

VOLLEYBALL QUEENSLAND SCHOOLS CUP

(Junior, intermediate, Senior School Cups)

Event Information Kit



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WELCOME

Welcome to Volleyball Queensland (VQ) Indoor Schools Event information kit. This document contains important information related to the event format, the nomination process, and “what to expect” for the competition.

Please ensure you read all the information carefully and in conjunction with the **Schools Cup By-Laws** as the information contained will be used as the basis for all decisions in the lead up to and during all VQ indoor Schools Cup events. All relevant information and forms can be downloaded from our website **www.vq.org.au**

Should you have any questions about this tournament, please contact Connor O’Neill (State Events Coordinator) on (07) 3367 1991 or email **operations@vq.org.au**

THE EVENT

There are 3 indoor Schools Cup events (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) held annually by Volleyball Queensland.

VQ indoor Schools Cup events will have matches scheduled from 10am Friday morning through until 5pm Sunday evening. **Please ensure that your team/s are prepared to be available for all matches (either playing or duty) during the entire three days of competition.**

There are multiple divisions offered in VQ indoor Schools Cups. Play within the division will be conducted in either round-robin or pool format, depending on the number of teams competing. VQ reserves the right to merge divisions subject to nominations. VQ also reserves the right to cap nominations in divisions or add and withdraw divisions as required.

EVENT FORMAT

All VQ Indoor Schools Cups are to be played under the FIVB rally point system with the 12-sub rule and one Libero permitted. A new Libero may be declared at the beginning of each set. The Libero must be clearly identifiable by wearing a contrasting playing top.

Matches will be played under the Guaranteed Earliest Starting Time (GEST) system. Teams will be entitled to a ten-minute warm-up period. This warm-up must take place preceding the GEST. If the previous match runs over the scheduled GEST, the next match will promptly start ten minutes after the previous match finishes.

Honours divisions will be played as Best of Five Sets, until such point in the draw where there is no possibility of the teams involved reaching medal play-offs – matches will then revert to Best of Three.

All other divisions will be played as 55-minute timed matches (Best of 5 Sets); please see Bylaws for full details.

This event is governed by the Volleyball Queensland Schools Cup By-Laws. A copy of the By-Laws can be found on the VQ website.

DIVISIONS

The divisions offered at Senior Schools Cup are as follows:

Boys:

Year 12 Honours (12BH)
 Year 11 Honours (11BH)
 Year 12 Division 1 (12B1)
 Year 12 Division 2 (12B2)
 Year 12 Division 3 (12B3)*
 Year 11 Division 1 (11B1)
 Year 11 Division 2 (11B2)
 Year 11 Division 3 (11B3)*

Girls:

Year 12 Honours (12GH)
 Year 11 Honours (11GH)
 Year 12 Division 1 (12G1)
 Year 12 Division 2 (12G2)
 Year 12 Division 3 (12G3)*
 Year 11 Division 1 (11G1)
 Year 11 Division 2 (11G2)
 Year 11 Division 3 (11G3)*

The divisions offered at Intermediate Schools Cup are as follows:

Boys:

Year 10 Honours (10BH)
 Year 9 Honours (9BH)
 Year 10 Division 1 (10B1)
 Year 10 Division 2 (10B2)
 Year 9 Division 3 (9B3)*
 Year 9 Division 1 (9B1)
 Year 9 Division 2 (9B2)
 Year 9 Division 3 (9B3)*

Girls:

Year 10 Honours (10GH)
 Year 9 Honours (9GH)
 Year 10 Division 1 (10G1)
 Year 10 Division 2 (10G2)
 Year 9 Division 3 (9G3)*
 Year 9 Division 1 (9G1)
 Year 9 Division 2 (9G2)
 Year 9 Division 3 (9B3)*

The divisions offered at Junior Schools Cup are as follows:

Boys:

Year 8 Honours (8BH)
 Year 8 Division 1 (8B1)
 Year 8 Division 2 (8B2)
 Year 8 Division 3 (8B3)*
 Year 7 Division 1 (7B1)
 Year 7 Division 2 (7B2)
 Year 7 Division 3 (7B3)*

Girls:

Year 8 Honours (8GH)
 Year 8 Division 1 (8G1)
 Year 8 Division 2 (8G2)
 Year 8 Division 3 (8B3)*
 Year 7 Division 1 (7G1)
 Year 7 Division 2 (7G2)
 Year 7 Division 3 (7B3)*

*Please note: Volleyball Queensland reserves the right to cancel/combine divisions should there be insufficient nominations. All affected schools will be advised of any changes and given the opportunity to withdraw their team with no penalty. (*Divisions at discretion of VQ*)*

AGE GROUPS

All Divisions are based on year level.

- Year 12: in year 12 or lower (Max age of 19 as of 31 Dec in year of the even)
- Year 11: in year 11 or lower
- Year 10: in year 10 or lower
- Year 9: in year 9 or lower
- Year 8: in year 8 or lower
- Year 7: in year 7 or lower

DRAW

Due to the size of the competition, the draws can take a considerable amount of time to complete. We will have the draws finalised as soon as we possibly can, so please be patient. The draw will be initially published no later than the Monday prior to the event – changes will not be made to this draw unless a genuine mistake (eg a team scheduled for two matches or match and duty at the same time) is found or a team withdraws. All draws will be published on the VQ website, so please ensure you check this regularly as draws can change up to the event starting.

We understand that schools and/or students often have other commitments in addition to SSC. However, due to the success and subsequent growth of this event (due to your support), we are no longer in a position to be flexible with requests for certain start/finish times due to the number of games to be played. **Please do not ask for special consideration as we are no longer in a position to grant it.**

CHAMPION HONOURS AND CHAMPION AGGREGATE SCHOOL SCORING SYSTEM

The Champion School trophy will be awarded across the 3 Volleyball Schools Cups (Junior, Intermediate and Senior Schools Cups) in place of the per-tournament awards.

Further details are available on the VQ website.

SPORTS TRAINER / FIRST AID

There will be a Sports Trainer in attendance at each of the Schools Cup venues. Please advise students to visit one of the Sports Trainers if they have an injury.

Costs associated with Sports Trainer Services:

- Initial Treatment of injuries sustained during a match – FREE of CHARGE
- Preventative Taping – if player has own tape FREE of CHARGE
- Preventative Taping – if trainer provides tape \$5 per limb (cash only)

EVENT PRESENTATION

There will be no formal presentations. Hence teams that have finished their competition commitments may leave the venue and teachers/coaches may decide when to hand out the medals to the athletes (school assemble or Volleyball break-up day).

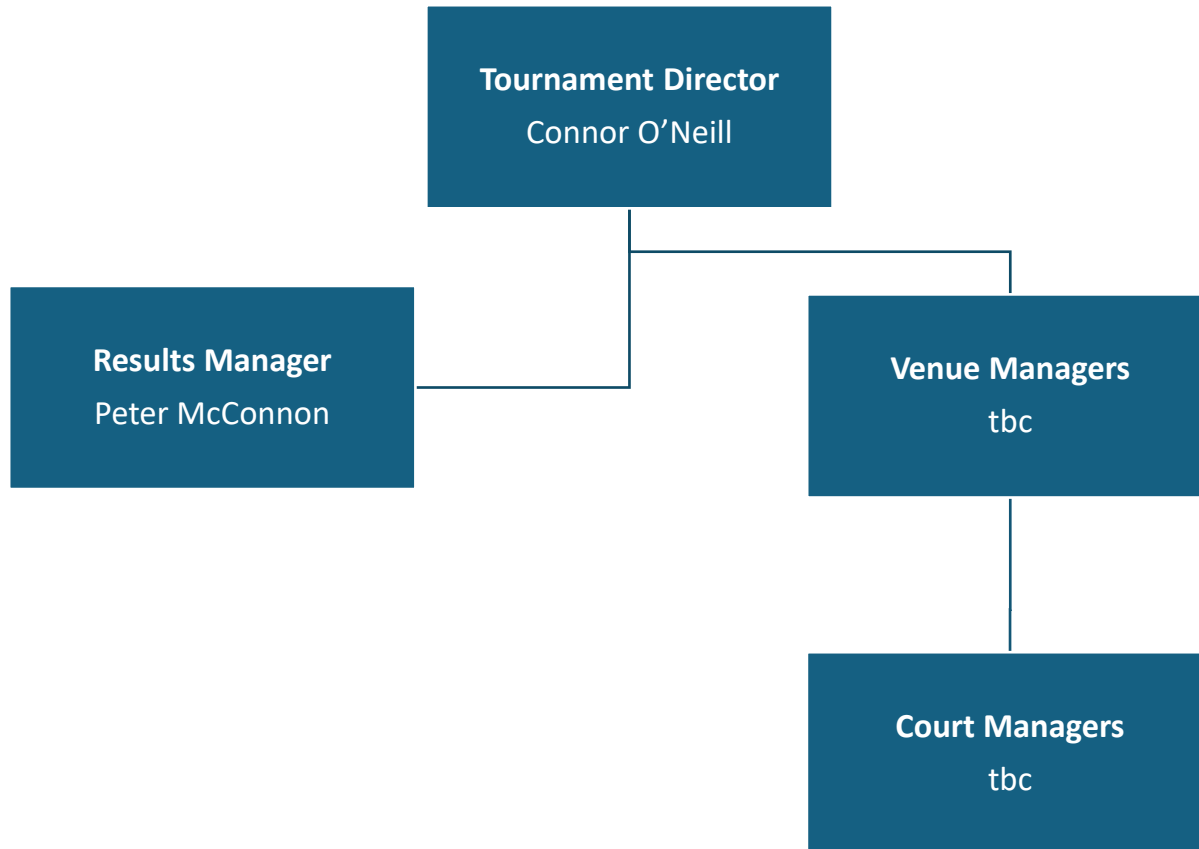
The following will be given in each division:

- First place – Gold medals (10 per team); Winner's plaque (1 only for the school)
- Second place – Silver medals (10 per team)
- Third place – Bronze medals (10 per team)
- Most Valuable Player – Trophy

Additional medals can be requested. Teams will be emailed a link for an on-line form – please use this form as no other forms of request can be considered.

TOURNAMENT STAFF

The Queensland Volleyball Schools Cup is organised and managed by a wide variety of both full-time and casual staff. The roles and responsibilities with a staff hierarchy are shown below:



Tournament Director

The Tournament Director is responsible for the general operation and running of the Volleyball Queensland Schools Cup, overseeing all operational aspects of the tournament.

The Tournament Director, unilaterally or in consultation with his/her Assistant, Venue and Referee Managers and/ or the Control Committee, also rules on interpretations and the implementation of the By-Laws of the competition.

Venue Manager

The Venue Manager oversee their designated venue's operations (playing area, court supervisors, maintaining equipment control, safety, prompt match starts, control and movement of scoresheets and Protest Resolution procedure). Venue Managers generally can be found in the Tournament office of your venue.

Court Supervisors

The Court Supervisor are the first point of call for all on-court issues (e.g. protests, scoresheet issues, court timing, equipment issues, general issues etc.) that may arise during the event. These court supervisors are wearing a VQ Hi-Viz vest so they can easily be identified within the venue.

ORGANISING TEAMS

Nominations for VQ Schools Cup Events will only be accepted via the [Volleyball Queensland Website](#) and *must be submitted by the published due date.*

NOMINATING HONOURS DIVISION

- School may only nominate **one team** per Honours Division.
- All teams wishing to compete in any of the Honours Divisions must apply online via the [Volleyball Queensland Website](#) before nominations close.
- **All teams competing in the Honours divisions are required to have one (1) Volleyball Australia accredited Referee** – see Bylaws.

NOMINATING NON-HONOURS DIVISIONS

- Nominations into all divisions must be made online via the [Volleyball Queensland Website](#) before nominations close. (Please be sure to carefully check which divisions you are entering!)

TEAM LISTS

All Teams Lists must be submitted by the due date listed on the VQ Website and MUST contain the players' names, date of Birth and VQID (if known) and Team (e.g. 11B2).

The team list allows us to do the following:

- Check/register players as members of Volleyball Queensland (all players in VQ competitions must be registered financial members)
- Cross-check the dates of birth of athletes to ensure that players are competing in the correct age divisions

NOMINATION FEES

All Honours Divisions:	\$675 per team (incl GST)
All Other Divisions:	\$575 per team (incl GST)
VQ Recreational Membership:	\$33 per player (incl GST) *

**Please note if players are already current financial members due to their participation in other VQ activities, another payment is not required at this time. (Recreational membership or higher required for these events)*

- All costs will be invoiced on submission of Nomination and Team List
- Please delay payment until you have received our invoice

WITHDRAWALS

Withdrawal of teams is permitted; however the following penalties will apply:

Prior to close of Nominations:	No penalty
Prior to draw release:	50% of Nomination Fee
After draw release:	Forfeit Full Nomination Fee

All withdrawals must be submitted in writing to Connor O'Neill, State Events Coordinator at: operations@vq.org.au

Teams who withdraw after the tournament has started and fail to complete their scheduled matches will incur a fine of up to \$100 per team per match forfeited. Where teams can provide evidence of being prevented from playing due to circumstances beyond their control, no fine will be applied. These decisions will be made at the discretion of VQ.

UNIFORMS

All players in the team are to be in matching uniforms (tops and shorts). All players must have a clearly visible number on, at minimum, the back of their playing top (both front and back is preferred). Playing numbers must be between 1-999. If you are using a Libero, they must be clearly identifiable in a contrasting coloured playing top.

REFEREES AND DUTY TEAMS

Duty

As per the [Schools Cup Bylaws](#), teams are required to complete all assigned duties during the event. Duty includes provision of First referee (R1), Second Referee (R2), 2x Lines judges, 1 scorer and a Duty Adult (wearing the orange sash). Should your team not turn up or be missing members of the duty team, there will be a penalty of \$20 for each missing position.

Those performing duty as R1 should be at least a [Volleyball Australia accredited](#) Level 1 referee (**In honours divisions must be Level 2 associate or higher**) and should make themselves familiar with the [Schools Cup Bylaws](#) and [FIVB Rules of the game](#). Please ensure all Schools Cup Bylaws are met regarding Referee Accreditation levels.

Referee Assessments

Should you have members of your team wishing to be assessed for an upgrade to their current referee grading, please ensure you notify the VQ office, by the Wednesday prior to the event, of these people and which of your team/s they will be associated with in order that we can arrange an assessor if possible (subject to availability). Please note, only referees who already have a current minimum Level 2 associate or above accreditation will be eligible for assessment.

LOCATION

TRANSPORT, ACCOMODATION, AND MEALS

Accommodation, transport to and around the Gold Coast areas, and all meals are the responsibility of each team. Should you require further information on options available in and around the Gold Coast, please visit the Gold Coast tourism website:

www.visitgoldcoast.com

TOURNAMENT VENUES

Volleyball Queensland Schools cups are held across the following venues:

Coomera Indoor Sports Centre
35 Beattie Rd
Coomera QLD 4209

Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre & Carrara Indoor Sports Stadium ('Little Carrara')
Nerang Broadbeach Road
Carrara QLD 4211

Runaway Bay Indoor Stadium
Sports Drive, Runaway Bay.

Volleyball Queensland reserves the right to add additional venues – these will be listed on the VQ website.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Other information which you may find useful in relation to participating in VQ Schools Cups can be found on the VQ website.

Appendix A

