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Part A Event Entry Information

1. Overview

The WA Volleyball League (WAVL) is the premier volleyball competition in Western Australia, offering both men's and women's divisions for athletes of various skill levels. It serves as a key platform for developing local talent and fostering competitive play within the state. The league brings together players from different clubs, creating a dynamic environment where teams compete for championship titles while showcasing their skills and sportsmanship. WAVL also plays an important role in promoting volleyball throughout Western Australia, encouraging participation at all levels, from grassroots to elite competitions, and contributing to the growth and popularity of the sport in the region.

1.1. Interpretation of Rules

Any questions relating to the interpretation of the information contained in this handbook is required to be made in writing to VWA. VWA notes that anything not covered by the FIVB Rules of the game or the WAVL Competitions and Regulations Handbook and associated documentation can be decided by the WAVL Technical Committee in the first instance and thereafter the VWA Chief Executive Officer and / or the VWA Board of Management as required.

1.2. WAVL Technical Committee

The WAVL Technical Committee is responsible for ensuring that the technical requirements of WAVL as outlined in the appropriated sections of the handbook are adhered to. The WAVL Technical Committee consists of the following representatives:

- Chair of the Committee – VWA Competitions Manager
- Chief Referee
- VWA Indoor Coordinator

1.3. WAVL Competition Rules and Regulation Handbook Review

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

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

1.3.1. WAVL Review Committee Membership

The WAVL Review Committee comprises of the President of each affiliated WAVL Club.

1.3.2. Role of the WAVL Review Committee

The role of the WAVL Review Committee is to:

- Review the Competitions Rules and Regulation Handbook and provide relevant recommendations to VWA.
- Review the license criteria for Clubs participating in State League, State League Reserves and Divisions and provide relevant feedback to the VWA Board.

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1.4. Volleyball WA Commitment Statement to Safeguarding Children and Young People

- **Unwavering Commitment to Child Safety:** We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people involved in our sport. We address risks through policies and procedures to establish and maintain a stringent child-safe culture both on and off the court.
- **Inclusive and Respectful Environment:** We promote inclusion, respect, and diversity, considering the needs of children and young people from various backgrounds, including those with increased vulnerabilities, and ensuring they can participate safely and confidently in volleyball.
- **Clear Expectations and Training:** Staff and volunteers are well-informed about their roles and expected behaviours concerning child safety, supported by thorough induction, ongoing training, and clear guidelines for child-safe practices.
- **Engagement and Reporting:** We actively involve children, young people, and their families in creating a supportive environment, maintain robust reporting processes for child abuse, and continually improve our policies and practices to safeguard all participants.

2. Definitions

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

- **Administrative Fine** refers to a fine that occurs as a result of a club not complying with particular rules and regulations within this handbook
- **Administrative Forfeit** 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.
- **Affiliate** means a member Association, Club or School of VWA.
- **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.
- **Associate Coach** means a coach who has attended the Level 2 coach course but has not yet completed the Level 2 State upgrade.
- **Club (s)** means those VWA affiliated Clubs and Associations that fulfil the requirements as described in the VWA Constitution and the VWA Club / Association Affiliation Guide.
- **Development Player** means players selected by the Club whose individual development pathway will benefit from the opportunity to play in their **Nominated Team** and a higher Division during a regular season round of the WAVL competition.
- **DIDO** means Drive in Drive out.

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- **Divisions** refers to the different levels of competition available to teams in the WAVL.
- **Exposure** is a tournament and league management software that is used by Volleyball WA.
- **FIFO** means Fly in Fly out.
- **FIVB** means the Federation Internationale de Volleyball, which is the international governing body for volleyball.
- **GEST** means Guaranteed Earliest Start Time.
- **Grading period** means the competition date set prior to the commencement of the WAVL competition.
- **Infringement** means a breach of one of the VWA WAVL Competitions and Regulations Handbook and / or the FIVB Rules of the game.
- **In Charge** means being in control of the behaviour and conduct of the individual players within a Club team during the WAVL / WAVJL season.
- **MVP** means the Most Valuable Player.
- **Nominated Team** means the **Team List** that a player is a part of.
- **Organisations** means Clubs, Associations or Schools who enter the WA Volleyball League.
- **Person of Interest** refers to a person who is unfinancial with Volleyball WA.
- **Regular Season Game** refers to the WAVL League competition where teams are not participating in a Finals Game.
- **Round Robin** is a competition format in which each team meets every other team.
- **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.
- **State League** refers to both State League and State League Reserve Divisions unless stated otherwise.
- **VA** means Volleyball Australia, which is the FIVB recognised body for the administration, control and management of the sport of volleyball in Australia.
- **Volleyball WA or VWA** means Volleyball Western Australia, the entity recognised under the VA Constitution to administer the sport of volleyball in Western Australia.

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- **WAVL Review Committee** consists of the Affiliated Club (including Associations) Presidents, the Chairperson of the VWA Referee Committee, the VWA Chief Executive Officer and the VWA Competitions & Events Manager. The Executive Officer for the Committee will be the VWA Competitions Coordinator. This is the committee responsible for reviewing the WAVL competition annually.
- **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 located on www.volleyballwa.com.au.
- **WAVL** means the Western Australian Volleyball League.
- **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.
- **WAVL Competition Rules and Regulation Handbook** is the document which contains the rules and regulations pertaining to the WA Volleyball League.
- **WAVL Technical Committee** consists of the **VWA** Competitions Manager, **VWA** Indoor Coordinator and **VWA** Chairperson of the Referee Committee. In instances where the **VWA** Indoor Coordinator and the **VWA** Chairperson of the Referee Committee have conflict of interest due to the clubs they are associated with, they will be replaced by the VWA Beach Coordinator and VWA Participation Manager respectively.
- **WAVJL** means Western Australian Volleyball Junior League.

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3. Event Entry Requirements

All events will be advertised on the Volleyball WA Indoor Event Calendar and website. All event forms can be accessed via the Exposure documents tab which includes the following:

- Nomination Forms
- Event Withdrawal Forms
- Team Sheets
- Development Player Nominations
- Development Player Replacement Form

3.1 General Conditions of Entry

To be eligible to play in WAVL, Clubs and Schools must be affiliated with VWA. All Clubs, schools their nominated teams and their participants are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the Volleyball Rule and abide by the [VWA Member Protection Policy Codes of Conduct](#). In addition, the following conditions must be met:

3.1.1. Clubs and Associations

- Clubs wishing to enter a team into the State League are required to meet the State League requirements.
- Clubs wishing to enter a team into Divisions are required to meet the Division requirements.
- Clubs and Associations must fulfil the minimum coaching and referee accreditation requirements as detailed in this handbook.
 - [Refer here for coach requirements](#)
 - [Refer her for referee requirements](#)
- 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.

3.1.2. Schools

- Schools wishing to enter a team into Divisions are required to meet the Division requirements.
- 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.

3.2 Player Membership

- All players are required to be registered as a Platinum member of VWA prior to playing their first game as part of the WAVL competition, including grading periods and before participation in any WAVL related activities.
- It is the Club's responsibility to ensure that all their players are members of VWA and that all player memberships are completed prior to the player taking the court for the first time.
- This membership must be either an Adult Platinum membership or Under 19 Platinum membership.

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- All Membership Fees are outlined in the VWA Fee Structure which is included in the Membership Guide – Individuals.
- All VWA Memberships will be valid between the 1st April and 31st March of each calendar year.
- Players who are 'unfinancial' (Person of Interest) with either VWA and / or a Club (s) will not be eligible to play.
- Failure to comply with these rules will result in the following:
 - A \$50 fine per infringement per person payable by the Club.
 - An Administrative Forfeit of the game by the team that breaches this condition as per [Avoiding Forfeit – Eligibility to Play](#).

3.2.1. Team Sheets

The purpose of Team Sheets is to assist clubs to ensure their players at the beginning of the season hold a valid VWA membership. It will also assist VWA with the administration of player memberships.

- Club teams are required to be submitted via the Team Sheet Form on Exposure by the designated date set by VWA.
- Any amendments to the team sheets can be emailed to indoor@volleyballwa.com.au.
- These names will be entered into Exposure and will be printed onto game day scoresheets.
- This allows for VWA to check memberships and the tracking of the number of games a player has participated in.

3.3 Player Eligibility

- A member of a particular Club can only play one game for that Club on any given round of the WAVL fixtures as per the exemptions in [Avoiding Forfeit – Eligibility to Play](#).
- If a player plays in a game that they are not eligible for, that will result in an Administrative Forfeit as per [Avoiding Forfeit – Eligibility to Play](#).
- 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 of a fixture and/or home round, that game will be attributed to the round of the initial date listed. For example, VWA games listed on Friday are considered a different round from VWA games listed on Sunday. Home games rescheduled by Clubs from a Sunday to Saturday in the same weekend are attributed to the VWA Sunday round.

3.3.1. School Students

These athletes are permitted to play for a different Club in WAVL than the club they play for in WAVJL.

3.3.2. Development Players

A Development player is regarded a player selected by the Club whose individual development pathway will benefit from the opportunity to play in their nominated team and a higher division during a regular season round of the WAVL competition.

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To be eligible to play in WAVL as a Development player, the players must 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). Should a club require this information contact should be made with indoor@volleyballwa.com.au.

3.3.2.1. Development Player Nominations

When nominating a Development Player, a Club can only list a player as a Development Player on the Development Player Nomination Form which is located on Exposure by the designated date determined by VWA .

The application must include sufficient justification of how the individual's development pathway will benefit from the opportunity to play in more than one Division during the regular WAVL competition season fixtures.

Development Players can only be nominated in the following Divisions:

- State League Reserves
- Division 1
- Division 1 Reserves
- The highest division the club holds outside of the divisions listed above.

Each Club can nominate up to two Development Players in the divisions outlined above.

- Clubs are entitled to play a Development Player twice in any given round of the regular season fixtures. This ruling does not cover playing in finals and that player can only play in their nominated division, a higher division, or both.
- Development Players are not permitted to play below Division 2 unless they are acting as a regular player as per the requirements included in [Avoiding Forfeit – Eligibility to Play](#).

3.3.2.2. Development Player Permitted Changes

Clubs can make two changes to each team's Development Players per year:

- If a Club wishes to change a Development Player, the Development Player Replacement Form located on Exposure must be submitted for approval to indoor@volleyballwa.com.au no later than **four working days** prior to the player taking to the court for the Club as a listed Development Player.
- If the written application is supplied less than four working days prior to the player taking the court for the Club, the player will be treated as a regular player for that round.
- The WAVL Technical committee will decide on any exemptions related to injured players. Any request for exemption due to injury must be accompanied

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with a Doctors/Specialist's Medical Certificate and/or letter. This documentation is required to be submitted to indoor@volleyballwa.com.au no later than 9:00am on the Friday prior to the weekend fixture.

- Development Players are not permitted to play in finals as a development player.

3.4 Transfers

- Players cannot transfer to another WAVL Club during the season after playing one regular season game for a WAVL Club.
- A breach of this process will result in the Administrative Forfeit of the game(s) that the player has played in as per [Avoiding Forfeit – Eligibility to Play](#).
- 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.

3.5 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 CHF40,000 and athletes being banned from the sport.
- VWA will support Clubs with the ITC process, however clubs must ensure they communicate the process below to all State League players to prevent fines arising from noncompliance with this process.
- All players whose Federation of Origin is not Australia must complete a WAVL Eligibility Declaration form found on the Fortix member portal no later than four weeks 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 Administration Fine.

3.6 State League Eligibility

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

3.6.1. State League Format

For 2025, the WAVL State League format is as follows:

- The WAVL State League will have a maximum of six 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.

Additionally, Clubs are required to comply with the following requirements:

- Development Player requirements outlined in [Player Eligibility](#).
- FIVB Transfer Process outlined in [here](#).
- Home Game requirements outlined [here](#).
- Coaching requirements outlined [here](#).
- Refereeing requirements outlined [here](#).

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- Duty requirements outlined [here](#).

3.7 Divisions Eligibility

To be eligible to play in the Divisions of WAVL, Clubs must meet the WAVL Division's Criteria. There are the following Divisions available for 2025:

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

Additional Divisions will be added as required.

3.7.1. Divisions Format

For 2025, the WAVL Divisions will be as follows:

- 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 there are places to be filled.
- Each team roster per match may have up to twelve players including Development Players.
- Development Players are permitted in Division 1, Division 1 Reserves, and Division 2 only.
- If more than ten Clubs nominate a team for a particular division (Division 2 and below), they will be placed into pools and play their pool over a grading period, after which the top teams will be separated from the bottom teams. The bottom teams will move into the reserve division.
- There can only be one team per Club per division (unless VWA has spots to fill).

Additionally, WAVL Divisions Clubs are required to comply with the following requirements:

- Coaching requirements outlined [here](#).
- Refereeing requirements outlined [here](#).
- Duty requirements outlined [here](#).

3.8 Eligibility for Finals

3.8.1. State League

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.

3.8.1.1. State League End of Season Eligibility

- At the end of the State League Round-Robin games, a player that has played a minimum of five State League games will not be eligible to play in another division.
- The only exception applies to Development Players who have not played in the finals of State League.

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- If a development player plays a finals game in State League, this results in them not being permitted to play any further games in their nominated team.
- If a development player does not play a finals game for State League, they may continue to play for their nominated team, provided they have played more, or equal to, the number of games they played for State League during the Round-Robin format.

3.8.2. State League Reserves and Divisions

Players must have played a minimum of five WAVL games for a Club on five different playing rounds to be eligible for finals.

- 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.
- In the event of having more than one team in any division, a player can only play in the final series for the team they have played the most games for. If the number of games played is equal, the Club can choose which of the teams to play this player in finals.

3.8.2.1. Exceptions

- For all rounds a FIFO and DIDO 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 FIFO/DIDO player.
- For WA athletes representing Australia and not residing in Western Australia, they are eligible to play in the final series provided the player has played at least three 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.

For all the exceptions outlined above, the relevant documentation must be provided to competitions@volleyballwa.com.au at least one week prior to finals.

3.9 Avoiding Forfeit – Eligibility to Play

To avoid organisations receiving a forfeit the following is required to be adhered to:

- If a club has insufficient players to field a team, the club can choose to use up to two male and two female players from any team to function as replacement players in order to avoid forfeit each week (not including finals). The club must inform the VWA representative at the venue and these replacement players must be reflected on the scoresheet.
- Should additional eligible players arrive to the court, those replacement players must discontinue playing.

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- A replacement player is only permitted to play one additional game per round to prevent the club from receiving a forfeit.
- If a Development Player has already played their two games in the round, he/she is not permitted to play a third game to prevent the club from receiving a forfeit.
- State League players may not play in Divisions to avoid forfeit after the State League Round-Robin format has ended.
- Suspended/Persons of Interest are not permitted to play in order to avoid forfeit.

3.10 Uniforms

3.10.1. *Standard Uniform Requirements*

- All players must wear the approved club uniform.
- Club uniforms must comply with FIVB Rules of the game and approved by VWA.
- Leggings that are neutral (black, white, skin coloured) or the same colour of club uniform bottoms may be worn under the uniform to cover legs.
- 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.
- Uniform disputes will be managed by the VWA Referee Committee, and final decisions made by the WAVL Chief Referee.
- New uniforms, changes to existing uniforms, or the inclusion of a sponsorship logo must be approved by VWA by the designated date. Requests must be submitted to indoor@volleyballwa.com.au

3.10.2. *Uniform Supporting Religious and Cultural Beliefs*

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 predominant colour of the team uniform or be of a neutral colour. Black, white, brown, and beige all constitute a neutral colour.

3.10.3. *State League and State League Reserves*

- In accordance with the FIVB Rules of the game, numbers must be between 1 and 99 and playing uniforms must be worn from the hitting warm up onwards.
- Tape is not permitted on uniforms for numbers.

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- Libero players need to ensure they have their regular playing uniform at the court and presented to the First Referee upon request.
- Libero players are not permitted to wear their uniform inside out.
- All players, athletes and team officials on the bench must have their names on the scoresheets and dressed in their approved Club uniform, polo / tracksuit, or business attire (coaches).
- Development Players coming from a WAVL Division may be granted a one-time exemption, provided their uniform meets the Divisions Uniform requirements and is the same style.

3.10.4. Divisions Uniform

- In divisions, all players may wear a combination of VWA approved Club pants of different lengths/fits, but they cannot vary in design or colour.
- If club uniform shorts include a logo, then all players must wear these shorts as part of the playing uniform.
- VWA State Team pants are not approved pants for clubs to wear as part of their uniform.
- Tape is not permitted on uniforms.
- Libero players are not permitted to wear their uniform inside out, and playing uniforms must be worn from the hitting warm up onwards.
- All players, athletes and team officials on the bench must have their names listed on the scoresheet and in their approved Club uniform, polo / tracksuit, or business attire (coaches).

3.10.5. Uniform Infringements

The Match Referee and/or WAVL Chief Referee will enforce the uniform regulations.

- Players out of uniform cannot take to the court. If the game has already started the First Referee will inform the player out of uniform to leave the court. A team can then perform one of the following:
 - Call a time out and change the player's uniform. This is required to occur within 30 seconds.
 - Make a regular substitution as per FIVB regulations (exceptional substitutions are not permitted for this purpose). If the team cannot perform one of the above options, then the first set will be forfeited. If after three minutes the player is not in uniform for the start of the second set, the team will forfeit the match.
 - If the match Referee does not identify that there was a uniform infringement until later in the match, the game will be required to be stopped and the WAVL Chief Referee contacted to determine the outcome.

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3.10.6. Sponsorship – Playing Uniform Requirements

All information regarding the approval of Club sponsors is as per the information included in the [VWA Clubs / Association Affiliation Guide](#).

- Sponsorship logos are permissible on the WAVL playing uniforms.
- VWA Sponsorship Uniform requirements comply with the FIVB Rules and Regulation with one exception:
 - Country Codes are not required on Uniforms and will be replaced by Club Logo.
- The logos must not obscure the player's number or the Club name or logo.
- The inclusion of a sponsorship logo to a uniform constitutes a 'change of uniform' and therefore must comply with the procedure as stated [here](#).

Contact indoor@volleyballwa.com.au should any clarification be required.

3.11 Nominations and Game Fees

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

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

Clubs must communicate their preferred option to indoor@volleyballwa.com.au. Penalties will apply if payments are not made by the due date, this may include fines and forfeiture of games. Please refer to the VWA Fee Structures – Competition Nomination and Game Fees for information regarding the Team Nomination Fees, Team Game Fees, and Team late Fees.

INSTALMENT	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

***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 WAVL.

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3.12 Withdrawals

If an organisation wishes to withdraw a team a WAVL Withdrawal Form must be completed on Exposure.

3.12.1. *State League, State League Reserves, Division 1 and Division 1 Reserves*

If a Club Withdraws a team:

- Prior to the Friday six weeks before Round One then the Club will be required to pay a forfeit fee of \$500.
- After the fixtures have been released, the club will forfeit all game and nomination fees and will thus be in breach of their respective WAVL Licence and may have their WAVL Licence revoked.
- This withdrawn team will then not be included in the Club's Athlete and Development Structure outlined in the WAVL Criteria.
- All matches already played by the withdrawing team will be retrospectively forfeited.
- All sanctions, Game Forfeits, and Administrative Forfeits awarded during those matches will still apply.

3.12.2. *Divisions 2 and below*

If a Club withdraws a team:

- Prior to the Friday two weeks before Round One then the Club will forfeit the team nomination fee.
- Prior to and including Round Three of the competition, the Club will forfeit nominations fee and game fee for the first three rounds.
- 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 \$500.
- All matches already played by the withdrawing team will be retrospectively forfeited.
- All sanctions, Game Forfeits and Administrative Forfeits awarded during those matches will still apply.

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Part B – On Event Information

4. Competition Structure

4.1. WAVL Match Formats

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.

4.1.1. State League and State League Reserves

- All matches will be best of five sets
- Point for rally, uncapped and must win by two points
- Sets 1 - 4 to 25 points
- Set 5 to 15 points (uncapped)
- No time limit for matches

4.1.2. Divisions

All matches will be best of five sets, sets 1 – 4 to 25 points, point for rally (uncapped) with the fifth set being point for rally to fifteen 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 two of 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.

4.2. Game Times

4.2.1. Guaranteed Earliest Start Time (GEST)

- All matches will operate under the GEST system.
- State League, State League Reserve Teams and Division Teams must be ready to start their match at the GEST.
- For example, for a game listed at 10:00am, a division team must be ready to start their official warm up at 9:50am.

4.2.2. Rescheduling of Games & Fixture Requests

- No rescheduled matches will be allowed (not including home rounds), unless directly sanctioned by the WAVL Technical Committee.
- No fixture request will be accepted by VWA.

4.3. Home Games

Selection of Home Games is exclusive to State League, State League Reserves, Division 1 and Division 1 Reserves teams.

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4.2.3. State League and State League Reserves

- WAVL State League Clubs must host a minimum of four Home Games.
- WAVL State League Reserve Clubs must host a minimum of two Home Games.
- The first named team on the fixtures will be entitled to host that game as a Home Round.

4.2.4. Divisions

- Divisions 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.

4.2.5. Times for Home Rounds

The following times are the standard home round times:

- Friday between 6pm and 10pm (no home rounds will be accepted with a GEST later than 8:00pm).
- Saturday between 2pm and 10pm (no home rounds will be accepted with a GEST later than 8:00pm).
- Sunday between 8am and 6pm (latest GEST 4:00pm). If a club is hosting a home round on this day the following fixture is required:
 - State League matches to occur between 12pm and 6pm (latest GEST 4:00pm)
 - Matches including any Regional Club must occur between 12pm and 4pm (latest GEST 2:00pm)
- All other times outside of these must have approval from the opponent club when the home round request is sent to VWA.

4.3.1. Requirements to Host a Home Game Round

- Home Games will be played on the day of the programmed fixture unless the hosting Club designates a different time / day than the fixtured time / day.
- If home round requests are within the standard home round times and within the same weekend (Friday – Sunday) of the scheduled game, no confirmation will be required from visiting Clubs. This excludes weekends where a double header is scheduled.
- Clubs are required to submit an email to indoor@volleyballwa.com.au within the deadlines on the distributed Key Dates document, requesting the matches they would like to host as home rounds.
- Once the home round is submitted to VWA and the fixtures are released, if the hosting Club wants to make a change to the fixture, then they must first receive approval from visiting Club and both Clubs must confirm the change in writing to VWA.
- The information to make the change must include:
 - The Clubs participating in the Round
 - The Divisions participating in the Round

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- Date
- Venue (NB: the venues hired by VWA can also be used for homes games if necessary)
- Proposed Duty Team
- Game Time Slots
- If only two games are requested for one day, Clubs may schedule 90-minute time slots for State League and State League Reserves matches only as a Guaranteed Earliest Start Time (GEST).
- All timed Division games must remain in the two-hour time slot.

4.3.1.1. Club Responsibilities

For a Club to host a Home Game the following is required to be provided:

- Club Venue/Home Game Coordinator for management of games. The designated person must be present at the venue for the duration of the home game(s)
- The Venue / Home Game Coordinator must be approved by the VWA Competitions Coordinator.
- Post padding.
- Suitable net.
- Padded referee stand.
- Court(s) which adhere to the requirements outlined in [VWA's Facility Guidelines](#).

Clubs are also responsible for organising any fundraising/promotional activities.

4.3.1.2. VWA Responsibilities

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

- Score-sheet and pens
- Rotations slips
- Score Board
- 1 x match ball
- Lines flags
- Post padding and antennas (if required)
- Upon request, assistance may be provided in the rostering of a First Referee noting that State League games have First Referees provided and Second Referees where possible.

4.3.2. Home Game Duty Requirements

To maintain the integrity of the competition, the following additional restrictions to Home Game Duty Teams applies:

- The duty team must then provide a competent, accredited, and approved referee to referee the relevant game.
- First Referees for WAVL State League division matches will be appointed by the VWA Chief Referee or the VWA Referee Committee Chair. When a referee cannot be sourced by VWA, the duty team must then provide a competent, accredited, and approved referee to referee the relevant game.

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4.3.2.1. Home Game Scoresheets

- These must be submitted electronically to indoor@volleyballwa.com.au within 24 hours of the game, and the original hard copy must be supplied to VWA by 5.00pm on the Monday following the Home Game.
- Regional Clubs must supply original hard copies to VWA at the time of their next metro match.
- None or late submission of the scoresheets will result in the host Club forfeiting the VWA Home Game Payment.

4.3.3. Scheduling of Home Games

- No Home Games are to be played on Indoor Beach Volleyball Federation Super League rounds as indicated on VWA Calendar without written confirmation from both Club Presidents that no players within the teams are involved with the indoor beach rounds
- No home games or regional rounds are to be played on Australian Volleyball Super League rounds, or on the weekend of the WAVL State League Grand Final.

4.3.4. Home Round Payments

- VWA will make payments for Home Games in accordance with the VWA calculations for the Home Round Match fee. However, if Home Round Duty Requirements are not met, VWA will not provide payment for the particular round.
- There will be no home game payments provided to Clubs if they choose to run their home rounds within Volleyball WA's fixtures / venues
- VWA will make payment for all accredited first referees for WAVL games as per outlined [here](#) upon provision of the Home Game scoresheet.
- VWA will make no payment for late provision of the scoresheet.

4.4. Team Composition

- A player arriving late may be added to the scoresheet providing the team has enough players to commence the match.
- Only players present and in uniform can be listed on the scoresheet.
- The Coach is required to be listed on the scoresheet before the Coin Toss.
- Other team staff arriving late may be added to the scoresheet.
- There may be no more than five team staff in club uniform on the bench, including the Club President.
- If a player is listed on the scoresheet but then does not take the court during the game, the Duty personnel are responsible to cross out this player's name off the scoresheet.
- If a player does not take the court, it will not count towards the number of games that player has played.

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4.4.1. 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).

4.4.2. 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. It should be noted when nominating a player as libero, the players playing shirt number must be placed on the scoresheet. This allows for the tracking of the number of games he/she will have played during the season.
- Libero players need to ensure they have their regular playing uniform at the court, to be presented to the First Referee upon request.
- In the event of an injury during a set, the Libero may not become a regular player in that set.
- Should the Libero become unable to play during a set, a regular player may not be designated as a Libero in that set.

4.5. Match Protocol

4.5.1. State League and State League Reserves Warm Up Protocol

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 - 20 min	Official Protocol commences (players are peppering) Coaches check and sign the score sheet, 2 nd referee distributes the Rotation slips to coaches
T - 14 min	Scorer should cross match warming up players with the score sheet, 1 st and 2 nd Referee check the net
T - 13 min	Coin Toss Both captains need to sign the score sheet after the coin toss
T - 12 min	Coaches to present starting rotation to officials Warm up at the net commences <i>Recommended format:</i> T-12min – hit from position 4

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	<p>T-7 min – change hitting warm up to position 2</p> <p>T-3min - Serve</p> <p>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</p>
T - 2 min	<p>Warm up at the net finishes</p> <p>Teams clear the court</p>
T - 1 min	<p>First Referee calls on teams to enter the court</p>

4.5.2. Divisions Warm Up Protocol

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 – 10 min	<p>Official Protocol commences (players are peppering)</p> <p>Coaches check and sign the score sheet, 2nd referee distributes the Rotation slips to coaches</p>
T – 8 min	<p>Coin Toss</p> <p>Both captains need to sign the score sheet after the coin toss</p>
T – 7 min	<p>Coaches to present starting rotation to officials</p> <p>Warm up at the net commences from position 4</p> <p>Teams need to be in their full playing uniform</p>
T – 4 min	<p>Change hitting warm up to position 2</p>
T – 2 min	<p>Serve</p>
T – 1 min	<p>Warm up at the net finishes</p> <p>Teams clear the court</p>
T – 30 sec	<p>Referee calls on teams to enter the court</p>
T - 00	<p>First whistle to authorise the serve</p>

4.6. Match Delays

4.6.1. State League and State League Reserves

In the event a State League game is unable to be completed due to extenuating circumstances the following will apply:

- If only one team has won two sets, then the result will be declared accordingly.
If not, then:
 - VWA will reschedule the game to be replayed the following week.

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4.6.2. Divisions

In the event a Divisions game is shortened due to catastrophic injury or due to extenuating circumstances, the following will apply:

4.6.2.1. For a Regular Season Game

- If at least 60 minutes of play has been completed, a result will be declared for the game at the time of suspension based on the rules for Division games.
- If a winner cannot be declared, then the game will be declared a Draw, and premiership points will be split between the two teams.
- If less than 60 minutes of play has been completed, if only one team has won two sets, then the result will be declared accordingly.
- Otherwise, the game will be declared a Draw.

4.6.2.2. For a Game in the Final Series

- If only one team has won two sets, then the result will be declared accordingly.
- If not, VWA will explore options for the game to be replayed the following week.
- VWA will advise the relevant Clubs of the outcome no later than two working days after the scheduled game.
- If the game in the Finals series cannot be rescheduled, the match will be determined by total points won.
- Should this be equal, then if one team holds a lead on sets, they will be declared the winner.
- Otherwise, the winner shall be the team that was leading (on total points) prior to the last rally that was conducted.

4.7. Game Forfeits

If a team refuses to take the court for any reason other than a player injury, court condition, or a protest at any stage of the match, that team will forfeit the game.

4.7.1. Procedure - State League and State League Reserves

For State Leagues and State League Reserves, after the referees have called the teams to line up for the start of a game, unless six players are present and in uniform the following applies:

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

4.7.2. Procedure - Divisions

For Divisions, after the referees have called the teams to line up for the start of a game, unless six players are present and in uniform the following applies:

- The first set is forfeited. If six players are not present and in uniform five minutes after the GEST (Guaranteed Earliest Start Time), then;
- The game will be forfeited by the team that does not have six players present and able to take the court.

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4.7.3. Game 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.

4.8. Finals Format

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

5. Requirements for Coaches

All coaches are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the FIVB Rules of the Game and abide by the [VWA Code of Conduct - Coach](#)

5.1. State League

All WAVL State League and State League Reserve teams are required to have qualified and accredited coaches with a minimum of a Level 2 State Accreditation.

- Level 2 Associate Coaches are eligible on the provision that by the completion of the WAVL season (end of regular season games) the minimum coaching accreditation requirement has been met. Breaches of this condition will result in retrospective fines.
- A qualified coach or associate coach must be on the bench or on the court for the duration of the game.

5.2. Divisions

- WAVL Division Coaches are required to have a minimum of a Level 1 Accreditation which can be completed online. More information here: <https://volleyballwa.com.au/coaching/>
- A qualified coach (or candidate coach) must be on the bench or on the court for the duration of the game.
- 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.
- To apply for an exemption Clubs must:
 - Email the Indoor Coordinator at indoor@volleyballwa.com.au
 - By Friday 9.00am before the weekend of the clash for the exemption to be valid.
 - The Club must submit the name of the appointed person and the name of the coach they are replacing.
 - The person appointed must be someone over the age of eighteen to be in charge of the team for that game.
 - The appointed person will be the name that is written on the scoresheet.

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- If this process is not followed and a coach without an appropriate qualification is written on the scoresheet, the Club will receive a \$50 fine as outlined.

5.3. Assistant Coaches

All WAVL State League and Divisions games are permitted up to three Assistant Coaches per match. All Assistant Coaches must have a valid Technical, Gold, or Platinum membership if they do not have a valid coaching accreditation.

- Assistant Coaches must remain seated on the team bench during sets and have no right to intervene in the match.
- Should the Coach have to leave the playing area for any reason including sanction, an Assistant Coach may assume the Coach's functions for the duration of the absence.
- Should the Coach be unable to attend the start of the match, the Assistant Coach may assume the Coach's roles and responsibilities given they hold the appropriate coaching accreditation, until such time as the Coach arrives. The duty team must be informed of who is assuming the Coaching roles and responsibilities once both coaches are listed on the scoresheet.
- The Coach that has assumed the roles and responsibilities is required to sign the scoresheet at the end of the match.

5.4. Uniform and Event Etiquette

Coaches are required to wear the following:

- Their Clubs playing / team uniform / polo / hoodie / tracksuit / business attire.
- Enclosed shoes. This does not include crocs / sandals / slides.

The following is not permitted whilst performing their duties:

- Eating, or drinking from a can, open-top coffee cup, or open-top bottle.

5.5. Infringements

Failure to comply with coaching qualifications, uniform and the event etiquette as outlined will result in the following:

- A \$50 fine per infringement payable by the Club.

6. Requirements for Referees

All referees are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the FIVB Rules of the Game Rules and abide by the [VWA Code of Conduct – Referee/Officials](#).

6.1. Uniform and Event Etiquette

Referees are required to wear the following:

- Their VA issued uniform or their Clubs playing / team uniform / jacket / hoodie / polo.
- This must be clearly visible.
- Enclosed shoes. This does not include crocs / sandals / slides.

The following are not permitted whilst performing their duties:

- The wearing of caps / hats.
- The use of headphones.
- The use of mobile phones or iPod like devices.
- Eating, or drinking from a can, open-top coffee cup, or open-top bottle.
- Ice injuries.

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6.1.1. Infringements

Failure to comply with uniform requirements and the event etiquette as outlined will result in the following:

- A \$50 fine per infringement payable by the Club.

6.2. 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 to be always contacted 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.

6.3. Referees Supplied by Clubs

Clubs are expected to supply competent and accredited referees for all levels of competition/rounds.

- First Referees for WAVL State League division games will be appointed by the VWA Chief Referee or the VWA Referee Committee Chair.
- When a referee cannot be sourced by the VWA Chief Referee, the duty team must then provide a competent, accredited, and approved referee to referee the relevant game.
- WAVL State League Clubs are expected to supply a Level Two Associate Referee (minimum accreditation) as a Second Referee.
- WAVL State League Reserves 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 Division 1 and Division 1 Reserves, Clubs are expected to supply a Level Two Associate Referee (minimum accreditation) for First Referee and a Level One (minimum accreditation) as a Second Referee.
- For the remainder of the WAVL Divisions, Clubs are expected to supply a Level One (minimum accreditation) for First Referee and Second Referee.
- An exemption applies when a Level Two Associate Referee is being assessed. Failure to comply with these rules will result in the following:
 - A \$50 fine per infringement payable by the Club.

6.4. Most Valuable Player Best and Fairest Voting Structure

It is a requirement of the First Referee to select the MVP Best and Fairest at the end of each match as per the following procedure:

- The first referee will obtain input from both head coaches to decide the best three players of the match, assigning them a three, two and one vote.
- Players who receive a Penalty, Expulsion or Disqualification during a match will not be considered for receiving votes in relation to the MVP Best and Fairest for that match. This aligns with the [VWA Code of Conduct](#).
- The First Referee will ultimately have the final decision.
- For State League only the assigned votes should have their position listed next to their name. This is to calculate the All-Star Team votes.
- The votes are collated across the WAVL regular season games and at the end of the season the winner of each Division per gender is selected as the winner of the respective MVP Best and Fairest Award.

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In addition, the following procedure is followed to select the All-Star Team:

- At the end of the State League season, an All-Star Team will be named with the players who received the most votes for their respective position. The positions are as follows:
 - Outside Hitter x 2
 - Middle Blocker x 2
 - Setter x 1
 - Libero x 1
 - Opposite x 1.

6.5. Referee Payment

All currently accredited First Referees officiating WAVL games will be paid according to their level of qualification.

- The First Referee is required to be present on court for the start of the warmup.
- The First Referee will be paid for officiating from the commencement of the game (the first whistle).
- Appointed State League WAVL Referees holding a casual contract will be paid from the start of warmup.
- The First Referee is also responsible for ensuring that all bags etc. are placed under the chairs or at the back of the court, and that only those listed on the scoresheet are sitting on the benches or in the warmup area.
- 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 scoresheet.
- 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 VWA Member Portal under Upcoming Events).

6.6. 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 the VWA website, Education page: <https://volleyballwa.com.au/education/#Refereeing>.

If a referee requires to be assessed, the following link can be used to request a Referee Assessor

[Referee Assessment Link.](#)

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7. Requirements for Duty Teams

7.1. 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 FIVB Volleyball Rules and abide by the [VWA Member Protection Policy Codes of Conduct](#).

7.2. Duty Team

Clubs are required 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 warmup. The following applies:

- 20 minutes before the GEST for State League matches
- 10 minutes before the GEST for Division matches.

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

- Not present at the commencement of 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 at the commencement of the game will also result in a \$25 fine per duty personnel missing payable by the Club.
 - Failure to provide the correct number of duty personnel during the finals series will result in a \$100 fine to the Club.

7.3. State League and State League Reserves Requirements

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

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

7.4. Divisions Requirements

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

- First Referee
- Second Referee
- Scorer

In addition, WAVL Division teams are required to provide 2 x Lines people for Duty Teams during finals.

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7.5. Duty Personnel Uniform and Event Etiquette

Duty personnel are required to wear the following:

- Their Clubs playing / team uniform / jacket / polos. This must be clearly visible and not obscured.
- Enclosed shoes. This does not include crocs / sandals / slides (including the scorer and assistant scorer).

The following are not permitted whilst performing their duties:

- The wearing of caps / hats
- The use of headphones
- The use of mobile phones or iPod like devices. (except when being used as timer)
- Eating, or drinking from a can, open-top coffee cup, or open-top bottle
- Ice injuries.

Exceptions will be made upon approval by the Chief Referee. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the following:

- During the first three weeks of competition Club Presidents will receive a warning regarding 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 not complying with this rule.

7.6. Scoresheets

All duty team scorers are required to complete the match scoresheet in full. It is the responsibility of the duty team to ensure that the names of officials are correct, and the responsibility of the playing teams to ensure that the names of players and coaches are correct.

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.

7.6.1. *Infringements*

7.6.1.1. *Duty Teams*

A duty team member including false information on the scoresheet will result in the following:

- A \$50 fine per infringement payable by the Club
- A 3 Premiership Points Penalty.

7.6.1.2. *Player or Coach*

A player or coach including false information on the scoresheet will result in the following:

- A \$50 fine per infringement payable by the Club
- An Administrative Forfeit.

The scoresheet is an official document and any irrelevant / rude remarks added by a player or coach will be sanctioned as misconduct as outlined in [Sanctions](#)

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7.6.1.3. Preventing a Fine/Forfeit

- Clubs are encouraged in the first instance to notify the offending party and request for it to be rectified.
- If it is not resolved, they may then bring it to the attention of the Chief Referee, VWA Indoor Coordinator, or Venue Coordinator on the day.
- If this is not brought to the attention of a VWA representative on the day, there will be no retrospective Premiership Points penalty.
- This sanction will be communicated to the Club's President in writing by the Competitions Manager/VWA Indoor Coordinator no later than Thursday following the weekend's round.

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8. Premiership Points

The premiership points schedule for State League, State League Reserves and Divisions are:

Result	Points
Win	3 points
Loss	0 points
Forfeit	-3 points for an Administrative Forfeit -3 points for not fielding a team

9. 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).
- In the unlikely event there is still a meaningful tie at the end of the season, the WAVL Technical Committee will use other metrics to determine positions.
- 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).

10. Sanctions

Sanctions that are received by a player or coach are recorded and the consequence (to the individual) of receiving multiple sanctions in a 12-month period are noted below.

Sanction	Occurrence	Consequence
Warning (Yellow Card)	Any	Recorded but no action taken
Penalty (Red Card)	First	Recorded but no action taken
	Second	One round suspension
	Subsequent	One round suspension*
Expulsion	Any	Two round suspensions*
Disqualification	Any	Four round suspensions*

*Subject to review by the WAVL Technical Committee. The WAVL Technical Committee may reduce the duration of the suspension and reserves the right to write to the VWA Board to apply a greater sanction if deemed necessary.

- Sanctions are cumulative to an individual regardless of the role undertaken when they were received (for instance player or coach) and will apply to both a WAVL round and a WAVJL round, unless otherwise stated by the VWA Board.
- If necessary, suspensions will be passed into the following WAVL season.

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- In the case of rescheduled matches, the suspension will apply to the rescheduled match and its corresponding round. VWA will communicate a date to the Club and the individual for when they can return to volleyball.

11. Fines

The following table outlines all fines that are levied by VWA which are required to be paid by clubs should they not adhere to the requirements outlined in these regulations.

Financial Documentation	Playing while unfinancial or without membership	\$50.00
	Payments of WAVL fees not made on time	May result in fines and forfeits this is at the discretion of the VWA Board
	Appeal Fee	\$150.00
	Listing International athlete without ITC document	\$50.00
	Failure to complete ITC document	Club Fines of up to CHF40.000
Forfeits	Forfeiting teams will pay a fine equivalent to the other team's game fee	\$193.00 State League \$193.00 State League Reserves \$156 Divisions
	Withdrawal of SL/SLR/Division 1/Division 1 Reserve teams as per timeline before Round 1	\$500.00
	Withdrawal of Division 2 and Below teams as per timeline before Round 1	\$500.00
Referee	Non completion of Level 2 Association accreditation by the end of the season may result in retrospective fine	\$50.00
	Player or Coach does not have a valid accreditation to referee	\$50.00
	Failure to comply with referee uniform and event etiquette	\$50.00
Coach	Player or coach does not have a valid accreditation to coach	\$50.00
	Failure to comply with coaching uniform and event etiquette	\$50.00
	Providing false information on the scoresheet	\$50.00 per infringement
Duty Teams	Failure to comply with Duty uniform and event etiquette	\$50.00

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	Failure to provide the correct number of duty personnel	\$25.00 per person
	Failure to provide the correct number of duty personnel in finals	\$100.00
	Providing false information on the scoresheet	\$50.00 per infringement
Players	Providing false information on the scoresheet	\$50.00 per infringement

11.1. Referee and Coach Fines

All referee and coach fines accumulated over the WAVL season will be charged to the WAVL clubs following the end of all division's season.

- Individuals will only be fined once per coach or referee infringement. (They are not additive).
- Referee and coach fines will be \$75 as outlined in the table in Section 10.
- Disputes regarding referee and coach fines need to be followed up by the Club to indoor@volleyballwa.com.au before the payment due date.

12. 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. Protests

Protests can occur during the game provided the protest is lodged regarding an incorrect rule interpretation and not ball handling/opinion. If a protest is rejected, the club may follow the Appeal process to lodge an appeal in relation to the rejected protest as outlined [here](#)

13.1. Procedure for Lodging a WAVL Protest During a Game

All protests will be resolved '**on-the-spot**' by the Chief Referee. 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 First Referee will suspend play and direct the team's protest to Venue Coordinator who will contact the Chief Referee.
- The result of the protest is final, and the teams must recommence the match immediately.
- If the protest pertains to a sanction as outlined [here](#) and the sanction is deemed invalid, then consultation should take place with the Chief Referee before any action is taken.

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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 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 Chief Referee is valid and a team / player in breach of a rule should accept this decision and play on.
- Subsequent rejected protests in the same match by the same team will result in a Disqualification being awarded to the relevant team coach / captain.

14. Appeals

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

14.1. Procedure for Lodging an Appeal

The following procedure will apply:

- The Club President must submit an appeal in writing (by email) to the VWA Competitions Manager competitions@volleyballwa.com.au by 5.00pm on the next working day following the WAVL Round.
- The appeal should note the following information:
 - Situation outlined in detail
 - Chief Referee ruling
 - The Club's interpretation of the rule.
- The appeal will be presented to the WAVL Technical Committee who will respond to the club's letter within three business days to close the matter.

14.2. Procedure for Protesting the WAVL Technical Committee Decision

If the Club President wishes to protest the decision of the WAVL Technical Committee the following procedure applies:

- The Club President applies by written submission to the VWA Chief Executive Officer.
- 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. This will be returned to the Club should the Appeal be successful, However if the Appeal is unsuccessful then the Appeal fee payment will be retained by VWA.
- 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 to ensure that an informed decision is made.
- The VWA Chief Executive Officer's / VWA Board (if applicable) decision is final.

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15. Document Control

15.1. Version Control

Date	Version number	Executive Summary of changes
April 2021	1.0	Annual review and appropriate changes.
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February 2025	5.0	Handbook underwent large formatting changes and Division 2 and below grading day format changes together with minor rule changes across the document.

16. Appendix & Relevant Procedures

This handbook is to be read in conjunction with the following:

- [Volleyball WA Event Calendar](#)
- [VWA Code of Conduct](#)
- [VA Member Protection Policy](#)
- [VA Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy](#)
- [VWA Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Addendum](#)
- [VWA Facility Guidelines](#)
- [VWA Affiliation Guide](#)
- [FIVB Rules of the Game](#)
- [WAVL Criteria](#)