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1. DEFINITIONS

In the WAVL Competitions and Regulations Handbook the following words and phrases have the following definitions:

- a) **Administrative Forfeit** (Section 8.9) means a forfeit from a breach of the VWA WAVL Competitions and Regulations Handbook and / or the FIVB Rules of the game, other than not fielding a team.
- b) **Affiliate** means a member Association, Club or School of VWA.
- c) **Affiliation** means a formal written agreement between two parties. Examples of affiliation in relation to the WAVL Competitions and Regulations Handbook include a club or school affiliate to VWA and a school affiliation with a VWA Club.
- d) **Club (s)** means those VWA affiliated Clubs and Associations that fulfill the requirements as described in the VWA Constitution and the VWA Club / Association Affiliation Package.
- e) **Development Player** means players selected by the Club whose individual development pathway will benefit from the opportunity to play in more than one Division during a regular season round of the WAVL competition.
- f) **DIDO** means Drive in Drive out.
- g) **FIFO** means Fly in Fly out.
- h) **FIVB** means the Federation Internationale de Volleyball, which is the international governing body for volleyball.
- i) **GEST** means Guaranteed Earliest Start Time.
- j) **Grading period** means the competition date set prior to the commencement of the WAVL competition.
- k) **Infringement** means a breach of one of the VWA WAVL Competitions and Regulations Handbook and / or the FIVB Rules of the game.
- l) **Junior Player** means a player under 19 at 31 December each calendar year.
- m) **In Charge** means being in control of the behavior and conduct of the individual players within a Club team during the WAVL / WAVL Junior league season.

- n) **Masters Player** means a player more than 30 years of age at the 31 December each calendar year.
- o) **Sanction** means the outcome of an infringement defined as being either rude, offensive or aggressive in nature as noted within the FIVB Rules of the game.
- p) **State League** refers to both State League and State League Reserves unless stated otherwise.
- q) **VA** means the Volleyball Australia which is the FIVB recognised body for the administration, control and management of the sport of volleyball in Australia.
- r) **Volleyball WA or VWA** means Volleyball Western Australia, the entity recognised under the VA Constitution to administer the sport of volleyball in Western Australia.
- s) **WAVL Review Committee** consists of the Affiliated Club (including Associations – refer definition section 1c) Presidents, the VWA WAVL Tournament Director, the Chairperson of the VWA Referee Committee, the VWA Chief Executive Officer and the VWA Pathways & Events Managers. The Executive Officer for the Committee will be the VWA Competitions Coordinator. This is the committee responsible for reviewing the WAVL competition annually.
- t) **VWA Member Protection Policy** means the policy which aims to ensure that the core values, good reputation and positive behaviours and attitudes are maintained within the volleyball community in Western Australia. This Policy also includes the Complaint Management procedure for VWA and its affiliates. All VWA policies are at www.volleyballwa.com.au.
- u) **WAVL** means the Western Australian Volleyball League.
- v) **WAVL Criteria** consists of information and criteria for those Clubs wishing to compete in WAVL. There are different criteria for State League / State League Reserves and the Divisions.
- w) **WAVL Technical Committee** consists of the VWA WAVL Tournament Director, the VWA Pathways & Events Manager and the VWA Competitions Coordinator. In the event of a conflict of interest, the VWA Participation Manager will replace the conflicted member(s).
- x) **WAVJL** means Western Australian Volleyball Junior League.

2. WAVL GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to play in **WAVL, Clubs** and schools* must be affiliated with **VWA**. The following conditions must be met by **Clubs** and schools nominating to play in **WAVL**;

- **Clubs** wishing to enter a team into the **State League** must comply with Section 4 – **State League** Requirements.
- **Clubs** and Schools wishing to enter a team into Divisions must comply with Section 5 – Division Requirements.
- All players must be registered Platinum members of **VWA** prior to playing their first **WAVL** game.
- Players who are 'unfinancial' (Person of Interest) with either **VWA** and / or a **Club** (s) will not be eligible to play. **
- **Clubs** and Schools must fulfill the minimum coaching accreditation requirements as detailed in the WAVL Criteria.
- **Clubs** and Schools must fulfill the minimum referee accreditation requirements as detailed in the WAVL Criteria.
- Each **Club** team must have an individual over 18 years old in charge of the team. This includes (from) the commencement of the warm-up period, the game and (as applicable) throughout the duty team duties. NB: the person **in charge** does not have to be the team coach.
- All **Clubs**, their nominated teams and their participants are expected to adhere to the **VWA Member Protection Policy Codes of Conduct**.

*Schools may affiliate directly with **VWA** when there is not a **VWA** affiliated **Club** that is able to provide them the support required to be a 'school affiliated to a **VWA Club**'.

** A breach of the requirements pertaining to unfinancial (Person of Interest) will result in the **Administrative Forfeit** of the game by the team that breaches this condition.

3. MEMBERSHIP

All players are required to be registered as a Platinum member of **VWA**. This membership must be either an Adult Platinum membership or Under 19 Platinum membership. **VWA** Memberships are non-refundable and / or non-transferable. All **VWA** Memberships will be valid between the 1st April and 31st March of each calendar year.

It is the **Club's** responsibility to ensure that all their players are members of **VWA**. All players must have completed the membership and paid for an individual membership prior to taking the court for their first game of **WAVL** and before participation in any **WAVL** related activities. It is **Club's** responsibility to ensure that their players' memberships are completed prior to the player taking the court for the first time.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in the following;

- (a) A \$50 fine per infringement payable by the **Club**.
- (b) An **Administrative Forfeit** of the game by the team that breaches this condition.

All Membership Fees are outlined in the **VWA Fee Structures – Membership**.

4. STATE LEAGUE REQUIREMENTS

For 2023, the **WAVL State League** format is as follows;

To be eligible to play in the **State League** of **WAVL**, **Clubs** must meet the **WAVL State League** Criteria as outlined in the Appendices.

- The **WAVL State League** will have a maximum of eight teams per gender. The **WAVL State League Reserves** will have a maximum of ten teams per gender.
- Each team roster per match may have up to twelve* players including **Development Players**.
- **Clubs** must comply with **Development Player** regulations in regulation 7.
- **Clubs** must comply with the coaching requirements outlined in regulation 9.4
- **Clubs** must comply with the Duty Requirements in regulation 9.2
- If there are more than eight teams / **Clubs** nominated for **State League**, or more than ten teams / **Clubs** nominated for **State League Reserves**, the final selection of the teams will be based on results from a Grading Day**. Individual players who play on the State League Reserves Grading Day are required to play the first 5 games of the season in State League Reserves.
- **State League** Teams must comply with the Home Game requirement in regulation 8.5.
- **State League** teams must comply with the **FIVB** International Transfer Process in regulation 15.

*Following the 2022 season, the 12 player rule will remain. Teams can list a total of twelve players on the scoresheet, including one-two development players, or teams can choose not to list any development players and still have twelve players on the scoresheet. The playing roster cannot exceed 12 players. This applies to regular season and finals, noting that development players are not permitted in finals. See Section 7 for details about Development Players and Eligibility for Finals.

If a team / **Club gets graded out of State League or State League Reserve on Grading Day, that team / **Club** will need to regrade into the division below. From Division 1 Grading and below, noting that there can only be one team per **Club** per division (unless **VWA** has spots to fill), if there is another team from the same **Club** in the division below, that team / **Club** would then automatically move down a division, and so on.

5. DIVISIONS REQUIREMENTS

For 2023, the **WAVL** Divisions will be continuing the 2022 format which is as follows;

- Division #1
- Division #2
- Division #3
- Division #4
- Division #5
- Division #6

Additional Divisions will be added as required.

To be eligible to play in the Divisions of **WAVL**, **Clubs** must meet the **WAVL** Division's Criteria as outlined in Appendices.

- **WAVL** Divisions will have a maximum of ten teams per gender.
- **Clubs** can nominate as many teams as they like, capped at one per Division, per gender (unless **VWA** has places to fill).
- Each team roster per match may have up to twelve* players including **Development Players**.
- All **Clubs** must comply with the coaching requirement outline in regulation 9.4 Coaches.

If there are more than ten teams / **Clubs** nominated for a particular division, the final selection of the teams will be based on results from a Grading Day**. Individual players who play on a Division Grading Day are required to play the first 5 games of the season in the same Division they graded in.

*Following the 2022 season, the 12-player rule will remain. Teams can list a total of twelve players on the scoresheet, including one-two development players, or teams can choose not to list any development players and still have twelve players on the scoresheet. The playing roster cannot exceed 12 players. This applies to regular season and finals, noting that development players are not permitted in finals. See Section 7 for details about Development Players and Eligibility for Finals.

If a team / **Club gets graded out of the nominated division on Grading Day, that team / **Club** is automatically guaranteed a place in the division below. Noting that there can only be one team per **Club** per division (unless **VWA** has spots to fill), this would mean that if there is another team from the same **Club** in the division below, that team / **Club** would then automatically move down a division, and so on.

6. NOMINATION AND GAME FEES

All team nomination fees and team game fees (including finals) for all Club teams will be invoiced to the Club. All fees will be expected to be paid in one of the options below:

1. Three instalments as outlined in the table below.
2. Total fees paid up front, due by the date of the first instalment listed below.

Clubs must communicate their preferred option to the Competitions Coordinator via email at greg@volleyballwa.com.au . Penalties will apply if payments are not made on time, this could include fines and forfeiture of games. Please refer to the VWA Fee Structures – Competition Nomination and Game Fees for information in regards to the Team Nomination Fees, Team Game Fees and Team late Fees.

INSTALLMENT	CATEGORY	AMOUNT	DUE BY
ONE	TEAMS NOMINATION FEES & TEAMS GAME FEES	Up to \$5,000.00**	Third Friday in May
TWO	TEAMS GAME FEES	Up to \$5,000.00**	Third Friday in June
THREE	TEAMS GAME FEES	BALANCE ***	Third Friday in July

***WAVJL** Team Nominations and Game fees will be invoiced separately.

****Clubs** that enter less than a total of five teams in State League/Reserves and Divisions combined will have their instalments adjusted to reflect the number of teams entered into WAVL.

**Each Divisions final series games will be divided across all teams competing within a division after round three and included for payment in installment three.

6.1 Withdrawals

State League & State League Reserves

If a **Club** withdraws a team prior to the commencement of the writing of the fixtures then the **Club** will be required to pay a forfeit fee of \$500.

If a **Club** withdraw a team after the fixtures have been released they will forfeit all game and nomination fees and will thus be in breach of the **State League** and/or **State League Reserves** license and may have their **State League** and/or **State League Reserves** license revoked.

Divisions

If a **Club** withdraws a team prior to the commencement of the writing of the fixtures then the **Club** will forfeit the team nomination fee.

If a **Club** withdraws a team prior to and including round three of the competition, the **Club** will forfeit nominations fee and game fee for the first three rounds.

If a **Club** withdraws a team after round three of the competition, all nominations fees and game fees for those matches played by the team are payable and the **Club** will pay a forfeit fee of \$600.

7. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

A member of a particular **Club** can only play one game for that **Club** on any given round of the **WAVL** fixtures. Junior players can play in both **WAVL** and **WAVJL** fixtures. A round is defined as the date the game was listed on the initial fixtures. If the date of a game is changed due to a reschedule or home round, that game will be attributed to the round of the initial date listed. For example, games listed on Friday by VWA are considered a different round from Sunday, but games rescheduled by **Clubs** from a Sunday to Saturday in the same weekend are attributed to the Sunday round.

SCHOOL STUDENTS

These athletes are then permitted to play for a different **Club** in **WAVL**.

DEVELOPMENT PLAYERS

A **Club** can only list a player as a **Development Player** if they fall into either of the following categories:

- The player is Under 23 years of age;
- The player is within their first three years of participating in WAVL (or an interstate/international WAVL equivalent)

Each **Club** can nominate two **Development Players** per team in all divisions up to and including **State League** Reserves. **Clubs** are entitled to play a **Development Player** twice in any given round of the regular season fixtures (not the finals), and that player can only play in their nominated division and a higher division. **Clubs** who decide to list a **State League** squad, where players are selected into either **State League** or **State League** Reserves each round, are also entitled to two **State League** Reserves **Development Players**, and these are the only players in the squad who can play twice in any given round in the regular season.

A list of each **Club's Development Players** can be supplied with the submission of the team lists. **Clubs** can make two changes to each team's **Development Players** per year. If a **Club** wishes to change a **Development Player**, a written submission must be supplied to the VWA Competitions Coordinator no later than four working days prior to the player taking the court for the **Club** as a listed **Development Player**. If **Development Players** are not submitted with teams lists a **Club** may list their **Development Players** during the season. A written submission must be supplied to the **WAVL Technical Committee** no later than four working days prior to the player taking the court for the **Club** as a listed **Development Player**. The first listing will not count as a change to the team's **Development Players**.

The **WAVL Technical Committee** will decide on any exemptions related to injured players. Any requests for exemption due to injury must be accompanied with a Doctors / Specialist Certificate and / or letter.

Development Players are not permitted in finals. Please see Section 7.2 Eligibility for Finals for details about team rosters in finals.

FIFO AND DIDO

FIFO and **DIDO** players will be eligible to play **WAVL**. Please refer to Section 7.2 for eligibility for **WAVL** finals.

WA ATHLETES REPRESENTING AUSTRALIA

VWA has adopted the **VA FTEM** pathway model (Fundamentals, Talent, Elite & Mastery) and to this end are supportive of the ongoing pathway development for all Australian Volleyroo athletes. All Western Australian players representing Australia are eligible to play in **WAVL** and **WAVL** Junior League. Please refer to Section 7.2 for eligibility for WAVL finals.

7.1 Avoiding Forfeit – Eligibility to Play

To avoid a forfeit one male player and one female player for every two male and two female teams respectively can play two games for your **Club** on any competition day (not including finals). The number of players will not exceed two males and two females per **Club** / School.

A development player is not permitted to play a third game to avoid a forfeit.

7.2 Eligibility for Finals

Players must have played a minimum of five **WAVL** Division games for a **Club** on five different playing rounds to be eligible for finals. To qualify for **State League** finals, players must have played a minimum of Five **WAVL State League** games for a **Club** on five different playing rounds.

The following exceptions apply;

- **FIFO** and **DIDO** players: for all the rounds a player is available (based on their work roster), he / she is permitted to miss only one game to be eligible to qualify for finals. **Clubs** are required to provide the **WAVL Technical Committee** with a copy of the relevant working roster for the player.
- WA athletes representing Australia not residential in Western Australia: to be eligible to play in the final series, a Western Australian player must have played at least four games during the season.
- Players injured during the season can apply to the **WAVL Technical Committee** for an exemption. Any requests for exemption due to injury must be accompanied with a Doctors / Specialist Certificate and / or letter.

Players can only play finals for the Division in which they played most games, or a higher division. If a **Clubs'** team is eliminated from the finals, then these players are eligible to play in a higher Division in the following rounds. Once a player begins competing in a division for finals, they are not permitted to play in a lower division. All players are permitted to play in only one match per round. A round is defined as the date the game was listed on the initial fixtures.

In the event of having more than one team in any division, a player can only play in the final series for the team he / she has played the most games for. If the number of games played is equal, the **Club** can choose which of the two divisions to play this player in finals.

7.3 State League End of Season Eligibility

At the end of the State League regular season (for 2023 this is July 2nd) a player that has played a minimum of five State League games will not be eligible to play in another division. The only exclusion is for Development Players. These players are eligible to continue playing in their division after the State League regular season, but will only be eligible for their division's Finals if they have played the same number of games or more in their division as they have played in State League.

7.4 Player Transfer

Players cannot transfer to another **WAVL Club** during the season after playing one game for a **WAVL Club**. A breach of this process will result in the **Administrative Forfeit** of the game that the player has played in.

If a player is unfinancial with a **Club**, it is the responsibility of the **Club** President or Treasurer to notify **VWA** of this status. The individual player will then be placed on the **VWA** 'Person of Interest' list.

8. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

All grades in **WAVL** will have a minimum of four teams. The number of rounds and games played will be determined based on the number of teams in the grade.

8.1 WAVL Match Formats

WAVL STATE LEAGUE AND STATE LEAGUE RESERVE

All matches will be best of five sets, sets 1 - 4 to 25 points, point for rally (uncapped) with the 5th set being point for rally to 15 points (uncapped). No time limit.

WAVL DIVISIONS

All regular season matches will be best of five sets. The first 4 sets will be played to 25 points (uncapped) and the 5th set will be played to 15 points (uncapped). Timeslots for games to be capped at two hours, including warm-up. Once the two-hour timeslot is up, if the match is in the fourth set, the winner of the match is the team that won of two the previous three sets. If the match is in the fifth set, the winner of the match is the team who is up by at least two points. If the two-hour timeslot is up and the fifth set is tied or one team is up by one point, the game will continue until one team is up by two points. No timeouts will be permitted in the last five minutes of the timed matches. All finals matches will be untimed.

8.2 Games Times GEST (Guaranteed Earliest Start Time)

All matches will operate under the **GEST** system. Teams must be ready to start their match at this time or 20 minutes after the completion of the previous match for State League & State League Reserves, and 10 minutes after the completion of the previous match for Divisions.

8.3 Rescheduling of Games & Fixture Request

No rescheduled matches will be allowed (not including home rounds), unless sanctioned by the **WAVL Technical Committee**. The **Club** requesting the rescheduled match must first get permission from the opposing **Club**, and both **Clubs** must send an email to greg@volleyballwa.com.au with the request and approval to reschedule the match, at least 15 working days prior to the original scheduled match.

The **Club** requesting rescheduling of a match is responsible for organising a venue and duty team. The **Club** is also responsible for picking up the game ball and score-sheet from **VWA**. If the requested change is made outside of the venue facility cancellation policy timeframe then the requesting **Club** is responsible for payment of any venue hire costs payable by **VWA**.

Any duties scheduled on the day the game is originally scheduled for (for either of the two listed **Clubs**) will be performed by the **Club** requesting the match to be rescheduled. The **Club** who requested the reschedule is responsible for the following;

- Organising the venue for the rescheduled match.
- Organising a duty team (including suitably qualified First and Second Referee) for the rescheduled match.
- Collecting the game ball and scoresheet from **VWA**.
- Returning the game ball and completed scoresheet to **VWA**.
- Performing any duties scheduled (for both teams) on the date of the original match.
- Any payments due to the First Referee of the rescheduled match.

No fixture requests will be accepted by **VWA**.

8.4 Home Games – State Leagues and Divisions

WAVL State League Clubs must host a minimum of two Home Games. Division Teams have the option to host home games if they choose.

The first named team on the fixtures will be entitled to host that game as a Home Round.

Home games will be played on the day of the programmed fixture, unless the hosting **Club** designates (with agreement from the visiting **Club**) a different time / day than the fixtured time/day. **Clubs** are required to submit an email to greg@volleyballwa.com.au within the deadlines on the distributed Key Dates, requesting the matches they would like to host as home rounds. Once the home round is submitted to VWA, any changes will be treated as a rescheduled match (see WAVL By-law section 8.3). The information that needs to be provided includes:

- The **Clubs** participating in the Round
- The Division participating in the Round
- Date
- Venue- (NB: the venues hired by **VWA** can also be utilised for home games if necessary)
- Games times

To host a Home Game the following is required:

- Provision of a Club Venue/Home Game Coordinator for management of games as per the rules and regulations.
- Provision of post padding
- Provision of a suitable net
- Provision of referee stand
- A court(s) that adhere to VWA's Facility Guidelines

VWA will assist with promoting the event and will supply the following if needed:

- Score-sheet and pens
- Rotations slips
- Score Board
- 1 x match ball
- Lines flags
- Post padding and antennas (if required)
- Upon request, assistance can be provided in the rostering of a First Referee

The **Clubs** are responsible for the following costs;

- Any fundraising / promotional activities

VWA will make the following payments for Home Games* (as per WAVL Criteria)

- SL & SLR = \$169.00

- Divisions = \$135.00

*There will be no home game payments provided to **Clubs** if they choose to run their home rounds within Volleyball WA's fixtures / venues.

Home Game scoresheets must be submitted electronically to the WAVL Tournament Director or WAVL Chief Referee within 24 hours of the game, and the original hard copy must be supplied by 5:00pm on the Monday following the Home Game. None or late submission of the scoresheet will result in the host **Club** forfeiting the Home Game venue contribution.

No home games are to be played on Indoor Beach Volleyball Federation Super League rounds (29th April, 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August) without written confirmation from both Club Presidents that no players within the teams are involved with the indoor beach rounds.

VWA will make payment for all accredited first referees for WAVL games (as per Section 9.3 Referees) upon provision of the Home game score-sheet. No payment will be made by **VWA** for late provision of the score-sheet.

8.5 Team List

A player arriving late may be added to the score-sheet providing the team has enough players to commence the match. Only players present and in uniform shall be listed on the score-sheet.

If a player is listed on the score-sheet but then does not take the court during the game, the Duty personnel are responsible to cross out this player's name off the score-sheet.

8.6 Substitutions

Twelve substitutions per team per set will be allowed (i.e. each player may only enter the court three times, the starting line up being the first entry).

8.7 Libero

A Libero player is allowed in all grades of WAVL under the following conditions:

- Use of a Libero player is optional.
- A different player is permitted to be nominated as Libero in each set and must remain as Libero for the remainder of that set.
- The Libero must be nominated (by the coach) on the rotation slip before the start of each set.
- The Libero player is designated by the wearing of a contrasting shirt. No number is required on the Libero shirt. *Note: When nominating a player as libero put the players playing shirt number down so we can keep track on how many games he/she plays during the season.*

8.8 Match Protocol

20 MINUTE WARM UP – STATE LEAGUES

All matches will follow the following protocol for their allocated 20 minute warm up time.
 (T – 20min = Time of the game – 20 minutes. The games will commence at the completion of warm-up)

- T – 20min** Official Protocol commences (players are peppering)
 Coaches check and sign the score sheet, 2nd referee distributes the Rotation slips to coaches
- T – 14min** Scorer should cross match warming up players with the score sheet,
 1st and 2nd Referee check the net
- T – 13min** Coin Toss
 Both captains need to sign the score sheet after the coin toss
- T – 12min** Warm up at the net commences.
Recommended format:
T-12min – hit from position 4
T-7 min – change hitting warm up to position 2
T-3min – Serve
 Teams are required to be hitting in their full playing uniform, 1st referee needs to monitor the spiking; 2nd referee needs to collect line up sheets from coaches.
- T – 2min** Warm up at the net finishes
 Teams clear the court
- T – 1min** First Referee calls on teams to enter the court
- T – 30sec** Second Referee checks position of players and authorizes Libero replacement if required
- T – 00** First whistle to authorise the serve

10 MINUTE WARM UP – DIVISIONS ONLY

All matches will follow the following protocol for their allocated 10 minute warm up time.
 (T – 10min = Time of the game – 10 minutes. The games will commence at the completion of warm-up)

- T – 10min** Official Protocol commences (Players are peppering)
 Coaches check and sign the score sheet.
- T – 8min** Coin Toss
 Both captains need to sign the score sheet after the coin toss.
- T – 7min** Warm up at the net commences, from position 4.
 Teams need to be in their full playing uniform.
- T – 4min** Change hitting warm up to position 2
- T – 2min** Serve
- T – 1 min** Warm up at the net finishes.

- Teams clear the court
- T – 30sec** Referee calls on teams to enter the court.
- T – 00** First whistle to authorise serve

8.9 Premiership Points

The premiership points schedule for all **WAVL** Divisions are:

RESULT	POINTS
WIN	3 points
LOSS	0 points
FORFEIT	-2 points for an Administrative Forfeit -3 points for not fielding a team

8.10 Team placings

Positions will be determined by premiership points average (rounded to four decimal places), then by sets won percentages (rounded to four decimal places), then by points won percentages (rounded to four decimal places). Premiership points average will be calculated by premiership points / games played. Percentages will be calculated by the following formula – Wins (Sets or Points) / Total Played Sets or Points).

8.11 Forfeit

PROCEDURE

After the referees have called the teams to line up for the start of a game, unless six players are present the following applies;

- The game will be forfeited by the team that does not have six players present and able to take the court.

FORFEIT FEES

Forfeiting teams shall pay a fine equivalent to the other team's game fee.

Teams that won games by the forfeit of the opposition, will have their game fee refunded at the end of the season.

If there is a retrospective forfeit during the season (e.g.: the game has already been played) there will be no forfeit fees.

8.12 Finals Format

Format	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
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4 teams	G#1 1 st vs 2 nd	G#3 L G#1 vs W G#2	GF W G#1 vs W G#3
	G#2 3 rd vs 4 th		

9. REQUIREMENTS FOR DUTY TEAMS, REFEREES AND COACHES

9.1 Volleyball Rules

Referees will referee according to the current Official **FIVB / VA** Volleyball Rules.

All participants are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the Volleyball Rules and abide by the **VWA Member Protection Policy Codes of Conduct**.

9.2 Duty Team

Clubs are expected to supply duty personnel as required to duty games. At least one person from the duty team (and the First Referee if not a part of the duty team) are to be present on court before the **GEST** of the game to start and control the warm up. The following applies;

- 20 minutes before the **GEST**

Failure to provide the required duty personnel will result in the following;

- Not present for warm-up - one premiership point will be deducted from the team.
- Not present at commencement of the game – one premiership point will be deducted for each of the missing duty personnel, this being up to a maximum of four premiership points.
- Failure to provide the correct number of duty personnel during the finals series will result in a \$100 fine to the **Club**.

WAVL State League teams are required to provide the following for Duty Teams;

- First Referee
- Second Referee
- Scorer
- 2 x Lines people

WAVL Division teams are required to provide the following for Duty Teams;

- First Referee
- Second Referee
- Scorer

DUTY PERSONNEL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Duty personnel are expected to wear the following;

- Their **Clubs** playing / team uniform / jacket / polos – must be clearly visible and not obscured.
- Enclosed shoes at all times.

The following are not permitted whilst performing their duties;

- The wearing of caps / hats.
- The use of mobile phones or iPod like devices. (except when being used as timer)
- To eat or drink or ice injuries. (Exceptions will be made upon approval by Chief referee or Tournament Director).

Failure to comply with this rule will result in the following;

- (a) A \$50 fine per infringement payable by the **Club**

During the first three weeks of competition **Club** Presidents will receive a warning re duty personnel not being in the correct uniform. Thereafter, any future non-compliance will be penalised with the loss of one premiership point and a \$50 fine for the team concerned.

SCORE-SHEETS

All duty team scorers are required to complete the match score-sheet in full.

Only the scorer is allowed to add remarks to the score sheet.

Only the following types of remarks can be included on the score sheet;

- Game delay (s)
- Injury
- A risk hazard on court

Any remarks added by a player or coach will be sanctioned as rude misconduct.

This sanction will be communicated to the **Club's** President in writing by the **WAVL** Tournament Director or **VWA** Competitions Coordinator no later than Thursday after weekend's round.

During the first three weeks of competition, **Club** Presidents will be provided warning of scoresheets that are not completed correctly. Thereafter, any future non-compliance will be penalised with a loss of one premiership point for the team concerned.

9.3 Referees

All referees are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the Volleyball Rules and abide by the **VWA Member Protection Policy Officials Code of Conduct**.

Referees are expected to wear the following;

- Their **VA** issued uniform or their **Clubs** playing / team uniform / jacket / hoodie / polo - must be visible and not obscured / clearly visible.
- Enclosed shoes at all times.

The following are not permitted whilst performing their duties;

- The wearing of caps / hats.
- The use of mobile phones or iPod like devices.
- To eat or drink or ice injuries.

Failure to comply with this rule will result in the following;

- (a) A \$50 fine per infringement payable by the **Club**.

CHIEF REFEREE

The **VWA** Referee Committee will strive to appoint a person(s) for a paid position as a Chief Referee who will be available at all times during the **WAVL** rounds. This position will be appointed if there are more than four games (exception Final series), being played at the same time. If a Chief Referee is not present the duties of the Chief Referee will be undertaken by the **WAVL** Tournament Director.

REFEREES SUPPLIED BY CLUBS

Clubs are expected to supply competent and accredited referees for all grades / rounds.

WAVL State League and State League Reserve Clubs are expected to supply a Level Two State Referee (minimum accreditation) as First Referee and a Level One (minimum accreditation) as a Second Referee.

For **WAVL** Divisions, **Clubs** are expected to supply a Level One (minimum accreditation) for First Referee and Second Referee.

Where possible, First referees for **WAVL State League** division matches will be appointed by the **VWA** Chief Referee. When a referee cannot be sourced by the **VWA** Chief Referee, the duty team must then provide a competent and accredited referee to referee the relevant game.

An exemption applies when a Level Two Associate Referee is being assessed.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in the following;

- (a) A \$50 fine per infringement payable by the **Club**

REFEREES' PAYMENT

All currently accredited First Referees officiating games for **State League, State League Reserves** and **WAVL** Divisions will be paid according to their level of qualification. The payment rates are included in the **VWA** Rates for Coordinators, Coaches and Referees.

The First Referee is required to be present on court for the start of the warm up. He / she will be paid for officiating from the commencement of the game (the first whistle). The First Referee is also responsible for ensuring that all bags etc. are placed under the chairs or at the back of the court, they must also ensure bench areas are clean and tidy at the completion of the game. If these duties are incomplete the referee will only be paid for one hour.

It is the First Referee's responsibility to make sure they provide their name and the game they umpired to the **WAVL** Chief Referee. They need to do this by putting their full name on the score-sheet. The non-provision of names will result in no payment to the referee.

All Referee payments will be processed fortnightly. All **VWA** payment information forms need to be completed prior to payments being made (they are available on the VWA Referee Payment Form in the [VWA Member Portal](#) under Upcoming Events).

REFEREE ASSESSMENTS

For details about completing the log sheet and assessment for the Level 2 State Referee Accreditation, see the Level 2 Referee Course section on our website on the Education page: <https://volleyballwa.com.au/education/#Refereeing>

To request an assessment please use the following link: **TBC**

9.4 Coaches

All **WAVL State League** teams are required to have qualified and accredited coaches with a minimum of a Level 2 State Accreditation. Level 2 Associate Coaches (people who attended the Level 2 Course) are eligible on the provision that by the completion of the WAVL season (end of round games) the minimum coaching accreditation requirement has been met. Breaches of this condition will result in respective fines.

WAVL Divisions are required to have a minimum of a Level 1 accreditation which can be completed online. More information here: <https://volleyballwa.com.au/coaching/>

All coaches are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the Volleyball Rules and abide by the **VWA Member Protection Policy Coaches Code of Conduct**.

A qualified coach (or candidate coach) must be on the bench for the duration of the game.

Coaches are expected to wear the following;

- Their **Clubs** playing / team uniform / polo / hoodie / tracksuit / business attire
- Enclosed shoes at all times.

Failure to comply with these rules will result in the following;

- (c) A \$50 fine per infringement payable by the **Club**.

In Divisions only, if the regular appointed coach is unable to be present at the game due to a **WAVL** game clash, and the **Club** is unable to find a qualified replacement, the **Club** can use an exemption to avoid a fine. **Clubs** will receive one exemption per the total number of Division teams the **Club** has competing in **WAVL**. **Clubs** must inform the Competitions Coordinator at greg@volleyballwa.com.au of this exemption by Friday 5:00pm before the weekend of the clash for the exemption to be valid. This exemption does not remove the requirement of appointing someone over the age of 18 to be **in-charge** of the team for that game. In the exemption email, the **Club** must submit the name of this appointed person and the name of the coach they are replacing as part of the exemption, and the appointed person is the name that should be written on the scoresheet. If this process is not followed and a coach without an appropriate qualification is written on the scoresheet, the **Club** will receive the regular \$50 fine as above.

10. UNIFORMS

Uniforms in approved **Club** colours and in accordance with **FIVB** [Rules of the Game](#) shall be worn by all players including Liberos during matches. Hats are not permitted. The uniforms must be presentable and have no obvious flaws such as fading and / or tears. The captain is not required to have a bar underneath their playing number. Any changes to current **Club** uniforms (or completely new designs) must be submitted to **VWA** Competitions Coordinator greg@volleyballwa.com.au no later than eight weeks prior to the commencement of the season. The request needs to contain the proposed design / change to the design for players including the design for the Libero shirt. The VWA Referee Committee will then assist with the approval process.

Playing uniforms must be worn from the hitting warm up onwards.

All players, athletes and team officials on the bench must be in their **Club** playing / team uniform, polo / tracksuit or Business attire (coaches).

VWA recognises that in circumstances where religious and cultural beliefs conflict with the Volleyball standard dress code, that modification to the standard uniform may be required.

This may include, but is not restricted to:

- The wearing of traditional Muslim head scarf.
- The wearing of leggings or tracksuits under the uniform to cover legs.
- The wearing of long sleeve top under the uniform to cover arms.

VWA requires that Headscarves can be tied but are not to be fastened with any pins or sharp objects. Colours of headscarves or other garments must resemble the predominate colour of the team uniform or be of a neutral colour.

The **WAVL** Chief Referee will have the final decision in any disputes relating to uniform.

10.1 School Teams – WAVL Only

School teams will be allowed to play in a school uniform (i.e. they do not need to wear a **Club** uniform) as long as that uniform is worn by all team members and has numbers clearly visible on both the front and back.

10.2 Uniform Infringements

Players out of uniform cannot take the court. If the game has already started the player will be told to leave the court by the First Referee. A team can perform one of the following:

- (a) Call a time out and change the player's uniform (30 seconds)
- (b) Make a regular substitution (exceptional substitutions are not allowed for this purpose).

If the team cannot perform one of the above options, then the first set is forfeited, and the team then has a further three (3) minutes to remedy the player's uniform situation, within compliance of all relevant By Laws.

Uniform regulations shall be enforced by the match Referees and/or the **WAVL** Chief Referee.

11. SPONSORSHIP – PLAYING UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

All information in regards to the approval of **Club** sponsors is as per the **VWA Clubs** / Association **Affiliation** Package – description of **Affiliation**.

For teams competing in the **WAVL** competition, sponsorship logos are permissible on the **WAVL** playing uniforms. VWA has decided to align its Sponsorship uniform requirement to the FIVB Rules and Regulation with one exception. Country Codes are not required on Uniforms and this will be replaced by **Club** Logo. Please visit the FIVB Rules and Regulation for dimensions and contact VWA Competitions Coordinator should you need any clarification.

The logos must not obscure the player's number or the **Club** name or logo. The request to display a sponsorship logo on the player's uniforms during the **WAVL** season must be approved in writing by **VWA** prior to wearing a playing uniform with a sponsorship logo displayed.

12. SANCTIONS

Sanctions that are received by a player or coach throughout the season are recorded and the consequence (to the individual) of receiving multiple sanctions throughout the season are noted below;

Sanction	Occurrence	Consequence
Penalty (Red Card)	First	Recorded but no action taken
	Second	One game suspension
	Subsequent	One game suspension
Expulsion	Any	Two game suspension
Disqualification	Any	Four game suspension

If necessary suspensions will be passed into the following **WAVL** season.

Sanctions are cumulative to an individual regardless of the role undertaken when they were received (for instance player or coach) and will be applicable to their next regular playing or coaching role in all Volleyball WA sanctioned competitions (both Indoor and Beach volleyball).

13. DISPUTES, PROTESTS AND APPEALS

13.1 Disputes

In a case of a dispute between **Clubs** and / or members, and / or Competition and **Club** personnel and officials, one or both of the parties of the dispute may request the **VWA** Chief Executive Officer to commence proceedings as per the **VWA Member Protection Policy** Complaints Procedure.

13.2 Protests and Appeals

The following **WAVL** Protests can occur;

- Protest during the game - a protest can be lodged regarding an incorrect rule interpretation but not ball handling / opinion.
- Appeal post game – an appeal can be lodged in regard to a rejected protest.

13.3 Procedure for lodging a WAVL protest during the game

All protests will be resolved 'on-the-spot' by the **WAVL** Chief Referee (or in the absence of the **WAVL** Chief Referee, the **WAVL** Tournament Director).

The procedure to lodge a protest is as follows;

- At the conclusion of the point either the Coach or the Team Captain may lodge a protest. The protest must be lodged immediately and cannot be lodged retrospectively.
- The 1st Referee will suspend play and call upon the **WAVL** Chief Referee.
- All protests must be resolved immediately by the **WAVL** Chief Referee or Tournament Director in their absence.

- (d) The result of the protest is final and the teams must recommence the match immediately.
- (e) If the protest pertains to a sanction (Section 12) and the sanction is deemed invalid then this record will be removed.

If a team refuses to recommence the match, the team will forfeit the match and will be liable for the forfeit penalties. Should the protest be rejected by the **WAVL** Chief Referee, the team coach / captain that lodged the protest will be sanctioned with Rude Conduct in accordance with the FIVB sanction scale. Any decision made on the day by the **WAVL** Chief Referee or the **WAVL** Tournament Director is valid and a team / player in breach of a rule should accept this decision and play on.

13.4 Procedure for lodging an Appeal

If a team / player feels the interpretation of a rule resulting in a rejected protest was incorrect they are entitled to Appeal the decision.

The following procedure will apply;

- (1) The **Club** President must submit an appeal in writing (by email) to the **VWA** Competitions Coordinator (competitions@volleyballwa.com.au) by 5.00pm on the next working day following the **WAVL** Round.
 - (2) The appeal should note the following information:
 - a. Situation outlined in detail
 - b. **WAVL** Chief Referee and / or the **WAVL** Tournament Director's ruling
 - c. The **Club's** interpretation of the rule
 - (3) The **WAVL** Technical Committee will respond to the **Club's** letter within three business days.
- If the **Club** President wishes to protest the decision of the **WAVL** Technical Committee the following procedure applies;
- (a) The **Club** President applies by written submission to the **VWA** Chief Executive Officer.
 - (b) The written submission must be within 24 hours of the decision reached by the **WAVL** Technical Committee. The written submission is to be accompanied by an Appeal fee payment of \$150.00 (which will be returned to the **Club** if the Appeal is successful, if the Appeal is unsuccessful then the Appeal fee payment will be retained by **VWA**.)
 - (c) If applicable the **VWA** Chief Executive Officer will forward the protest information to the **VWA** Board of Management and / or consult any other person (s) that has the relevant expertise so as to ensure that an informed decision is made.
 - (d) The **VWA** Chief Executive Officers / **VWA** Board (if applicable) decision is final.

14. WAVL REVIEW

The WAVL Competition Rules and Regulations Handbook are to be reviewed annually by the **WAVL Review Committee**.

The **WAVL Review Committee** consists of the current **Club** President from each **WAVL Club**.

The role of the **WAVL Review Committee** is to;

- I. Review the Competitions Rules and Regulation Handbook
- II. Review the license criteria for **Clubs** participating in State League, State League Reserve and Divisions.

The Competition Rules and Regulations Handbook will be reviewed annually with a mid-season checkpoint for minor operational matters. This will allow **VWA** to assess and review the current season.

For the end of season review, the **WAVL Review Committee** will review the following documents and make changes accordingly;

- I. Competitions Rules and Regulations
- II. **State League** and State League Reserves License Criteria
- III. Survey results from Players/**Club** Administrators/Parents (As directed by the **WAVL Review Committee**)
- IV. Report from **VWA WAVL Technical Committee**.

Any feedback outside of the review cycle should be communicated to **Club** presidents and passed on to the **WAVL Club** Representative.

15. FIVB INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER PROCESS

The **FIVB** requires that all **State League** players whose Federation of Origin is not Australia have an **FIVB** International Transfer Certificate (ITC). Failure to do required transfers can result in **Club** fines of up to 40,000CHF and athletes being banned from the sport. **VWA** will support **Clubs** with the ITC process. All players whose Federation of Origin is not Australia must complete a WAVL Eligibility Declaration form at least one month before the first round so they can be cleared to play.

Any **State League** team that lists an international athlete on their playing roster without a valid ITC document will receive an **Administrative Forfeit**.

16. VWA CLAUSE

Any questions relating to the interpretation of these rules must be made in writing to **VWA**. **VWA** notes that anything not covered by the **FIVB** Rules of the game or the **WAVL / WAVJL** Competitions and Regulations Handbook and associated documentation can be decided by the **VWA** Chief Executive Officer and / or the **VWA** Board of Management as required.

17. APPENDICES

➤ WAVL State League and Divisions Criteria 2023

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STATE LEAGUE & STATE LEAGUE RESERVES	
1. Governance	<p>Required / Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated (Incorporations Act 2015) and Club Constitution compliant. • Provide a copy of their AGM Meeting Notes. • Meet all VWA Platinum Club affiliation requirements. • Establishment of club policies and procedures; where required these must be aligned to Volleyball Australia and VWA Policies and Codes of Behaviour (as advised by VWA) • Compliant with Child Safe Guarding and WWCC requirements. • Introduce 'Money Handling' processes for their Club Committee committees. • Introduce 'Complaint management' processes for their individual Clubs. <p>Recommended / Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position descriptions for each club role with templates provided by VWA • One Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) • Provide at least one representative to be a member of a VWA Committee (excluding the Indoor Committee)
2. Club Partnerships	<p>Required / Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Club partnerships (MOUs) with Schools and / or Community Groups. • Demonstrate working towards alignment with one key partner (e.g. University, another sporting club, major sponsor/s). • Disclosure of sponsorships and partnerships to VWA. • Clubs to purchase a minimum of one table for the VWA Annual Awards Dinner. • Clubs to make at least one nomination for the VWA Annual Awards Recognition Award Category (Coach, Referee or Administration). <p>Recommended / Desirable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Club partnerships (MOUs) with Schools and Community Groups. • Proof of alignment with one key partner. • Clubs to make two nominations for the VWA Annual Awards Recognition Award Category (Coach, Referee and / or Administration).
3. Club Coaching and Referee Development and Structure	<p>Required / Essential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of a formal Selection criteria for the appointment of all coaching and refereeing positions. • Club Coaches and Referees to be accredited as per the requirements of the Competition Rules and Regulations. • Clubs to ensure that they have one Level 2 Coach, one Level 2 Referee and one Level 1 Referee for each team they enter into State League and State League Reserves. • Club to ensure that they have one Level 1 Coach and one Level 1 Referee for each team they enter into Divisions (noting all first and second referees for each match need to have a minimum Level 1 Qualification).

	Recommended / Desirable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs to provide one coach and referee mentor.
4. Athlete Development and Structure	Required / Essential <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment to VWA's Pathway Plan (FTEM). Avenues for the development of underpinning feeder development programs, including; State League Team Nominations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominated SLR / Division Teams = 6 Nominated WAVJL Teams = 5 Participation Program = 1 State League Reserves – Metro: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominated Division Teams = 3 Nominated WAVJL Teams = 3 Participation Program = 1 OR State League Reserves - Clubs / Regional Associations with Local Leagues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition of Local League – a seasonal structured competition of minimum 10 teams for both adults and juniors whose purpose is to provide pathway opportunities for athletes to play in SL/SLR. Nominated Division Teams = 2 Nominated WAVJL Teams = 0 Participation Program = 1
5. Facilities – Training and Home Game venues	Required / Essential <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of appropriate training facilities and accredited facilities for VWA State League home games. Facility audit (s) completed and provided to VWA. Host 2 Home Rounds for State League and/or State League Reserves (minimum). Recommended / Desirable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs to work with VWA to establish Home Club bases.
6. Competition requirements	Required / Essential <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State League can have eight teams per gender. Individual Clubs / Regional Associations can only enter one team into State League if eligible by meeting the WAVL 2023 Criteria. State League Reserves can have ten teams per gender. Individual Clubs / Regional Associations can only enter one team into State League Reserves if eligible by meeting the WAVL 2023 Criteria. If more than ten teams are nominated then a grading day will occur. Divisions can have ten teams per gender. Individual Clubs / Regional Associations can only enter one team into State League Reserves if eligible by meeting the WAVL 2023 Criteria (unless VWA has places to fill). If more than ten teams are nominated then a grading day will occur. Clubs can enter one team per Division - clubs do not need to enter all Divisions. Player roster to be up to 12 players per team including Development players. Development Players to be Under 23 years of age, or in their first three years of WAVL (if from another State WAVL equivalent).

	Duties as per WAVL Rules and Regulations.
7. Sponsorship and Marketing	Required / Essential <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club Sponsorship and Marketing plan in line with VWA Sponsorship and Marketing Guidelines. Club merchandising opportunities in line with VWA Sponsorship and Marketing Guidelines.
DIVISIONS	
1. Governance	Required / Essential <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incorporated (Incorporations Act 2015) and Club Constitution compliant. Provide a copy of their AGM Meeting Notes. Meet all VWA Platinum Club affiliation requirements. Establishment of club policies and procedures; where required these must be aligned to Volleyball Australia and VWA Policies and Codes of Behaviour (as advised by VWA) <p>Compliant with Child Safe Guarding and WWCC requirements.</p>
2. Club Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disclosure of sponsorships and partnerships to VWA.
3. Club Coaching and Referee Development and Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club to ensure that they have one Level 1 Coach and one Level 1 Referee for each team they enter into Divisions (noting all first and second referees for each match need to have a minimum Level 1 Qualification). Club Coaches and Referees to be accredited as per the requirements of the Competition Rules and Regulations.
4. Facilities – Training and Home Game venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facility audit (s) completed and provided to VWA. Those Clubs only competing in State League Reserves (not State League) are also required to host 2 home rounds, which can include Division #1 and/or Division #2 when they are the first named teams. Identification of appropriate training facilities and accredited facilities for home games.
5. Competition requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Divisions can have ten teams per gender. Individual Clubs / Regional Associations can only enter one team into State League Reserves if eligible by meeting the WAVL 2023 Criteria (unless VWA has places to fill). If more than ten teams are nominated then a grading day will occur. Clubs can enter one team per Division - clubs do not need to enter all Divisions. Player roster to be up to 12 players per team including Development players. Development Players to be Under 23 years of age, or in their first three years of WAVL (if from another State WAVL equivalent). Duties as per WAVL Rules and Regulations. Team duties to consist of First Referee, Second Referee and Scorer - First Referee for All Division games to be paid a match fee. The competition to be played to the best of five sets. The first four sets will be played to 25 points and the 5th set will be played to 15 points. Timeslots for regular season games to be capped at two hours including warm-up. All finals will be untimed. Clubs to meet all other competition rules and regulations.