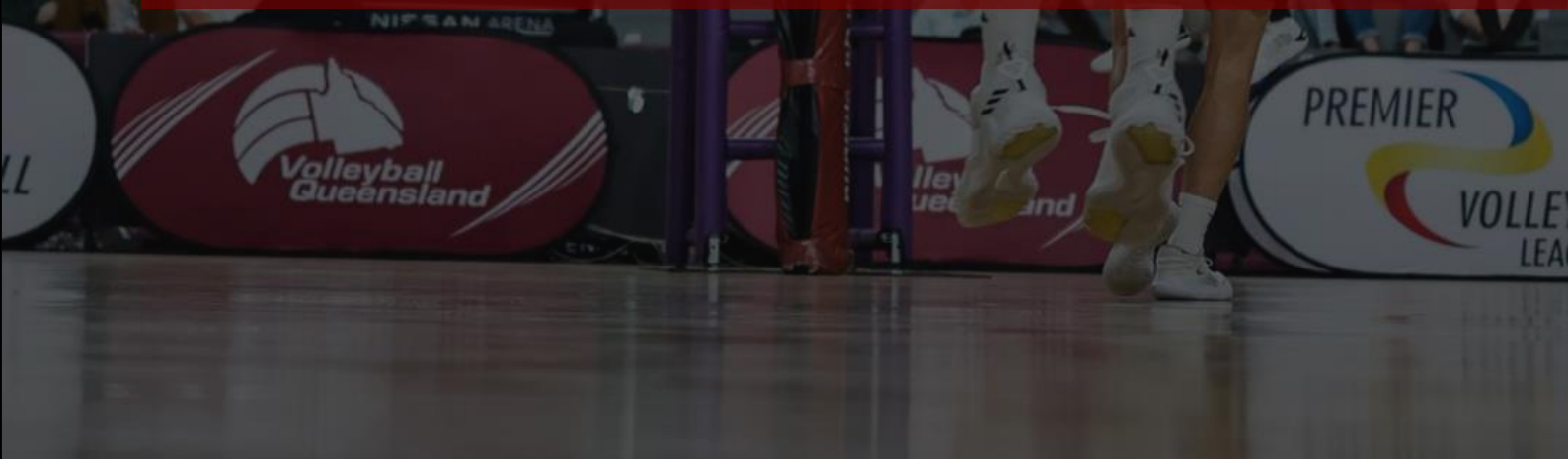


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PREAMBLE

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 of mens, womens, boys, and girls competitions. These Competition Regulations address arrangements associated with Volleyball Queensland (VQ) Affiliates entering teams into the PVL, 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.



PART 1 – COMPETITION OVERVIEW

1.0: Premier Volleyball League Overview

1.1 **Competition Format**

The Premier Volleyball League (PVL) will consist of one (1) season, played annually.

Affiliates participating in the PVL, including their players, coaches, and officials are deemed to have read and understood these Competition Regulations and agree to be governed by them.

1.2 **Competition Management**

The PVL is overseen by the Management and PVL Operations Staff (also referred to as 'Venue Staff' or 'Delivery Staff'). Oversight of the Competition is conducted by the Control Committee.

The PVL Management Staff consists of:

- VQ State Operations Manager
- VQ Competitions Coordinator

The PVL Operations Staff consists of:

- Venue Managers
- Operations Assistants (Youth Tier)
- Referee Coaches

(1.2.1): PVL Control Committee

The role of the Control Committee is to conduct the Competition within the terms of these Competition Regulations, the VQ Constitution, any additional policies, and the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) Rules of the Game.

The PVL Control Committee consists of:

- VQ State Operations Manager (Chair)
- VQ Competitions Coordinator
- PVL Technical Delegate

Where a conflict of interest arises, a member of the PVL Control Committee may recuse themselves and delegate their duties to another member with relevant expertise with the approval of the Chair for the duration of the appeal.

1.3 **Additional Clauses to Regulations**

Volleyball Queensland (VQ) reserves the right to vary or amend these Regulations from time to time in order to maintain the integrity and fair play of this competition. Where possible, VQ will provide earliest notice to Affiliates of any such change.

2.0: Tier and Division Format

2.1 **Tiers**

The following Tiers and Divisions will be offered in each gender:

Tier 1	Tier 2	Youth Tier
Premier Division	Division 1	Under 19 – Division 1
Challenger Division	Division 2	Under 19 – Division 2
	Division 3	Under 17 – Division 1
	Division 4	Under 17 – Division 2
	Junior Division	Under 17 – Division 3
		Under 15 – Division 1
		Under 15 – Division 2

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2.2 **Addition or Merging of Divisions**

In the event that a division has been oversubscribed, additional divisions may be added. Affiliates are to plan for this occurrence when selecting their rosters.

In the event that a division is not viable, that division may be merged with another.

2.3 **Division Format**

Division formats, including the Finals Format, will be released once the draw is available.



PART 2 – PARTICIPATING TEAMS AND PARTICIPANTS

3.0: Team Nominations

3.1 **Team Nominations**

Entry is open to current Affiliates and Associate Affiliates of VQ for the year of competition.

- Affiliate status needs to be confirmed in order for the PVL nomination to be accepted.
- VQ reserves the right to refuse entry to any team or Affiliate for any reason.
- VQ reserves the right to admit teams or vary entries in divisions to ensure that a division remain viable, optimal, and team numbers are even (to avoid scheduled byes).

(3.1.1): Nomination Requirements

Affiliates may only enter one (1) team into the following divisions per gender:

- Premier Division
- Challenger Division
- Junior Division
- Under 19 – Division 1
- Under 17 – Division 1
- Under 15 – Division 1

For the remaining divisions, Affiliates may enter four (4) teams per division per gender. Additional entries may be accepted should it be optimal for the division.

(3.1.2): Entry into the Premier Division

Where Affiliates are seeking entry into the Premier Division, they must be underpinned by a team entered into the Challenger Division of the same gender.

(3.1.3): New Affiliates Entry Restrictions

New Affiliates (that have not played in PVL prior) are eligible to nominate teams in either Tier 2 or the Youth Tier. New Affiliates may request to nominate a team in the Challenger Division, however will need to provide a team list to the VQ Control Committee.

- The Control Committee will decide if the nomination will accepted or rejected by assessing whether the players listed have prior experience in the PVL in previous seasons, or for another competition.
- In exceptional circumstances, this may extend to the Premier Division.

4.0: Nomination Process and Payment

4.1 **Nomination Process**

Team nominations must be entered through the PVL entry process provided on the [VQ website](#).

4.2 **Nomination Amendments and Withdrawals**

Affiliates may amend or withdraw their nominations up until the close of nominations.

- See the current version of PVL Calendar on the [VQ website](#) for these dates.

Affiliates financial obligations if they withdraw teams are:

- Up to 50% of the nomination fee per team after the close of nomination.
- Up to 75% of the nomination fee per team after the initial draw release.
- Up to 100% of the nomination fee per team one (1) week prior to commencement of Round 1.
- 100% of the nomination fee per team after the commencement of Round 1.

*Affiliates will be pro-rated the amount based on administrative work completed at the time of withdrawal.

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4.3	<p><u>Payments</u></p> <p>Affiliates will be issued an invoice for payment of competition fees after the close of registration. All competition fees are to be settled with VQ prior to Round 4 of the PVL. This payment completes the team nomination process.</p>
4.4	<p><u>Team Bond</u></p> <p>All teams participating in the PVL will be required to pay a bond which will be refunded at the end of the season less fines accrued throughout the season (all prices include GST).</p> <p>Existing Affiliates: \$200.00 per Tier 1 and Tier 2 team.</p> <p>New Affiliate (1st year): \$350.00 per Tier 1 and Tier 2 team.</p> <p>Late payment of the bond will incur a \$20.00 fee per team in Tier 1 and Tier 2, that will increase an additional \$10.00 per day that the bond is not paid. The maximum fee will not exceed \$100.00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nominations for teams in the Youth Tier will not be required to pay a bond.
4.5	<p><u>Unfinancial Teams/Affiliates</u></p> <p>If teams have not paid their competition fees by Round 4, they will not receive any further competition points until the amount is paid in full.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If fees are still outstanding one month after Round 4, each team playing for the Affiliate will lose all competition points in addition to having money deducted from their bond. Teams may also be excluded from the PVL due to outstanding debts to VQ.
5.0: Player Eligibility	
5.1	<p><u>Volleyball Queensland Membership</u></p> <p>For players to be eligible to compete in the PVL (including individual interstate and international athletes), they must be a current Full Member of VQ, and the Affiliate they represent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 with a Recreational Membership will have a one (1) week’s grace period from the date the player took court to upgrade their membership to Full before penalties apply.
5.2	<p><u>Player Transfers and Clearances</u></p> <p>Transfers will only be allowed during the ‘PVL Transfer Window’ as per the Calendar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transfers requests that are made outside this transfer window will not be accepted (unless in extreme circumstances and at the discretion of the PVL Control Committee). <p>Player Clearances will not be accepted (unless in extreme circumstances and at the discretion of the PVL Control Committee).</p>
5.3	<p><u>Player Eligibility</u></p> <p>Men/Boys are not eligible to play in Womens/Girls divisions and Women/Girls are not eligible to play in Mens/Boys divisions.</p> <p><i>(5.3.1): Player Nomination</i></p> <p>Each Affiliate must nominate all players playing for their Affiliate into a specific team. The eligibility of players will be outlined in Part 4 of the Regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This submission will be done via the <i>Player Nomination Portal</i> provided to Affiliates. <p><i>(5.3.2): Multiple Teams in a Division</i></p> <p>Where an Affiliate has multiple teams in the same division, a player may only play for one (1) of the teams in that division for the entirety of the season.</p>

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(5.3.3): Junior Division Eligibility

Players must be under the age of 19 for the full calendar year of the competition (e.g. to be eligible a player cannot turn 19 in the year of the competition).

- Players nominated into the Junior Division will be eligible to compete in the following Divisions (with respect to their age eligibility):
 - o Junior Division
 - o Tier 1 Divisions: Premier Division, Challenger Division
 - o Tier 2 Divisions: Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, Division 4
 - o Under 19 – Division 1
 - o Under 17 – Division 1
 - o Under 15 – Division 1

(5.3.4): Youth Tier Eligibility

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).

Additional eligibility rules related to the Junior Division can be found in *Part 4: Player Eligibilities*

5.4 **Illegal or Ineligible Players**

(5.4.1): Disqualification

A team will be disqualified for the following (but not limited to) scenarios:

- Unregistered Player / Not Properly Transferred Player / Blacklisted Player
- Player fielding a false name
- Illegal Player / Player participating in an ineligible division

If a team is disqualified due to an unregistered or under-registered player, the Affiliate will have one (1) week to ensure that player is properly registered. Should the same player cause another disqualification in any future round, the Affiliate will be fined (see fine schedule).

(5.4.2): Ineligible Players

If an ineligible player is found to be playing in an active match (match currently in progress) in another Division, the team in the lower Division will disqualify the set(s) in which the ineligible player took court. Where possible, the match should continue from that point.

- Should the ineligible player take court for the first three (3) sets, the team fielding the illegal player will be disqualified.
- If an ineligible player is found to have played in a lower Division after the competition of the match, that lower Division match will be disqualified.

(5.4.3): Forfeiture

A team will forfeit a match should they not attend the match at the stated time on the official draw.

5.5 **Unlisted Player**

All players who take court must have their name printed or written on the scoresheet team list.

- Any hand-written name must have the full name of the player (First Name and Last Name).
- Any player who takes the court without being listed on the team list will incur a penalty (see [fine schedule](#)).

6.0: Team Lists and Team Records

6.1 **Player Records – Affiliates Online**

All Affiliates are to utilise VQ's Affiliates Online System (AOL) to allocate players and team officials to the team list on the scoresheet.

6.2 **Maintaining Player Records**

After Round 3, all Affiliates must ensure that their team lists for all nominated teams have a minimum of six (6) eligible players. Failure to comply will result in fines (see [fine schedule](#)).

PART 3 – LEAGUE STRUCTURE

7.0: Match Format and Match Conditions

7.1 **Match Rules**

All matches will be officiated in accordance with the current FIVB Rules of the Game 2021-2024 except where amended by these Competition Regulations.

7.2 **Match Format**

(7.2.1): [Tier 1 and Tier 2] Match Format

All matches for Tier 1 and Tier 2 will be played as Best-of-5-Sets, with a rally-point scoring system.

- Set 1 through to Set 4 will be played to 25 points with a two-point advantage.
- Set 5 will be played to 15 points with a two-point advantage.
 - o In Set 5, a coin-toss will be performed in order to determine service and the side.
 - o Teams are to switch sides when either team has first reached 8 points.
- No point cap will be applied to any set.

(7.2.2): [Youth Tier] Match Format

All preliminary matches and extended preliminary matches (round robin matches) for the Youth Tier will be played as three (3) Compulsory Sets, with a rally-point scoring system, within a 60 minute timeframe.

- Set 1 and Set 2 will be played to 25 points with a two-point advantage.
- Set 3 will be played to 15 points with a two-point advantage.
 - o In the third set, a coin-toss will be performed in order to determine service and the side. Teams are to switch sides when either team has first reached 8 points.
- No point cap will be applied to any set.

7.3 **Match Timing**

The Venue Manager reserves the right to permit matches to commence late without penalty due to unforeseen circumstances.

(7.3.1): [Tier 1 and Tier 2] Guaranteed Earliest Start Time

Tier 1 and Tier 2 Matches will be played under Guaranteed Earliest Start Time (GEST).

- All matches will commence (first whistle to serve) at the time stated on the official draw.
- If the previous match has delayed the start of the next match, the next match will start 15 minutes (or 20 minutes should the duty team be the next team scheduled to play) after the finishing of the previous match.

(7.3.2): [Youth Tier] Match Timings

All matches will commence (first whistle to serve) at the time stated on the official draw.

- Any match that starts late for any reason will still finish at the scheduled finish time unless approved by the Venue Manager (for unforeseen circumstances).

7.4 **Match Ball and Net Heights**

The official match ball of PVL is the Mikasa V200W or the Mikasa V300W.

The following net heights will be used for each division:

	Mens	Womens
Tier 1 and Tier 2 Divisions	2.43m	2.24m
Under 19	2.43m	2.24m
Under 17	2.43m	2.24m
Under 15	2.35m	2.15m

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7.5	<p><u>Pre-Match Protocol (Warmup)</u></p> <p><i>(7.5.1): [Tier 1 and Tier 2] Pre-Match Protocol</i></p> <p>There will be a 15-minute pre-match protocol (warmup). This protocol may be altered at the discretion of the Venue Manager but may never exceed 20 minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The pre-match protocol will begin 15 minutes before the scheduled time on the draw or at the conclusion of the previous match (if the previous match has delayed the start of the match). - Should the duty team be the next team to play, they will receive 20 minutes for the pre-match protocol. - Teams who arrive late for the pre-match protocol will not be provided with additional time. <p><i>(7.5.2): [Youth Tier] Pre-Match Protocol</i></p> <p>There will be a 10-minute pre-match protocol (warmup).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The pre-match protocol will begin 10 minutes before the scheduled time on the draw. - Teams who arrive late for the pre-match protocol will not be provided with additional time. <p>See Appendix C for Pre-Match Protocol</p>						
7.6	<p><u>Amendments to Match Rules/Format</u></p> <p>The following amendments have been made to the FIVB Rules of the Game 2021-2024:</p> <p><i>(7.6.1): Substitutions (Appendix B)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 12 Substitution Rule will be in effect for all matches. <p><i>(7.6.2): Liberos</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In Tier 1 and Tier 2, up to two (2) Liberos can be allocated per match (Libero per Match), - In the Youth Tier, up to two (2) Liberos can be allocated per set (Libero per Set); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Liberos in the Youth Tier may have differing numbers – this will need to be indicated next to the player’s name on the scoresheet (see Example) - The Venue Manager may give permission for a Libero to be redesignated as a normal player in the case of an injury to avoid a forfeit/disqualification. This redesignation may occur during a set. <p><i>(7.6.3): [Youth Tier] Timed Match Rules</i></p> <p>The following rules will only apply for Youth Tier matches that are time-limited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No substitutions or timeouts can be called in the last five (5) minutes of a match. - No further points may be played after the sixty (60) minute timeslot has elapsed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If the Referee has whistled for service prior to the end of match, the rally must be completed and will count towards the final score. If this rally then results in a replay, the rally will be replayed and completed. The First Referee alone will determine if the whistle was blown before the end of the match. <p><i>(7.6.3): Team Officials</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each team is allowed a maximum of three (3) team officials (e.g. Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager) on the bench at any given time. These team officials must be written on the scoresheet and can be written in at anytime before or during the match. 						
7.7	<p><u>Match Commitment</u></p> <p>Any team (minimum 6 players) who fails to take the court at the start of the match will be penalised.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Failure to take the court at designated start of the match</td> <td>First set forfeited</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Failure to take the court after 10 minutes from signalled start time</td> <td>Second set forfeited</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Failure to take the court after 20 minutes from signalled start time</td> <td>Third set forfeited and match forfeited.</td> </tr> </table>	Failure to take the court at designated start of the match	First set forfeited	Failure to take the court after 10 minutes from signalled start time	Second set forfeited	Failure to take the court after 20 minutes from signalled start time	Third set forfeited and match forfeited.
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(7.7.1): Forfeited Set

- For Tier 1 and Tier 2, a forfeit in Set 1, Set 2, and Set 3 will be recorded as 25-0 to the non-forfeiting team.
- For Youth Tier, a forfeit in Set 1 and Set 2 will be recorded as 25-0 to the non-forfeiting team, and a forfeit in Set 3 will be recorded as 15-0 to the non-forfeiting team.

(7.7.2): Forfeited Match

- In Tier 1 and Tier 2, where a team has forfeited the first three (3) sets, the non-forfeiting team will be declared the winner with a set score of 3-0, and point score of 75-0.
- In the Youth Tier, where a team has forfeited all three (3) sets, the non-forfeiting team will be declared the winner with a set score of 3-0, and point score of 65-0.
- The team which forfeited will receive the associated fines and penalties.

7.8 Double Forfeitures

(7.8.1): [Tier 1 and Tier 2] Double Forfeiture

Where both teams have failed to take court at the designated time, both teams will forfeit Set 1. If both teams are then present and ready to play Set 2, the match shall be played as Best-of-3-Sets.

- If both teams have forfeited Set 1 and Set 2, but are ready to play, the remainder of the match shall consist of three (3) sets, with the first two (2) sets played to 25 points with a two-point advantage, and the third set played to 15 points with a two-point advantage.
- If both teams have forfeited, Set 1, Set 2, and Set 3, but are ready to play, the remainder of the match shall consist of one (1) set, played to 25 points with a two-point advantage.

(7.8.2): [Youth Tier] Double Forfeiture

Where both teams have failed to take court at the designated time, both teams will forfeit Set 1. If both teams are then present and ready to play, the match shall consist of one (1) set, played to 15 points with a two-point advantage, within the remainder of the timeframe.

- If Set 2 is also forfeited by both teams, the match format will follow the above.

7.9 Duty Commitments and Officials

Teams will be required to perform duty where allocated on the draw.

- Each duty team must provide a First Referee, a Second Referee, a Scorer, and two (2) Line-Judges. An Assistant Scorer is also desirable.
- The full duty team is required to report to the score bench at the [coin toss](#).
- Failure to report for duty at the coin toss will result in a fine, this penalty will be increased per person missing at the start of the match (see [fine schedule](#)).
- All duty teams must ensure that the scoresheet is completed in accordance with the scoresheet checklist provided on the scorebench.

(7.9.1): Duty Team Accreditations

- Duty teams in a Tier 1 Division are required to provide a First Referee with at least a Volleyball Australia Level 2 State or Associate Officiating Accreditation.
- Duty teams in all other Divisions are required to provide a First Referee with at least a Volleyball Australia Level 1 Officiating Accreditation (see [fine schedule](#)).

(7.9.2): [Youth Tier and Junior Division] Duty Team Requirements

- Each team in the Youth Tier and Junior Division is to provide a responsible duty adult to supervise the duty team for the entire duration of the match, including the pre-match protocol. Fines will apply for non-compliance (see [fine schedule](#)).
- Duty members are not permitted to use any technological device or similar, which may distract them from the match. A fine will apply for any participants in breach of this clause. Participants will be fined multiple times should this occur multiple times.

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(7.9.3): First Referee Uniform

All First Referees that are officiating matches are encouraged to wear the Volleyball Australia (VA) Referee's Shirt (Sky Blue).

- If a First Referee for a Tier 1 match is wearing the official VA Referee Shirt, they will be eligible for reimbursement of expenses for that match.

7.10 Player Attendance and Team Lists

For a player to have been recorded as having played, that player must be listed on the team list and have entered the court for at least one (1) completed rally.

- Players may be added to the team list after the start of the match only with the approval of the Venue Manager. Team officials may be added to the team list after the start of the match without needing the approval of any PVL Operations Staff.

In the event of a forfeit by the opposition team, for the winning team:

- If the forfeit occurs at the venue without notice, all players that are listed or written on the scoresheet and are present will be recorded as having played.
- If the forfeit is notified by the opposition team prior to the scheduled day of the match, all players that are listed on the scoresheet (via Affiliates Online) at the time of the forfeiture will be recorded as having played.

7.11 [Youth Tier] Set Completion

In a Youth Tier timed match, a set that is currently in progress will be considered complete if a team has reached at least 13 points with a two (2) point advantage in the first two (2) sets of the match, or 8 points with a two (2) point advantage in Set 3.

- Any set that does not meet these conditions will be deemed as an incomplete set.
- Points won during an incomplete set will count towards the point ratio and point countback.

7.12 [Youth Tier] Match Completion and Winner Determination

In a Youth Tier timed match, if at the end of the match, the number of completed sets is equal, the winning team will be determined in the following order:

1. A Point Countback - the team that has scored the most points in the match, including in an incomplete set, and if the total points won by both teams are equal;
2. The match will be declared as a draw, with both teams being awarded a draw.

8.0: Rescheduled Matches

8.1 Rescheduled Matches (Appendix F)

An Affiliate may request (Requesting Affiliate) that a match be rescheduled.

- VQ will not facilitate the organisation of a rescheduled match at any stage of the season.
- Rescheduled matches will remain part of the original round they were scheduled for.

(8.1.1): Process for Rescheduling a Match

- The Requesting Affiliate must contact the Opposing Affiliate requesting to reschedule a match. This request must include a proposed date, time, and venue.
 - o The Opposing Affiliate will have the choice to either accept or reject a Rescheduled Match Request. If the Opposing Affiliate does not agree to a rescheduled match, the original match date and time will remain in effect.
- If the Opposing Affiliate agrees, the Requesting Affiliate must complete the *Rescheduled Match Request* form by no later than Wednesday (5pm) prior to the match.
 - o The form will request a representative from the Opposing Affiliate to confirm the rescheduling of the match.
 - o The Opposing Affiliate must complete the Confirmation of Rescheduled Match form by no later than Thursday (12pm) prior to the match.
- Once the form is submitted, VQ will send confirmation of the request receipt to both parties and the scoresheet for the match to the Requesting Affiliate.

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8.2	<p><u>Completion of Rescheduled Matches</u></p> <p>The rescheduled match is to be played by no later than two (2) weeks after the originally scheduled date of the match.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should the match not be played, and no satisfactory reason be provided to VQ, both Requesting and Opposing Affiliate will be penalised with a forfeit and the associated fines. - Should one Affiliate not appear and take court at the agreed rescheduled date and time, that Affiliate will forfeit the match, and the Affiliate that did appear will be awarded a win.
8.3	<p><u>Obligations of the Requesting Affiliate</u></p> <p>It is the obligation of the Requesting Affiliate to provide and organise the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A venue for the rescheduled match (at the Requesting Affiliate's expense). - A competent duty team (First Referee, Second Referee, Scorer, and two (2) Line-Judges). - A Sports Trainer or trained First-Aid Officer. - The physical scoresheet for the match (A3). - If either the Requesting or Opposing Affiliate has a duty on the round they are seeking to reschedule, the Requesting Affiliate must find a replacement duty team for that round. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Should the Requesting Affiliate fail to source or provide a duty team, they will be fined \$150.00 (see fine schedule).
8.4	<p><u>Player Eligibility – Rescheduled Matches</u></p> <p>All eligibility Clauses listed in 5.0 Player Eligibility remain in effect during rescheduled matches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional players may be added to the team list after the start of a match should both Requesting and Opposition team captain or coach both agree. - Should there be no agreeance, the First Referee shall have the deciding vote.
8.5	<p><u>Submission of Match Results</u></p> <p>The match results (including the scoresheet) must be submitted to VQ by no later than 48 hours after the competition of the match.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should the scoresheet and match results not be submitted within this timeframe, associated fines and penalties may be given to the Requesting Affiliate (see fine schedule).
8.6	<p><u>VQ Requested Reschedule</u></p> <p>Where VQ has requested that a match(es) be rescheduled, VQ will offer one (1) option after consultation with the teams involved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should a team fail to comply, they will need to reschedule a match with the Opposing team (following the procedure set out in Clause 8.0: Rescheduled Matches). - Failure to comply will result in the associated penalties and fines (see fine schedule).
8.7	<p><u>Extension of Rescheduled Match Requests</u></p> <p>Affiliates may apply for an extension to any of the dates and timelines listed above.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requests will be treated on its merits.



PART 4: PLAYER ELIGIBILITIES

9.0: Eligibility Models

9.1 **Eligibility Models**

The eligibility of a player to participate in a particular division will be governed by the following:

1. Individual Player Eligibility ([see Clause 9.2](#))
2. Top 8 List
3. Tier 1 Restriction List
4. Divisional Brackets

A full diagram on Tiers and Divisional Brackets can be found in [Appendix A](#).

9.2 **Individual Player Eligibility**

(9.2.1): Elite Player List

- The Elite Player List is a list that is submitted to VQ by an Affiliate.
- An Elite Player is any player who is not under 19 years for the full calendar year of the competition, that has represented a team or program in any of the following:
 - o A Team in the Australian Volleyball Super League (see Clause 9.2.2, 9.2.3).
 - o An Australian Senior National Team (see Clause 9.2.4).
 - o A Member of a Volleyball Australia Development Program (see Clause 9.2.5).
 - o An International Player (see Clause 9.2.6).
- Any player on the *Elite Player List* will only be eligible to play in the Premier Division.

(9.2.2): Queensland Pirates List

- The Queensland Pirates List is a list of nine (9) players will be compiled after the completion of the previous year's *Australian Volleyball Super League* consisting of eight (8) players and a libero.
 - o This list will be based on cumulative court time during the AVSL, however may be altered due to other events during the year.
- Any player that is listed on the *Queensland Pirates List* will only be eligible to play in the Premier Division.
- Exemptions to this rule may be applied for an athlete on the *Queensland Pirates List* to participate in the Challenger Division.
 - o Players that have received this exemption will only be permitted to play one (1) match per round. This exemption must be renewed each round.

(9.2.3): Australian Super Volleyball League Players

- Any person who has participated as a player in the 2023 Australian Volleyball Super League (AVSL) season will only be eligible to play in Tier 1 Divisions.
- Any player who has been selected in the 2023 Queensland Pirates (*AVSL Pirates Squad*), but did not take court, will only be eligible to play in the Premier Division, Challenger Division, or Division 1.
 - o The 2023 Queensland Pirates Squad can be found on the VQ website.
- This Clause does not apply to players who are under 19 years for the full calendar year of the current PVL season.

(9.2.4): National Australian Team Player

- Any player who has represented the Australian Senior National Volleyball Team (either Beach or Indoor) in the preceding calendar year and current calendar year will only be eligible to play in the Premier Division.
- This Clause does not apply to players who are under 19 years for the full calendar year of the current PVL season.

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(9.2.5): Members of Volleyball Australia National Development Programs

- Any player who is/was a member of any Volleyball Australia National Development Program, in either Indoor or Beach, in the preceding calendar year or current calendar year will only be eligible to play in the Premier Division.
- This Clause does not apply to players who are under 19 years for the full calendar year of the current PVL season.

(9.2.6): International Transfer Clearance

- PVL is considered a Tier 3 Competition in the FIVB National Federation Competition Category. An International Transfer Clearance (ITC) is not required to participate.

(9.2.7): International Player Eligibility

- Players who have participated in the highest level of competition (Tier 1 Competition) for their home country in the preceding calendar year or current calendar year will only be eligible to participate for the Premier Division.
- Players who have participated in the second highest level of competition (Tier 2 Competition) for their home country in the preceding calendar year or current calendar year will only be eligible to participate for the Premier Division or Challenger Division.
- Players who have not participated in the highest or second highest level of competition (Tier 1 and Tier 2 Competition) for their home country in the preceding calendar year or current calendar year may participate in any Division.
- It is the responsibility of Affiliates to confirm an International Player's eligibility to play in Australia with respect to the Tiers in their home country's National Federation Competition Category. Please contact the appropriate National Federation for further details on the International Player's eligibility to play.
- If an Affiliate does not believe that a player who has recently competed overseas does not meet the standards of the criteria listed above, they may apply for an exemption to the Clause. Exemptions will be treated on their merits by the PVL Control Committee.

9.3

Top 8 List

The Top 8 List is a list of eight (8) players, for each Tier 1 team for an Affiliate, determined by both the cumulative court time of a player as well as the *Queensland Pirates List*.

- The Top 8 List will be produced for each team in Tier 1.
- The Top 8 List will be established and published after Round 3 and will be updated after the completion of each round by Wednesday (11:59pm).

(9.3.1): Terminology of the Top 8 List

	List Position	
Top 8 List	1-8	Refers to all players ranked from 1 through to 8 of the Top 8 List.
T8 Locked Players	1-5	Refers to the players ranked from 1 through to 5 of the Top 8 List.
T8 Subset	6-8	Refers to the players ranked from 6 through to 8 of the Top 8 List.
T8 Selected Sixth Player	Chosen 6 th	A player selected from the T8 Subset (refer to 9.3.2)
T8 Restricted Players	1-5 and Selected Sixth	Refers to the <i>T8 Locked Players</i> and the <i>T8 Selected Sixth Player</i> .
T8 Unlocked Players		Refers to the remaining two (2) players from the T8 Subset

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	<p><i>(9.3.2): Selection of the T8 Selected Sixth</i></p> <p>Affiliates must select one (1) player from the <i>T8 Subset</i>; this player (<i>T8 Selected Sixth</i>) is ineligible to play in any other Division except that in which they appear on the Top 8 List or a team in a higher Division for the upcoming round.</p>
9.4	<p><u>Tier 1 Restriction List</u></p> <p>The Tier 1 Restriction List is a list of eight (8) players from the Premier Division, and eight (8) players from the Challenger Division for each Affiliate, that is determined solely on the cumulative court time of a player.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should a player appear on both lists for the Premier Division and the Challenger Division, the second instance of their name will be removed and replaced with the player below them in cumulative court time until a list of eight (8) is made. - Should an Affiliate only have a Challenger Division Team, only eight (8) players will be listed in the Tier 1 Restriction List. - The Tier 1 Restriction List will be established and published after Round 3, and will be updated after the completion of each round by Wednesday (11:59pm).
9.5	<p><u>Divisional Brackets</u></p> <p>A Divisional Bracket is a grouping of three (3) Divisions. A Divisional Bracket encompasses the Division in which a player is nominated (<i>Nominated Division</i>), the Division directly higher than the Division which a player is nominated (<i>Upper Division</i>), and the Division directly lower than the Division which a player is nominated (<i>Lower Division</i>).</p>
9.6	<p><u>Three Week Exemption to Eligibility Models</u></p> <p>In the first three (3) rounds of the competition, a player may play in an unlimited number of matches within a single Tier (with exception to the Youth Tier and respect to Clause 5.3.2) per round, so long as they are not restricted by Clause 9.2 and its subclauses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This rule will override the following clauses for the first three (3) rounds of competition (Clause 10.1.2, Clause 11.1.2) - A player may not play across multiple Tiers in a single round within the first three (3) rounds of competition, with the exception of Youth Tier. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A player who is eligible to play in the Youth Tier may only play one (1) match in the Youth Tier, but may play for an unlimited number of matches for any Divisions within a single Tier. - A player may play in a different Tier in the next round.
9.7	<p><u>Nomination of Players to Teams</u></p> <p>After Round 3, all players that have taken court for the Affiliate must be nominated into one (1) specific team. This will be their nominated team (nominated Division).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any players that join the Affiliate after Round 3 must be nominated into a team before their first match.
9.8	<p><u>Reallocation of Players – Into a Higher Division/Tier</u></p> <p>If an Affiliate wishes to move a player to a higher team than the division they are currently nominated in, Affiliates must submit a <i>Player Reallocation Request Form</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This can be requested at any stage of the season up until the start of that division's Finals Series.
9.9	<p><u>Reallocation of Players – Into a Lower Division/Tier</u></p> <p>If an Affiliate wishes to move a player to a lower team than the division they are currently nominated in, Affiliates must submit a <i>Player Reallocation Request Form</i>. This can only be submitted once (1) per player during the season and the reasoning must be justified as to why that movement needs to occur.</p>

There are three (3) reasons to why an exemption will be approved:

- The player has had an injury after their selection into a team and can no longer play at the level required of that division or bracket.
- The player has been incorrectly assigned to a team that is beyond their capabilities, and it would be detrimental to their development as a player (and/or team). This movement must be requested before the start of Round 5.
- An exceptional situation outside of the scenarios written. This movement must be justified by the Affiliate, and the decision must be ratified by the PVL Control Committee.

(9.9.1): Trapdoor Clause

Once the request for a player to be moved to a lower Division/Tier has been approved, that player may only play for the teams within their Divisional Bracket. They will no longer be eligible to play into a higher Tier and will not be eligible to be reallocated for the remainder of the competition season.

- Exemptions to this Clause may be applied and treated on its merits.

(9.9.2): Movement with Respect to Top 8 Lists and Tier 1 Restriction Lists

A player that appears on the Top 8 List or Tier 1 Restriction List is not eligible to move to a lower team until they no longer appear on either list, with the following exceptions:

- A player may move to the team in the lower division, however will not be eligible to participate in any of those matches until they no longer appear in the Top 8 List for the a team in a higher division.

9.10

Liberos

A player may only play as a libero for one (1) team per round (including rescheduled matches) but may play a different position in another team in another division, with respect to [Clause 9.2](#).

- This Clause does not apply to Liberos in the Junior Division or any divisions in the Youth Tier (see [Clauses 11.2.4](#) and [12.1.4](#) respectively).

10.0: Tier 1 – Player Eligibility

10.1

Eligibility of Players in Tier 1

Players who are nominated in a team in Tier 1 are restricted by the following eligibility models:

- Individual Player Eligibility
- Top 8 List
- Tier 1 Restriction List
- Divisional Brackets

(10.1.1): Playing Across Multiple Divisions

A player may play for their nominated team as well as a team in the division directly above it, or a team in the division directly below it.

- Where an Affiliate has multiple teams within the same division, a player may only play for one (1) of the teams in that division for the entirety of the season.

(10.1.2): Playing in Multiple Teams per Round

A player may play in a maximum of three (3) teams per round across all Tiers of the competition. This must include their nominated team.

- A player nominated in a Tier 1 team may play in a maximum of two (2) teams within Tier 1 and a maximum of one (1) team outside of Tier 1 (either Tier 2 or Youth Tier) per round.

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	<p><i>(10.1.4): Appearing on the Tier 1 Restriction List</i> A player that is currently on the Tier 1 Restriction List is ineligible to play for any other team outside of Tier 1.</p> <p><i>(10.1.5): Appearing on the Tier 1 Top 8 List</i> A player that is currently on any Top 8 List for Tier 1 is ineligible to play for any other team outside of Tier 1.</p>
10.2	<p><u>Top 8 List – Queensland Pirates List</u> Any player that is included in the Queensland Pirates List will automatically be listed on the Top 8 List for the Affiliate's highest team as soon as they have taken court, regardless of cumulative match time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Players will be listed on the Top 8 List on the order in which they appear on the Queensland Pirates List. - Where a player from the <i>Queensland Pirates List</i> has not attended a match (see Clause 7.10) over 4 consecutive rounds (excluding byes), they will be removed from the Top 8 List for that team until their next attendance.
10.4	<p><u>Eligibility of the Top 8 Players in Lower Divisions/Divisions</u> <i>(10.4.1): Premier Division Top 8 Eligibility</i> The Premier Division <i>T8 Restricted Players</i> (refer to 9.3.1) are only eligible to play in the Premier Division for the upcoming round.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Premier Division <i>T8 Unlocked Players</i> are eligible to play in the Challenger Division. <p><i>(10.4.2): Challenger Division Top 8 Eligibility</i> The Challenger Division <i>T8 Restricted Players</i> (refer to 9.3.1) are only eligible to play in the Challenger Division or Premier Division for the upcoming round.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Challenger Division <i>T8 Unlocked Players</i> are eligible to play in a higher division, or in Division 1 should they not appear on the Tier 1 Restriction List.
10.5	<p><u>Ineligible Players – Top 8 Players</u> If a player is found to be playing in an active match (match currently in progress) in a division where they are ineligible, the team in the lower division will disqualify the set(s) in which the ineligible player took court.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where possible, the match should continue from that point. - Should the ineligible player take court for the first three (3) sets, the team fielding the illegal player will be disqualified. <p>If an ineligible player is found to have played in a lower division after the competition of the match, that lower division match will be disqualified.</p>
10.6	<p><u>Injury Exemptions – Tier 1</u> If a Tier 1 player is injured, an Affiliate may submit the <i>Exemption Request Form (Injury)</i> to permit for a replacement player to cover for the player during a stipulated injury period without effecting the replacement player's status in the lower divisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This request must be lodged by the Monday (5pm) prior to the round. - The replacement player will not be captured in the Top 8 List for the period of time stipulated.
11.0: Tier 2 – Player Eligibility	
11.1	<p><u>Eligibility of Players in Tier 2</u> Players who are nominated for a team in Tier 2 are restricted by the following eligibility models:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual Player Eligibility - Tier 1 Restriction List (Top 8 List by extension)

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(11.1.1): Playing Across Multiple Divisions

A player may play for their nominated team as well as a team in the division directly above it, or a team in the division directly below it.

- Where an Affiliate has multiple teams within the same division, a player may only play for one (1) of the teams in that division for the entirety of the season.

(11.1.2): Playing in Multiple Teams per Round

A player may play in a maximum of three (3) teams per round across all Tiers of the competition. This must include their nominated team.

- A player nominated in a Tier 2 team may play in a maximum of two (2) teams within Tier 2 and a maximum of one (1) team outside of Tier 2 (either Tier 1 or Youth Tier) per round.

(11.1.4): Appearing on the Tier 1 Restriction List

If a player that is nominated for a team in Tier 2 appears on the Tier 1 Restriction List, the Affiliate will be asked if they would like to reallocate the player up to a team in Tier 1 or show cause as to why the player should be able to continue in their nominated team in Tier 2.

- Should the Affiliate choose to reallocate the player to the higher division, the player will retain their position on the Tier 1 Restriction List.
- Should the Affiliate choose not to reallocate the player and justify their appearances, the player will be temporarily removed from the Tier 1 Restriction List. If their next appearance in Tier 1 causes them to reappear on the Tier 1 Restriction List, they will automatically be reallocated into the higher division.

(11.1.5): Appearing on a Tier 1 Top 8 List

If a player that is nominated in a team in Tier 2 appears as a part of the *T8 Locked Players* ([refer to 9.3.1](#)) for either the Premier Division or Challenger Division Top 8 Lists, the player will immediately be ineligible to play for any team in Tier 2 and will be automatically reallocated into the team for which they appeared on the Top 8 List for.

11.2

Junior Division Eligibility

(11.2.1): Playing in Multiple Teams per Round

A player may play for a maximum of three (3) teams per round across all Tiers of the competition.

- Per round, a player nominated in a Junior Division team may play in a maximum of two (2) teams within Tier 2 and a maximum of one (1) team outside of Tier 2 (either Tier 1 or Youth Tier) per round.

(11.2.2): Eligibility within Tier 2

A player nominated into the Junior Division may play in the Junior Division as well as any other team within Tier 2.

- If an Affiliate has multiple teams within the same division, a player may only play for one (1) of the teams in that division for the entirety of the season.

(11.2.3): Eligibility within the Youth Tier

A player nominated into the Junior Division may play in the Junior Division as well as a team within Division 1 of an Age Group (i.e. Under 19 – Division 1, Under 17 – Division 1, Under 15 – Division 1) with respect to age eligibility.

(11.2.4): Junior Division Liberos

A player who has played as a Libero in the Junior Division is eligible to play as Libero for one (1) other team in any Tier per Round.

(11.2.5): Appearing on the Tier 1 Restriction List

If a player that is nominated for a team in the Junior Division appears on the Tier 1 Restriction List, the Affiliate will be asked if they would like to reallocate the player up to a team in Tier 1 or show cause as to why the player should be able to continue in their nominated team in the Junior Division.

- Should the Affiliate choose to reallocate the player to the higher division, the player will retain their position on the Tier 1 Restriction List.
- Should the Affiliate choose not to reallocate the player and justify their appearances, the player will be temporarily removed from the Tier 1 Restriction List. If their next appearance in Tier 1 causes them to reappear on the Tier 1 Restriction List, they will automatically be reallocated into the higher division.

(11.2.6): Appearing on a Tier 1 Top 8 List

If a player that is nominated in a team in Junior Division appears as a part of the *T8 Locked Players* ([refer to 9.3.1](#)) for either the Premier Division or Challenger Division Top 8 Lists, the player will immediately be ineligible to play for the Junior Division and will be automatically reallocated into the team for which they appeared on the Top 8 List for.

11.3 Ineligible Players – Divisional Brackets

If a player is found to be playing in an active match (match currently in progress) in a division where they are ineligible, the team in the lower division will disqualify the set(s) in which the ineligible player took court.

- Where possible, the match should continue from that point.
- Should the ineligible player take court for the first three (3) sets, the team fielding the illegal player will be disqualified.

If an ineligible player is found to have played in a lower division after the competition of the match, that lower division match will be disqualified.

11.4 Injury Exemptions – Tier 2

If a Tier 2 player is injured, an Affiliate may submit the *Exemption Request Form (Injury)* to permit for a replacement player to cover for the player during a stipulated injury period without effecting the replacement player's status in the lower divisions.

- This request must be lodged by the Monday (5pm) prior to the round.

12.0: Youth Tier – Player Eligibility

12.1 Eligibility of Players in the Youth Tier

Players who are nominated for a team in the Youth Tier are restricted by the following eligibility models:

- Individual Player Eligibility
- Tier 1 Restriction List
- Top 8 List by extension

(12.1.1): Playing Across Multiple Divisions

A player may play for their nominated team or team in a higher division.

- If an Affiliate has multiple teams within the same division, a player may only play for one (1) of the teams in that division for the entirety of the season.

(12.1.2): Playing in Multiple Teams per Round

A player nominated into the Youth Tier may play for a maximum of three (3) teams per round across all Tiers of the competition. This must include their nominated team.

- A player nominated in a Youth Tier team may play in a maximum of one (1) team within the Youth Tier and a maximum of two (2) teams outside of the Youth Tier (either Tier 1 or Tier 2) per round.

(12.1.3): Youth Tier Liberos

A player who has played as a Libero in the Youth Division is eligible to play as Libero for one (1) other team in any Tier per Round.

(12.1.4): Appearing on the Tier 1 Restriction List

If a player that is nominated for a team in the Youth Tier appears on the Tier 1 Restriction List, the Affiliate will be asked if they would like to reallocate the player up to a team in Tier 1 or show cause as to why the player should be able to continue in their nominated team in the Youth Tier.

- Should the Affiliate choose to reallocate the player to the higher division, the player will retain their position on the Tier 1 Restriction List.
- Should the Affiliate choose not to reallocate the player and justify their appearances, the player will be temporarily removed from the Tier 1 Restriction List. If their next appearance in Tier 1 causes them to reappear on the Tier 1 Restriction List, they will automatically be reallocated into the higher division.

(12.2.5): Appearing on a Tier 1 Top 8 List

If a player that is nominated in a team in Youth Tier appears as a part of the *T8 Locked Players* ([refer to 9.3.1](#)) for either the Premier Division or Challenger Division Top 8 Lists, the player will immediately be ineligible to play for the Junior Division and will be automatically reallocated into the team for which they appeared on the Top 8 List for.

12.2

Temporary Player Exemption

A Player ("Temporary Player") may play for an additional team in order to prevent that team from forfeiting. This exemption must be requested to the Venue Manager (at the venue) or Management Staff (over email) prior to the commencement of the match.

- An exemption will only be granted if the team has five (5) players or less.
- This exemption will be recorded and signed for by the requesting coach.

The team for which the Temporary Player is seeking to play may only have a maximum of six (6) players total (inclusive of the Temporary Player) for the duration of the match.

- Should an additional player seeking to play in that team arrive, the temporary player must be substituted off.
- Teams may not have a Libero if a Temporary Player is used.
- The Temporary Player may be sought from any team available, however it is encouraged that it be one from a lower division.
- The Temporary Player may also participate in the match for their nominated team in the same round.
- Players may only play for a maximum of three (3) matches per round.
 - o A Temporary Player may play for two (2) matches within the Youth Tier and one (1) match in any division in another Tier.
- Temporary Players will be marked as "T" on the scoresheet (where Captains/Liberos are marked) by the requesting coach ([See Example](#)).

PART 5 – COMPETITION STANDING AND FINALS SERIES

13.0: Competition Points

13.1 Allocation of Competition Points

Match Won	3 points
Draw [<i>Youth Tier</i>]	2 points
Match Lost / Match Disqualified	1 point
Match Forfeit	-2 points
Byes	0 points

13.2 Competition Ranking

Competition ranking refers to the rank of each team within a division. The ranking of teams on the Competition Ladder is determined in the following order:

- The most Competition Points
- The highest Set Ratio (5 decimal places)
- The highest Point Ratio (5 decimal places)
- Head-to-Head: The result of the last match played between the two (2) tied teams.

(13.2.1): Calculation of Set and Point Ratios

Set Ratio	$Set\ Ratio = \frac{Total\ Sets\ Won}{Total\ Sets\ Played}$
Point Ratio	$Point\ Ratio = \frac{Total\ Points\ Won}{Total\ Points\ Played}$

(13.2.2): Unequal Preliminary Matches Played

If teams in a division have played an unequal number of preliminary matches or extended preliminary matches, the competition points will be replaced by average competition points.

Average competition points will be calculated as per below:

$$Average\ Competition\ Points = \frac{Competition\ Points}{Total\ Matches\ Played}$$

14.0: Finals Series

14.1 Finals Series

The length of the Finals Series may differ across divisions due to a division's size. The Finals Series (or Finals Format) refers to matches that are not classified as Preliminary Matches or Extended Preliminary Matches on the official draw.

14.2 Finals Series – Match Format

(14.2.1): [Tier 1 and Tier 2] Finals Series Match Format

All matches in the Finals Series will be played as Best-of-5 Sets, untimed, with a rally point scoring system.

- Set 1 through to Set 4 will be played to 25 points, with a two-point advantage.
- Set 5 will be played to 15 points, with a two-point advantage.
- No point cap will be applied to any set.

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(14.2.2): [Youth Tier] Finals Series Match Format

All matches in the Finals Series will be played as Best-of-3 Sets, untimed, with a rally point scoring system.

- Set 1 and Set 2 will be played to 25 points, with a two-point advantage.
- Set 3 will be played to 15 points, with a two-point advantage.
- No point cap will be applied to any set.

14.3 Forfeitures/Disqualifications in the Finals Series

Where a team has forfeited or disqualified a match in the Finals Series for any reason, the offending team may be removed from the Finals Series in its entirety.

- Only teams who have fulfilled their finals commitments including duties will be eligible for any medals or awards.

Where a team has been removed from the Finals Series, the next highest ranked team in the competition ranking for that Division or the opposing team that was not forfeited or disqualified in the Finals Series will progress through.

15.0: Finals Eligibility

15.1 Finals Eligibility – Overview

- All eligibility Clauses listed in 5.0 *Player Eligibility* remain in effect during the Finals Series.
- Byes are not counted towards the attendance count.

15.2 Finals Eligibility

For players to be eligible to participate a team in the finals series, players must have played (see Clause 7.10) in at least 33% (rounded up to the nearest whole number) of the Preliminary or Extended Preliminary Matches for the team they wish to play for.

(15.2.1): [Tier 1] Elite Player Exemption

Each Affiliate may submit a list of Elite Players who wish to be considered eligible for the Premier Division Finals Series by Round 4 of the season subject to Clause 5.0 (*Player Eligibility*).

- An Elite Player (defined in Clause 9.2) who is unable to qualify for the PVL Finals Series due to their commitments over the course of the PVL season may apply for this exemption.

(15.2.2): [Tier 1] Additions to the Elite Player List

In the event that an Elite Player is added to either the Indoor or Beach National Program after Round 4, Affiliates may request that the Elite Player be added to their list subject to suitable documentary evidence presented to the PVL Control Committee.

- This submission must be completed within four (4) weeks of the athlete commencing in the National Program.
- These amendments may only be made up to Round 8 of the season.

(15.2.3): [Tier 1] Elite Player Eligibility for Finals

For an Elite Player to be granted an exemption from the eligibility requirements set in Clause 14.2, this athlete must have been eligible to participate in the Premier Division Finals in the previous season for the Affiliate they are seeking to compete for in the current year.

- Previous seasons will only be considered if continuity of registration is evident (registered with VQ each year with no interstate transfers or Affiliate transfers).

(15.2.4): Top 8 List and Tier 1 Restriction List

The Clauses related to the Top 8 List and Tier 1 Restriction List will still apply in the Finals Series.

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15.5 **Exemptions for Finals Eligibility**

If a player has not participated in the required number of matches to compete in the Finals Series, an Affiliate may apply for an exemption for the player to participate.

- Exemptions will be treated on their merits. Exemptions must be submitted via the online form by 5:00pm on the Monday before the start of the Finals Series for that division.
- This exemption must be submitted using the *Exemption Request Form (Eligibility)*.



PART 6 – COMPETITION POLICIES

16.0: Officiating and Officials

16.1 **PVL Officiating Staff**

VQ will appoint a Referee Coach per venue for each round.

16.2 **Referee Rostering**

Affiliates participating in any Tier 1 division must provide at least two (2) qualified Level 2 State or Level 2 Associate Referees per team. These referees will be placed into a pool of referees to be used by the Competitions Coordinator (or the Technical Delegate) in the rostering of First Referees for these divisions.

- The Competitions Coordinator (or the Technical Delegate) will roster a qualified First Referee for all Tier 1 matches throughout the season. Should a First Referee not be assigned, duty teams are to provide a suitable and accredited First Referee.

(16.2.1): Nominated First Referee Failure to Appear

In the event that an assigned First Referee, nominated by an Affiliate, has accepted their appointment from the Competitions Coordinator or Technical Delegate, but does not appear for their allocated match, the Affiliate will be fined \$70.00 per appointment missed (see [fine schedule](#)).

16.3 **QVRC and Development Referees**

From time to time, the Queensland Volleyball Referee's Commission (QVRC) can assign a Referee to officiate a team's duty commitment outside of Tier 1.

17.0: Uniforms

17.1 **Uniform Requirement**

All players must wear a uniform, complete with the following:

(17.1.1): Playing Jersey/Shirt

- The playing jersey/shirt (including the Libero) must have a permanently fixed number between 1 and 99 on both the front and back.
 - o In the event there is a duplicate number on the team list, tape may be used temporarily change the jersey number for that one (1) round.
- The playing jersey/shirt must be consistent in colour and design throughout the team, with the exception of the Libero uniform.

(17.1.2): Libero Playing Jersey/Shirt

- The playing jersey/shirt for the Libero must be contrasting to the rest of the team jerseys or have a different dominant colour to any colour in the team uniform.
- In the Youth Tier, as the Libero can be changed per set, players may have differing jersey numbers for their regular uniform and Libero uniform. Both numbers must be listed on the team list ([see Scoresheet Example](#))

(17.1.3): Playing Shorts

- Male players must wear shorts that are of a consistent colour to the rest of the team.
- Female players can wear shorts, sports briefs or bike pants, provided the uniform is generally consistent throughout the team in terms of colour.
- The manufacturer's logo/brand must not exceed 10cm x 10cm unless the marking is consistent throughout the team, this includes stripes on the shorts.

(17.1.4): Alternation to Uniforms

- Provided that the design and colour are consistent, variations of the team uniform, such as long-sleeve shirts or long pants are also permitted.

(17.1.5): Sponsoring

- Sponsor logos must be consistent throughout the team.

(17.1.6): Penalties Associated with Uniforms

- Penalties relating to uniforms will be issued by the Management or PVL Operations Staff.

(17.1.7): Uniforms Exemptions

- Uniform exemptions may be requested.
- Exemptions will apply for one (1) round, or for a specified period of time.
- These exemptions can be requested from either the Management Staff or the Venue Manger.

18.0: Behavioural Policies and Guidelines

18.1 **Behavioural Misconduct**

The PVL Operations Staff as well as the Management Staff have the power to sanction participants (players, coaches, managers, etc) where required.

Players and team officials may be given a written warning from the VQ State Operations Manager regarding their conduct during competition. This will be emailed to the Affiliate contact by no later than 5pm on the Wednesday following the match in question, or after the completion of an investigation. Notice of this breach will be delivered to the Affiliate within five (5) working days of the breach.

18.2 **Sanctions - Player and Team Officials**

(18.2.1): Red Cards During Match

Any player or team official 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 Clause 18.2.1a is completed.

(18.2.2): Expulsion During Match

Any player or team official who is sanctioned with expulsion (Red & Yellow together) will be;

- a) expelled immediately from the set in which they incurred the sanction.
- 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 Clause 18.2.2b above is completed.

(18.2.3): Disqualification During Match

Any player or team official who is sanctioned with disqualification (Red & Yellow apart) will be;

- a) expelled immediately from the match in which they incurred the sanction and escorted out the venue.
- 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 Clause 18.2.3b above is completed.

(18.2.4): Assessment of Sanction Validity

Before any suspension is issued, the PVL Control Committee will convene to assess the validity of the sanctions issued by the referee. If the sanctions were not found to be warranted, the suspension will not be issued and the case will not proceed to the VQ Judicial Committee.

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	<p><i>(18.2.4): Appearance Before Judicial Committee</i></p> <p>Any player or team official who is sanctioned with disqualification or expulsion may be further cited to appear within five (5) days at a VQ Judiciary Committee hearing at the discretion and direction of the VQ General Manager.</p>
18.3	<p><u>Spectator Behaviour and Misconduct</u></p> <p>Spectators are expected to act and behave in a manner appropriate for a sports event. Spectators whose behaviour is considered unruly, unsuitable, or abusive may be evicted from the venue by the PVL Operations Staff or referred to Venue Security.</p>
18.4	<p><u>Appeals Related to Behaviour</u></p> <p>Matters concerning discipline will be referred to the VQ Judiciary Committee for action as outlined in VQ's <i>Complaints Handling Procedure</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This appeal must be launched via the online <i>Appeals Form</i> within three (3) days of receiving notification of the infraction.
18.5	<p><u>Appearances Before the Judicial Committee</u></p> <p>Participants who are asked to appear before the VQ Judicial Committee will be notified via email. The hearing will be at the VQ Office at the discretion and direction of the VQ General Manager.</p>
18.6	<p><u>Rules and Scenarios Outside the Scope of Regulations</u></p> <p>Where a situation occurs that is outside the scope of these Regulations or it is a matter of integrity to the competition, the Control Committee will convene to determine the outcome of the matter.</p> <p>The decision made by the Control Committee will be final.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The penalties associated with breaches outside the scope of the Regulations may not be listed on the fines schedule of these Regulations. - Where required, members may be asked to appear before the VQ Judiciary Committee.
19.0: On-the-Spot Protest Resolution	
19.1	<p><u>On the Spot Protest Guideline (Appendix E)</u></p> <p>A match protest will be resolved using the On-the-Spot Protest Resolution guideline. Match protests are not subject to further appeal.</p> <p>Should a team believe that a match official has incorrectly applied or misinterpreted a rule, they should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immediately, at the completion of the rally, inform the Second Referee that they wish to launch an On-the-Spot Protest. 2. The First Referee will suspend the game and consult with PVL Operations Staff, who will perform an On-the-Spot Protest Resolution. <p>The Referee Coach or Venue Manager (should the Referee Coach be unavailable) will assess the validity of the protest. A valid protest includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An improper decision by the First Referee or Second Referee did not apply the rules correctly; and/or, 2. An improper decision of the Scorer who made a mistake on the rotational order or score. <p>A protest outside this scope is considered an improper protest (including, but not limited to, a Referee's decisions on sanctions, playing actions, or misconduct).</p> <p>If a protest is deemed improper, the protest will be REJECTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The protesting team will receive a delay penalty (time delay red). - The match will continue immediately.

If a protest is deemed legal, it will be **ACCEPTED**:

- The Referee Coach or Venue Manager will investigate the protest to assess whether the Referee's decision is **UPHELD** or **OVERTURNED**.
- There are no penalties for the protesting coach/team after this point.
- The Referee Coach or Venue Manager will obtain the protest from the coach and the Referee's rationale for their decision.
- The Referee Coach or Venue Manager will determine whether the decision is **UPHELD** or **OVERTURNED**, and inform the first referee, protesting coach, and opposing coach of the decision along with the rationale.

Should the decision be **UPHELD**:

- The match will be resumed with the original decision from the Match Referee.
- The protest will be noted on the scoresheet.

Should the decision be **OVERTURNED**,

- The match is resumed from the point prior to the Referee's decision (previous rally cancelled).
- The protest will be noted on the scoresheet.

The decision by the Referee Coach or Venue Manager is final.

19.2 **Appeals**

(19.2.1): Appeals Regarding Scoresheet Penalties

An appeal regarding scoresheet penalties and ineligible or illegal players must be submitted via the online 'Appeals' form within three (3) days of receipt of the penalty Infringement Notice.

(19.2.2): Appeals Regarding Management of the PVL

Appeals against a decision of the Control Committee must be lodged to the VQ General Manager within three (3) days of receiving a decision in accordance with VQ's "Complaints Handling Procedure".

20.0: Injuries

20.1 **Blood Rule Procedure**

In the event that blood is present, or a player is injured on court, the rally is immediately cancelled, and in the case of blood, the match suspended. The playing surface, player(s), ball, net, and all equipment will be assessed for traces of blood.

- Any bleeding player(s) with blood on them, will be escorted off the court by PVL Operations Staff to first-aid where they will be able to clean off all traces of blood.
- The time will be paused (in Youth Tier matches) to assess/sanitise the court of blood.

Once there is no blood present on court, other players, or playing equipment, the match shall resume immediately with a Blood Rule Substitution ([refer to Clause 20.2](#)).

If in the event that an injured or ill player cannot be substituted legally or exceptionally, Clause 20.5 (*Medical Timeout*) will be followed. If after 5 minutes has elapsed, and the player is not able to continue, the team will be declared in completed and the match forfeited.

If blood is present on court, all players (who do not have blood on them) will be vacated to the benches while the court and affected areas are cleaned and disinfected by PVL Operations Staff.

- The time taken to disinfect the court and equipment will be added onto the 60 minutes and played until that time has elapsed (Youth Tier timed matches).

20.2	<p><u>Blood Rule Substitutions</u></p> <p>If a player is bleeding, they may be substituted out for any player on the team list who is not already on the court.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If a Libero is on court at the time of the Blood Rule, they may be exchanged out for the original player, be redesignated, then substituted on for the bleeding player in the same interruption. - Blood Rule Substitutions are not counted as official substitutions but will be noted on the scoresheet to maintain rotational (service) order.
20.3	<p><u>Returning Player</u></p> <p>Returning Players (or anyone with blood on them) may return to court if they fulfil all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They are not bleeding, and any open wound(s) has been dressed; 2. There are no traces of blood on their person or uniform; 3. They have been assessed by First-Aid, and have been allowed to resume playing; 4. They do not pose a risk to other fellow participants.
20.4	<p><u>Exceptional Match Interruption</u></p> <p><i>(20.4.1): Injury/Illness</i></p> <p>Where a serious accident (or incident) has occurred and a player is unable to be moved from the court by medical staff, the match will be moved to an alternate court at the same venue (if possible). If a match is unable to be moved to an alternate court at the same venue, follow Clause 20.4.3.</p> <p><i>(20.4.2): Unforeseen Circumstance</i></p> <p>Where an unforeseen circumstance has occurred causing a substantial delay, the match will be moved to an alternate court at the same venue (if possible). The Venue Manager alone will determine if an incident is substantial to constitute an exceptional match interruption. If a match is unable to be moved to an alternate court at the same venue, follow Clause 20.4.3.</p> <p><i>(20.4.3): Procedure for Exceptional Match Interruptions</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The match will be delayed until the playing surface is cleared or an alternate court can be secured (whichever occurs first) 2. If the delay exceeds one (1) hour, both captains will be asked if their respective teams wish to continue or reschedule the match. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Should both captains agree to continue the match FIVB protocol will be followed (Clause 17.3.2.1 and Clause 17.3.2.2 in the FIVB Rules of the Game 2021-2024). b. Should the captains agree to reschedule the match or four (4) hours elapses from the start of the delay (whichever occurs first), the whole match will be replayed and rescheduled under Clause 8.6 (All sets and points are cancelled, and the score reset to zero). <p><i>(20.4.4): Procedure for Match Reschedule due to Illness or an Unforeseen Circumstance</i></p> <p>A match that is rescheduled due to the above circumstances will be rescheduled by VQ. VQ will offer one (1) option to Affiliates after consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should both Affiliates agree to the reschedule, VQ will provide the venue and First Referee. <p>Should either Affiliate disagree with the proposed time or venue, the Affiliate who rejected the option (Requesting Affiliate) will need to seek to reschedule the match with the Opposing Affiliate under Section 8.0.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Requesting Affiliate will need to fulfill the obligations set out in Clause 8.3. - VQ will not source a venue or duty team for this rescheduled match and it is the obligation of the Requesting Affiliate to incur any costs associated with this rescheduled match.

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20.5	<p><u>Medical Timeout</u></p> <p>Where a team has exhausted their regular time-outs, as well as used all possible substitutions (including exceptional substitution), a team may request a medical timeout.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A medical timeout can only be requested once per team during a match. - A medical timeout will last for a maximum of five (5) minutes. - A medical timeout must be approved by a member of the PVL Operations Staff and will begin once medical attention or treatment (First Aid) has begun on the injured player. The timing of the medical timeout will be supervised by a member of the PVL Operations Staff. <p>After the completion of the medical timeout, the team must decide whether they are able to continue the match or declare a forfeit due to injury. No fines or sanctions apply to this type of forfeit.</p>
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21.0: Awards

21.1	<p><u>Placing Awards</u></p> <p>Each division will receive medals for placing first (1st), second (2nd), and third (3rd). The team that has placed first (1st) in each division will be awarded a Divisional Champion's Plaque.</p>
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21.2	<p><u>Most Valuable Player (MVP)</u></p> <p>A Most Valuable Player Award will be presented to the player in each division who has accumulated the most MVP points during all matches excluding the Finals Series. The duty team of each match will vote on a player that is to be awarded 3-points and 1-point.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 3-points/1-point can be awarded to any player, on either team, that has taken court. - Fines will apply to the duty team for failure to award both MVPs, or if an MVP was given to a player that did not take court (see fine schedule).
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21.3	<p><u>Player of the Finals</u></p> <p>The Player of the Finals Award will be awarded to the best performing player in the Gold Medal Match of each division. This award will be voted on by the First and Second Referees of the match.</p>
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21.4	<p><u>PVL Club Champions</u></p> <p>The PVL Club Championship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Affiliate with the most Club Championship points at the end of the PVL season. The Club Champion will be calculated at the end of all finals matches. See Appendix H for the allocation of Club Champion Points.</p> <p><i>(21.4.1): Sterilisation of Points</i></p> <p>Affiliates with more than one (1) team entered in a division will only receive points for the team which has ranked the highest in that division.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The points corresponding to the Affiliate's remaining teams are "sterilised".
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22.0: Interstate Affiliate Policy

22.1	<p><u>Interstate Affiliate Policy</u></p> <p>The Interstate Affiliate Policy will apply for interstate teams and entries (Interstate Affiliates). The Clauses will override any conflicting or contradicting Clauses. Where the Interstate Affiliate Policy does not contradict to the Regulations, the original Clause will remain in effect.</p>
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22.2	<p><u>Interstate Affiliate Team Nominations</u></p> <p><i>The following Clause will override any conflicting information from Clause 3.1 for Interstate Affiliate nominations.</i></p> <p>Entry is open to current Affiliate and Associate Affiliates of another state or territory which is Affiliated with Volleyball Australia (i.e. <i>Volleyball Victoria, Volleyball New South Wales, Volleyball Tasmania, Volleyball South Australia, Volleyball Western Australia, Volleyball Northern Territory, and Volleyball ACT</i>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Affiliate status for the interstate Affiliate must be confirmed by their home state before they are accepted. - Nomination must be endorsed and ratified by their home state association.
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22.3 State Membership

The following Clause will override any conflicting information from Clause 5.1 for Interstate Affiliate nominations.

For players representing an Affiliate from Interstate to be eligible to compete in the PVL, they must have the equivalent membership level that is required to participate in their home state's State League.

- 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 with a Recreational Membership will have a one (1) week's grace period from the date the player took court to upgrade their membership to Full before penalties apply

State Affiliate Membership

Volleyball Victoria	VV – Gold (Adult or U21)
Volleyball New South Wales	VSNW – Full Membership
Volleyball Western Australia	VWA – Platinum Membership
Volleyball Tasmania	VTAS – Annual Membership
Volleyball Northern Territory	VNT – Adult Membership
Volleyball ACT	VACT – Adult Membership

22.4 Awards for Interstate Affiliates

The following Clause is addendum to Section 21.0 for Interstate Affiliate nominations.

All Interstate Affiliates entered into the PVL will receive the full rights afforded to the Affiliates of Volleyball Queensland in terms with their participation in the Premier Volleyball League.

- If an Interstate Affiliate has placed first (1st), second (2nd), or third (3rd), they will receive the medals associated with that position, Affiliates of VQ who have also placed will receive the medals based on their finishing position including the Interstate Affiliates.



PART 7 – FINE SCHEDULE

23.0: Penalties and Fines

23.1 **Penalties and Penalty Infringement Notice**

There are several penalties and fines associated with the failure to comply with several rules of the competition. These fines will be issued by either the Management or PVL Operations Staff.

Where an Affiliate has been issued a penalty, a *Penalty Infringement Notice* will be sent to the Affiliate's primary contact for the PVL by no later than Wednesday 5pm following the round. Should an issue be found after this date, VQ reserve the right to penalise the Affiliate based upon the severity of the breach.

23.2 **Fine Schedule**

Affiliates are subject to the following fines as follows:

Match Infractions	Youth Tier	Tier 1/Tier 2
Player not listed on team list or Libero incorrectly listed	\$30.00	\$60.00
Match forfeited*	\$100.00	\$150.00
Set forfeited (per set) <i>In the event all three (3) sets are forfeited, match forfeited fee applies only</i>	\$15.00	\$25.00
Repeated Disqualifications due to Unregistered or Under-Registered Players*** (see Clause 23.2.3)	\$50.00	\$100.00
Policy Infractions	Youth Tier	Tier 1/Tier 2
Player not in correct uniform or issue regarding uniform policies (per player)	\$10.00	\$20.00
Duty Team Infractions	Youth Tier	Tier 1/Tier 2
Duty team not present at commencement of warmup (per player)	\$10.00	\$20.00
Duty team not present at commencement of match (per player)	\$25.00	\$50.00
Duty adult not present for warmup or the duration of the match	\$50.00	\$50.00
Scoresheet is incorrect, incomplete, or substandard (according to the scoresheet checklist)	\$30.00	\$60.00
Player not written on team list or Libero incorrectly listed (duty team)	\$30.00	\$60.00
Duty team not at a suitable level for the competition		\$40.00
Duty team has inadequate equipment (no whistle, etc)	\$20.00	\$40.00
Failure to referee a Tier 1 appointment match after accepting Clause 16.2.1 / Provide Qualified Referee for Tier 1.		\$70.00
Duty team member using technological device or similar during a duty (per person, per occurrence)	\$20.00	\$20.00
Failure to provide a duty team due to forfeit or rescheduled match.**	\$150.00	\$150.00
Affiliate Infractions	All Tiers	
Non-attendance at the Pre-season or Post-season meetings, or Qualified Referees Workshop		\$150.00
Failure to populate, update, and maintain team lists on Affiliates Online (per team per round)		\$20.00
Rescheduled Match Results/Scoresheet not submitted by deadline (per day)		\$50.00

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*Where a team has forfeited multiple matches (more than 2 forfeits in 4 weeks) without reasonable cause, they may be required to show cause to maintain their eligibility to compete in PVL.

** Fines collected for failure to provide a duty team will be used to pay for the duty team replacement.

***Where a team has been disqualified in multiple matches (more than 1 disqualifications from the same player), the disqualification penalty will be increased.

(23.3.1): Crediting of Match Forfeit Fees

Where an Affiliate has not been given notice of a forfeiture within a reasonable amount of time, the non-forfeiting team will be credited \$150.00 towards their bond. Where a match has been forfeited due to reasons stated under Clause 5.4, the non-offending team will not be entitled to receive any match forfeit fees.

- The forfeiting team must still pay the forfeiture fines associated with the forfeit of the match to VQ.

(23.3.2): Escalation of Forfeit Fines

Where a match has not been played as a result of a forfeit by a team, there will be an escalating fine schedule as follows:

- 1st Forfeit: \$150.00 (fine only)
- 2nd Forfeit: \$225.00 (fine + 50%) – team will also need to show cause why they should remain in the competition.
- 3rd Forfeit: \$300.00 (fine + 100%) – team will not be eligible to participate in the Finals Series and will be disallowed to enter the PVL for the following year.

The escalation of Forfeit Fines will only apply to teams in Tier 1 and Tier 2. Teams in the Youth Tier are exemption from these escalations.

(23.3.3): Escalation of Disqualification Fines

Where an unregistered or under-registered player has disqualified more than one (1) match, there will be an escalating fine schedule as follows:

	Youth	Tier 1 / Tier 2
1 st Disqualification	No fines apply	No fines apply
2 nd Disqualification	\$50.00	\$100.00
3 rd Disqualification	\$100.00	\$200.00
Additional Disqualifications	\$200.00	\$300.00



PART 8 – ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS

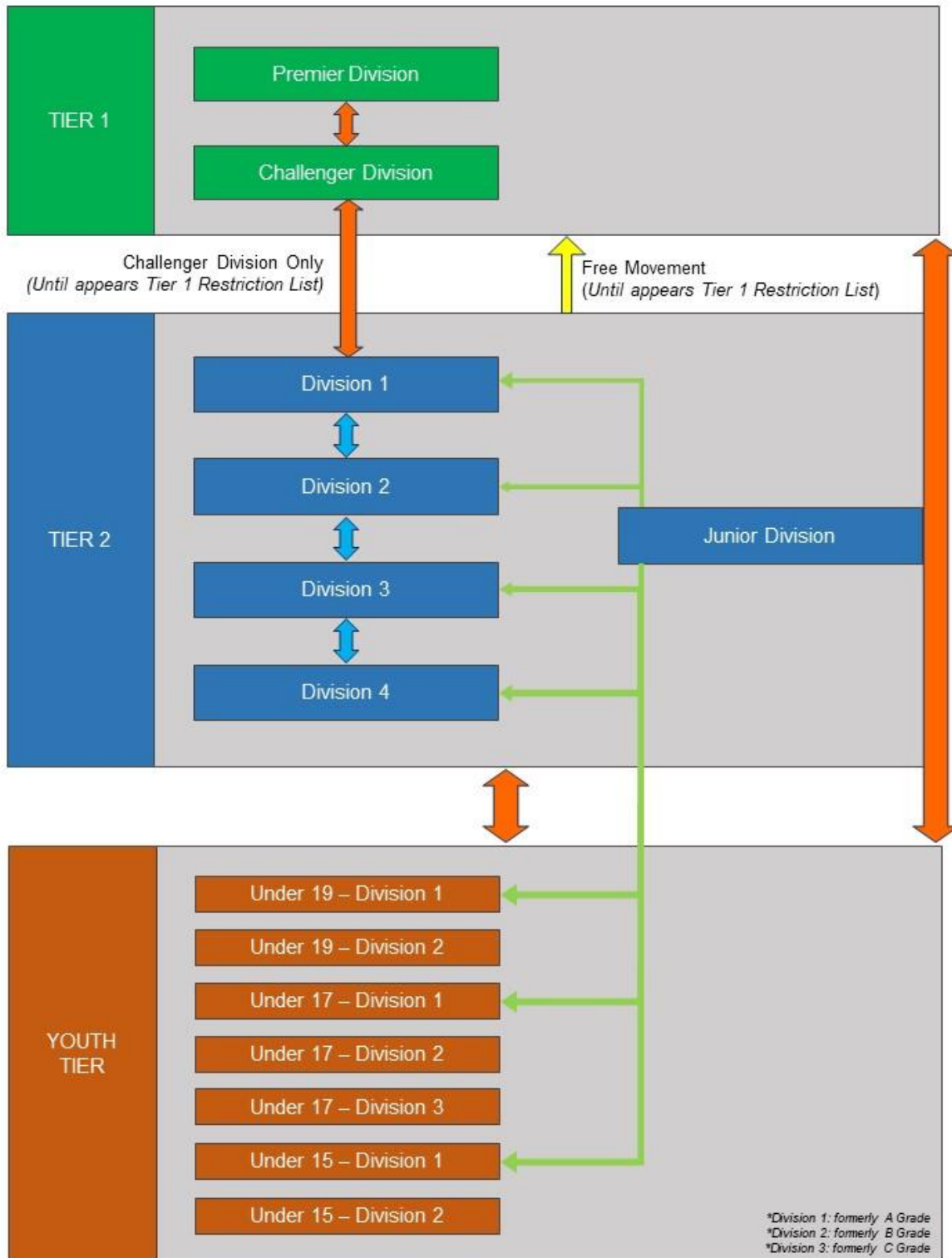
Definitions

Definition of terms in the Regulation where not already defined within the Regulations.

Affiliates	An incorporated Member Association/Club that run/enter into volleyball and/or beach volleyball competitions. They may select representative teams to participate in volleyball and/or beach volleyball competitions/events. They must register all members, provide financial reports to VQ and pay the membership fees prescribed.
Associate Affiliate	Are not necessarily incorporated entities, however, may represent a particular stakeholder or advocacy group that is involved with the volleyball and/or beach volleyball community.
Club Championship	The title awarded to the Affiliate who has accumulated the most Championship points in the Premier Volleyball League.
Completed Rally	A sequence of playing actions which results in the award of a point.
Division	A grouping of teams into a specific group. [Youth Tier] A grouping of teams within an Age Based Group.
Duty Adult (Duty Team Adult)	A responsible person at or over the age of 18 years of age. The duty team adult does not need to be a representative of the duty team's Affiliate but cannot be a player in the team.
Extended Preliminary Match	A subset of matches included in the round robin matches extending past the preliminary matches. These matches are not a part of the Finals Format/Series.
Finals Format / Finals Series	A subset of matches where participation is determined by the ranking on the Competition Ladder or by a match in the Finals Series after the completion of the Preliminary and Extended Preliminary Matches.
FIVB	The Federation Internationale de Volleyball is the governing body for all forms of Volleyball on a global level.
Libero	A class of player who acts as the defensive specialist for the team. The Libero Player is defined in Chapter 6 of the FIVB Rules of the Game 2021-2024.
Official Draw / Draw	The schedule of matches as published on the VQ Website.
Player	Any person who participates on court during a match – this includes the Libero.
Player Clearance	A request for a player to move from one Affiliate to another for only the duration of the season (or requested time period).
Player Transfer	A request for a player to move from one Affiliate to another.
Point Countback	The comparison of all points won between both teams.
Preliminary Match	A subset of matches where teams play a round robin in their pool. These matches are not a part of the Finals Format or Finals Series.
PVL	Premier Volleyball League.
Round Robin	A series of matches between all teams within a pool (or Division).
Sterilised	Club Championship points are zeroed due to multiple team entries into the same Division by an Affiliate.
Unregistered Player	A player who does not hold a current VQ Membership.
Volleyball Australia	The governing body responsible for all forms of Volleyball on a national level.
Volleyball Queensland	The governing body responsible for all forms of Volleyball on a state level.
VQ Membership	Registration to Volleyball Queensland as a member. There are 4 classes of registration (full benefits of each class can be found on the VQ Website). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full Member (Full membership is required for the PVL) - Recreational Member - Spikezone Member - Non-Playing Member

APPENDIX A – Divisional Hierarchy and Brackets

Nominated Division	Premier Division	Challenger Division	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
Upper Division	Premier Division	Challenger Division	Challenger Division	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Lower Division	Challenger Division	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	Division 4



*Division 1: formerly A Grade
*Division 2: formerly B Grade
*Division 3: formerly C Grade

- Restricted Movement (Top 8 & Tier 1 Restriction List)
- Divisional Bracket Movement

- Junior Division - Free Movement Eligibility based on Age & Top 8 / Tier 1 Restriction List

APPENDIX B – 12 Substitution Rule

- a) A team shall be allowed a maximum of twelve (12) substitutions in any one set. Players starting a set may be replaced by a substitute and may subsequently re-enter the set twice. Each substitute may enter the set three times. A player shall not enter the set for a fourth time (starting shall count as an entry). Players re-entering the set must assume the original position in the service order in relation to other teammates. No change may be made in a player's position in the service order unless necessitated by an injury requiring an abnormal substitution under the provisions of paragraph b) below. Any number of players may enter the set in each position in the service order.
- b) If through any injury a player is unable to play and substitution cannot be legally made the team is entitled to make an EXCEPTIONAL substitution beyond the limits of paragraph (a).
(This means that ANY player on the bench may replace the injured player)
- c) If through injury or accident a player is unable to play and substitution cannot be made under the provisions of paragraph a) or b), the first referee may grant a special time-out under the provisions of the rules of the game.
- d) If a team becomes incomplete through expulsion of a player and substitution cannot be made under the provisions of paragraph a) above, the team loses the set by default, keeping the points acquired. If a team becomes incomplete through disqualification of a player and substitution cannot be made under the provisions of paragraph a) above, the team loses the match by default, keeping the sets and points acquired.

Example

The following diagram illustrates how substitutions are recorded on the scoresheet.

I		II		III		IV		V		VI	
10		4		11		2		1		7	
6	3					5					
10						2					
9						5					
8						②					
⑩						⑤					
8											

In the example shown above, the starting line-up is 10, 4, 11, 2, 1 and 7. This means that these players made their first entry for the set. The coach then substitutes into position one (I) players numbered 6, 9, 8 and 3. Number 10 has made three (3) entries and is not permitted any more entries for the set. The same can be said for players number 2 and 5 in position four (IV).

The players numbered 10, 6, 9, 8 and 3, must remain in position one (I) and none of them can be used to substitute into another position in this set. For example, player 8 has only appeared twice so far and can therefore make another appearance on court but only in position one (I) and only if no more than twelve substitutions are used per set. In the example shown above, all twelve substitutions have been used.

The scorer recording the substitutions will use the left side column first for each position and when the left is full use the right side column. There is no requirement to record the score at the time of each substitution. The Scorer reports the 11th and 12th substitutions of the team and the third court entry of a player to the second referee who then indicates to the coach concerned and First Referee in that order.

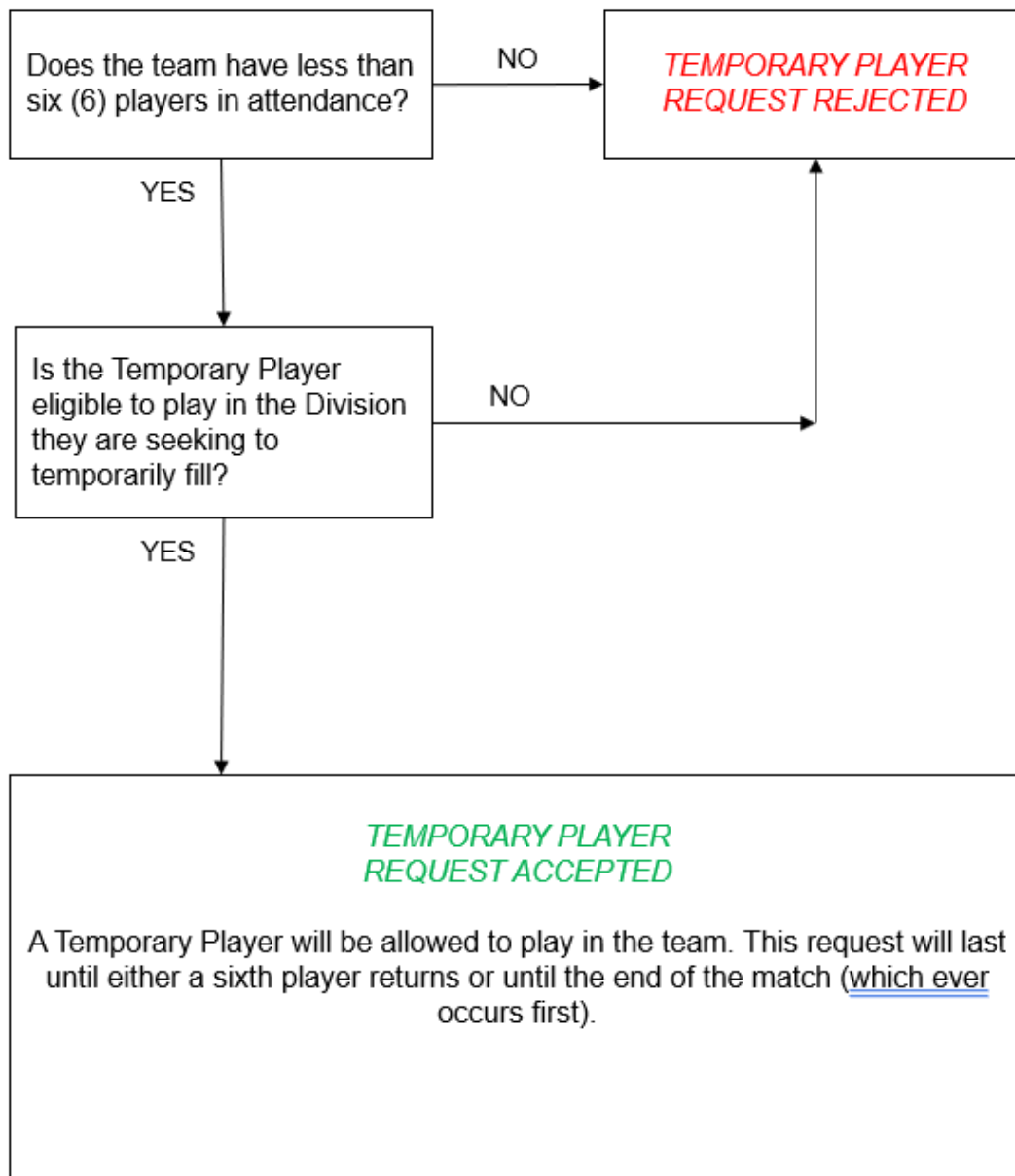
APPENDIX C – Pre-Match Protocol

Time	Team
Match Start - 15mins [Tier 1 / 2] - 10mins [Youth]	Official warmup off the net
Match Start – 8mins	Team captains present to the First Referee for the coin toss
Match Start – 7mins	Official warmup at the net begins Both teams are permitted to hit at the same time from position 4 (hitting to position 1 only)
Match Start – 4mins	Teams are authorised to hit from position 2 (hitting to position 5 only)
Match Start – 2mins	Teams are authorised to serve
Match Start – 1min	Teams are vacated from the court (team briefing)
Match Start – 30 sec	Starting-six are to enter the court, and the libero replacement is authorised
Match Start – 0min	Match commences

Time	First Referee	Second Referee	Scorer
Match Start – [Tier 1/2]: 15mins [Youth Tier]: 10 mins	Present at court Check net height and equipment Official Warmup Begins	Present at court Check net height and equipment	Present at court Check net height and equipment
Match Start - 8mins	Summon team captains for coin toss	Attend coin toss	
Match Start - 7mins	Official warm-up at net commences Monitor warmup	Monitor warmup	Check that players on court are present on the team list once Captain/Coach have signed the scoresheet.
Match Start - 4mins	Signal to switch sides for hitting		
Match Start - 2mins	Signal for teams to serve		
Match Start - 1min	Signal for teams to leave court		
Match Start - 30 sec	Signal for the Starting-Six to enter court	Check position of players Authorise libero replacement if required	Check position of players
Match Start	Authorise of first rally		

APPENDIX D – Temporary Player Request Flowchart

VOLLEYBALL QUEENSLAND
TEMPORARY PLAYER REQUEST FLOWCHART



APPENDIX E – Top 8 List Definitions Diagram



Only allowed to play in the division they appear

Affiliates must select a player in the T8 Subset to be the 'T8 Selected Sixth)

As an example – the Affiliate has selected Player 7 as the T8 Selected Player



T8 Restricted Players will be ineligible to play down into lower divisions/Tiers

T8 Unlocked Players are eligible to compete in one division lower (with respect to other eligibility rules)

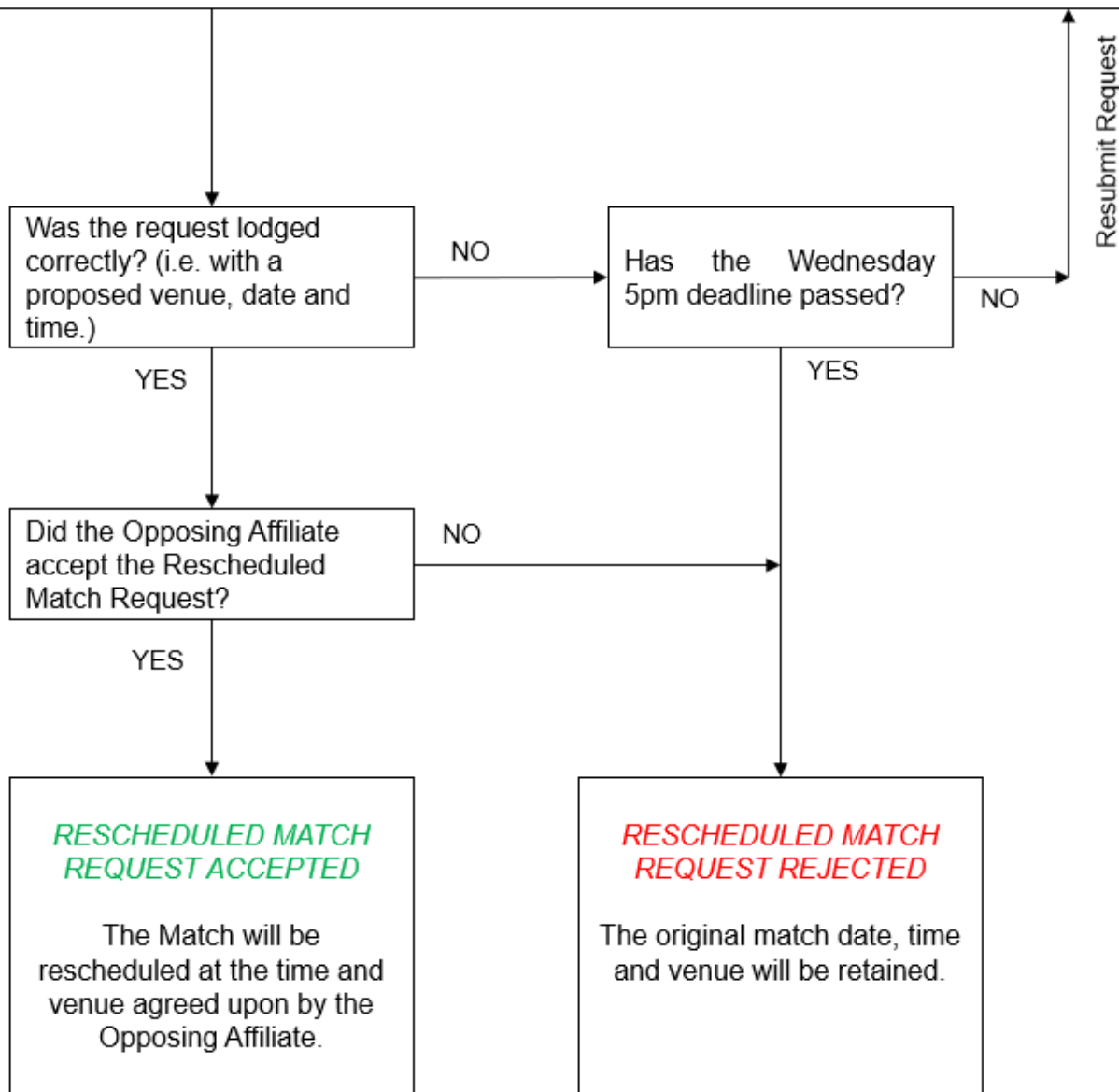
APPENDIX F – Rescheduled Match Request Flowchart

VOLLEYBALL QUEENSLAND
RESCHEDULED MATCH REQUEST FLOWCHART

INITIATION OF RESCHEDULED MATCH REQUEST

The Requesting Affiliate is to send the Opposing Affiliate a request for a rescheduled match.

This request must be filed before 5pm the Wednesday prior to the match as well as the proposed venue, date, and time.



Resubmit Request

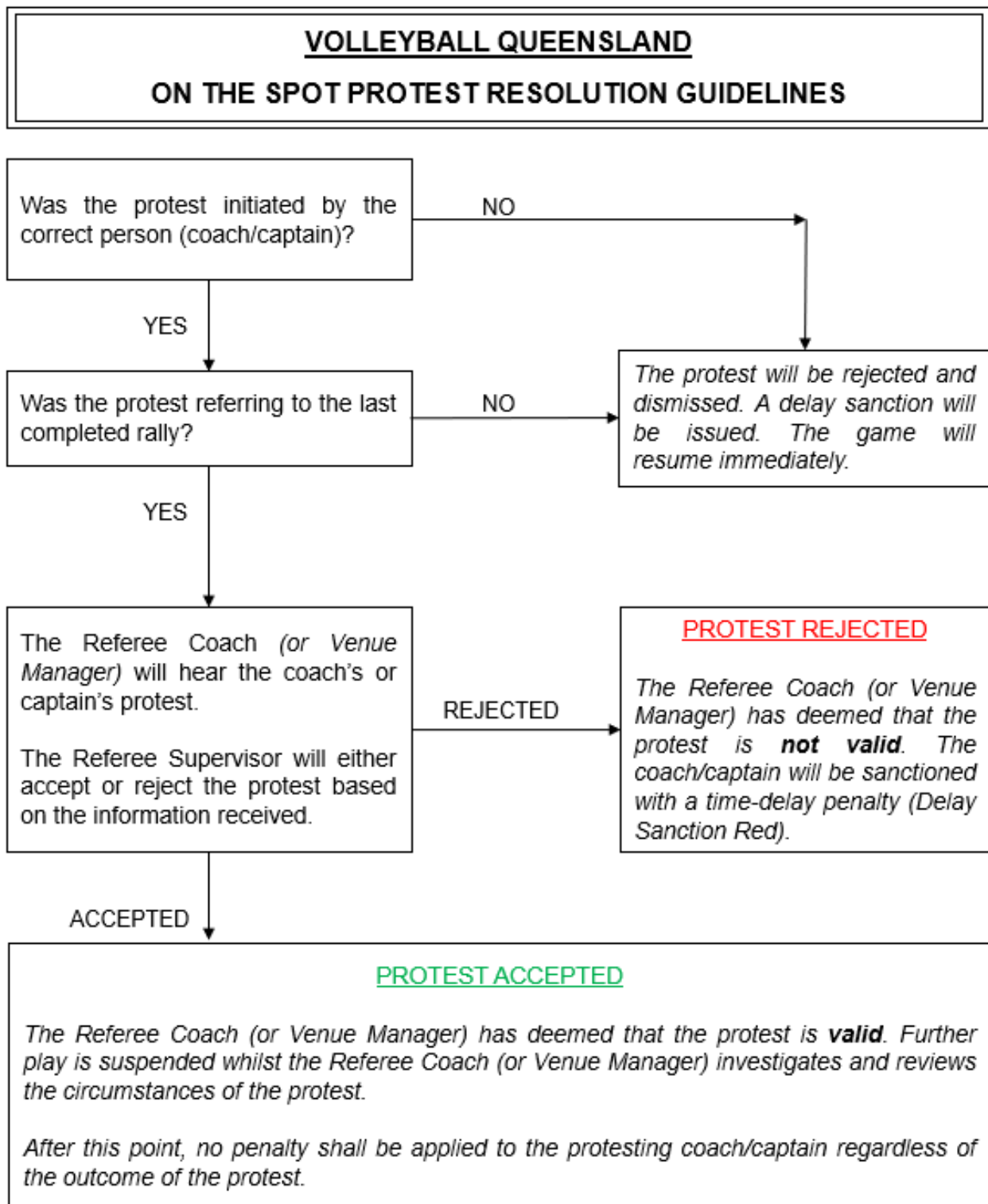
RESCHEDULED MATCH REQUEST ACCEPTED

The Match will be rescheduled at the time and venue agreed upon by the Opposing Affiliate.

RESCHEDULED MATCH REQUEST REJECTED

The original match date, time and venue will be retained.

APPENDIX G – On-the-Spot Protest Resolution Flowchart



VOLLEYBALL QUEENSLAND
ON THE SPOT PROTEST RESOLUTION GUIDELINES

INVESTIGATION

Where a protest has been accepted concerning a Referee's decision, the Referee Coach (or Venue Manager) will listen to the Duty Team Officials (First Referee/Second Referee/Scorer). The Duty Team Official(s) will provide the Referee Supervisor a summary of the events, and reasons of their decision concerning the application of the regulation.

In the case of a protest concerning the scorer's decision, the Referee Coach (or Venue Manager) and the First Referee will meet with the scorer to resolve the protest.

According to the rules in force, the Referee Supervisor decides to either :

- a. Uphold the First Referee's decision; or
- b. Overturn the First Referee's decision



DECISION UPHELD

*The Referee Coach (or Venue Manager) has deemed that the first referee's decision **was correct**, and the decision is **upheld**.*

The game is resumed after having applied the first referee's original decision.

DECISION OVERTURNED

*The Referee Coach (or Venue Manager) **overturns** the first referee's decision.*

The game is resumed from the point prior to the protest (previous rally cancelled).

PROTEST RESOLVED

*The Referee Coach's (or Venue Manager) decision **is final and cannot be protested further** to any competition staff.*

APPENDIX H – Club Championship Point Schedule

	Premier Division	Challenger Division	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	Junior Division	Under 19 Division 1	Under 19 Division 2	Under 17 Division 1	Under 17 Division 2	Under 17 Division 3	Under 15 Division 1	Under 15 Division 2
1	1800	1400	1120	880	680	520	400	240	200	160	140	120	120	80
2	1710	1330	1064	836	646	494	380	228	190	152	133	114	114	76
3	1575	1225	980	770	595	455	350	210	175	140	123	105	105	70
4	1485	1155	924	726	561	429	330	198	165	132	116	99	99	66
5	1395	1085	868	682	527	403	310	186	155	124	109	93	93	62
6	1305	1015	812	638	493	377	290	174	145	116	102	87	87	58
7	1215	945	756	594	459	351	270	162	135	108	95	81	81	54
8	1125	875	700	550	425	325	250	150	125	100	88	75	75	50
9	1035	805	644	506	391	299	230	138	115	92	81	69	69	46
10	945	735	588	462	357	273	210	126	105	84	74	63	63	42
11	900	700	560	440	340	260	200	120	100	80	70	60	60	40
12	855	665	532	418	323	247	190	114	95	76	67	57	57	38
13	810	630	504	396	306	234	180	108	90	72	63	54	54	36
14	765	595	476	374	289	221	170	102	85	68	60	51	51	34
15	720	560	448	352	272	208	160	96	80	64	56	48	48	32
16	675	525	420	330	255	195	150	90	75	60	53	45	45	30
17	630	490	392	308	238	182	140	84	70	56	49	42	42	28
18	585	455	364	286	221	169	130	78	65	52	46	39	39	26
19	540	420	336	264	204	156	120	72	60	48	42	36	36	24
20	495	385	308	242	187	143	110	66	55	44	39	33	33	22
21	450	350	280	220	170	130	100	60	50	40	35	30	30	20
22	405	315	252	198	153	117	90	54	45	36	32	27	27	18
23	360	280	224	176	136	104	80	48	40	32	28	24	24	16
24	315	245	196	154	119	91	70	42	35	28	25	21	21	14
25	270	210	168	132	102	78	60	36	30	24	21	18	18	12
26	225	175	140	110	85	65	50	30	25	20	18	15	15	10
27	180	140	112	88	68	52	40	24	20	16	14	12	12	8
28	135	105	84	66	51	39	30	18	15	12	11	9	9	6
29	90	70	56	44	34	26	20	12	10	8	7	6	6	4
30	45	35	28	22	17	13	10	6	5	4	4	3	3	2

EXAMPLE – Scoresheet Team List Example

Please note that this is only an example.

'L: #' denotes
Secondary Libero Player
(Libero per Set)

'T' denotes
Temporary Player

C/L #	○	QLD Pirates	C/L #	○	NSW Phoenix
13		Connor Rudder	10		Asim Ali
16		Bradley Sting	C 11		Christopher Tyne
14		Oliver Merritt	9		Jacky Zeng L: 15
2		Kieran Ivers	13		Jarvis Page
5		Cameron Young	14		Joshua Singh
29		Patrick Toze	8		Nicholas Thorpe
4		Andrew McLean	16		Oleksandr Pysarenko
18		Sam Pittorino	4		Robert Murdoch
L 7		Jack Halley	6		Sean Bosschieter
T 30		Darcy Jackson	18		Steven Yarad
9		Jamie Fouche	19		Timothy Ebbs
			L 7		Brian Cho
		Bryce Kelly	Coach		Chris Todd
		Richard James	Assist Coach		Alec Walker
		Catherine Birch			Martin Reader
Captain	Coach	SIGNATURES		Captain	Coach

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