



VOLLEYBALL WA

AFFILIATION GUIDE

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Message from the CEO

Welcome to the Volleyball Community!

Thank you for considering becoming a new or returning affiliate of Volleyball WA (VWA). This pack is designed to guide you through the affiliation process, outline the services available, and highlight the benefits of affiliation and our shared commitment to growing volleyball across Western Australia.

As we embark on our 2026–2029 strategic journey, VWA is proud to present a bold and inclusive vision for the future of our sport. Our purpose is clear: **to inspire healthy minds and bodies through volleyball**. Whether played on the beach, in schools, or at local clubs, volleyball is more than a game — it's a pathway to wellbeing, confidence, and community connection.

Our mission is to **empower and advocate for all Western Australians to play volleyball in a safe, inclusive, and fun environment**. We are committed to removing barriers, creating welcoming spaces, and ensuring that everyone — regardless of age, background, or ability — has the opportunity to participate and thrive.

Guided by our values — **Inclusivity, Respect, Excellence, Community, and Integrity** — we are building a sport culture that inspires. These values shape our priorities and initiatives, from grassroots participation to elite pathways, and from volunteer development to regional activation.

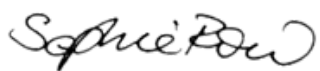
VWA is governed by a Board of Directors and supported by a dedicated team of staff across five key areas including administration and support, competitions, participation, pathways and profile. You can learn more about our team and governance at <https://www.volleyballwa.com.au>.

We believe that our network of Clubs and Associations is vital to achieving our vision of becoming a top-tier sport by 2030. Through collaboration, innovation, and shared passion, we look forward to working with you to make volleyball more accessible, celebrated, and proudly played by many.

For support or further information, please contact us:

- Perth Metro – metro@volleyballwa.com.au | (08) 9228 8522
- Regional WA – regional@volleyballwa.com.au | (08) 9228 8522

I look forward to working together with you to elevate volleyball in Western Australia.



Sophie Row
Volleyball WA
Chief Executive Officer

Benefits of Affiliation

Affiliated Clubs and Associations can access a broad range of benefits to support your organisation.

Club Development Support

VWA provides direct support to Affiliated Clubs and Associations. Our Development Coordinators are able to assist with areas such as policies and procedures, member protection, and facility access support amongst other topics.

EAP & VAP Services

As a SportWest member, VWA affiliated Clubs and Associations have access to the independent Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and Volunteer Assistance Program (VAP). These services provide mental health and wellbeing counselling alongside critical incident response counselling to support clubs and volunteers across the community.

Competitions & Events

Affiliates are eligible to enter various VWA competitions (dependent on their level of affiliation), such as WA Volleyball League, WA Volleyball Junior League, ATA Country State Championships and VWA Social Volley events.

Professional Development

VWA offers various education opportunities for Affiliates. This includes Club governance workshops, eSafety webinars, fundraising and grant strategies amongst other topics.

Member Integrity Support

The members of Affiliated Clubs and Associations receive support under the National Integrity Framework, as well as access to Member Protection benefits, providing an independent complaints process and set of policies.

Participation Programs

VWA provides opportunities for Clubs and Associations to engage in their own volleyball participation programs. Programs include Kids, Juniors, Adaptive, Schools, Seniors and Social Volley.

Athlete Development

The Volleyball FTEM (Fundamentals, Talent, Elite & Mastery) Pathway aims to provide a range of access points for volleyball players of all ages and abilities. As an affiliate of VWA, your organisation will be able to access support to foster athlete opportunities, including the establishment of Emerging Talent hubs in collaboration with VWA to support the Volleyball WA Academy (launching 2026 - more information to be confirmed)

Marketing & Promotion

As an affiliate, organisations will have access to various marketing and promotional resources. This support may encompass guidance on promotional activities as well as access to logos and photography at VWA's discretion.

Insurance

Platinum, Platinum-Regional and Gold affiliates of VWA and their registered volunteers will be covered by Volleyball Australia's and VWA's Public Liability Insurance, Professional Indemnity Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance while involved in approved volleyball-related activities.

Administrative Support

VWA offers all Platinum, Platinum Regional and Gold Affiliates access to a Club Portal in the VWA Fortix Portal, allowing organisations to manage the memberships and teams, view templates and download member lists. VWA encourages collaboration with clubs to improve efficiencies and reduce volunteer workloads.

Professionalism & Credibility

Affiliating with VWA gives your Club recognised status as a member of the official governing body for volleyball in WA. VWA is the only organisation authorised by Volleyball Australia and the FIVB to administer the sport in our state and is formally recognised by the WA Government. This means players and the community can trust the quality and integrity of your club.

Hosting Sanctioned Events

VWA encourages Clubs to host Sanctioned Events, which includes listing on the VWA Calendar, VWA website and event support. More information can be found in the Event Hosting Guide found on the VWA website.

Awards & Recognition

VWA seeks to recognise the successes of our Affiliated Clubs and Associations both on and off the court. Affiliates are recognised at our annual Volleyball WA Awards Night and may be nominated for various other awards such as the SportWest awards.

Coaching & Refereeing Development

VWA Affiliates have access to various Coaching and Refereeing development opportunities. These can include the hosting of Volleyball Australia accreditation courses, development workshop and mentoring support. Development opportunities will be available for Club Mentor Coaches, led by the VWA Performance Pathways Coach to share information and increase alignment to State and National development and performance philosophies.

Levels of Affiliation

Volleyball WA Affiliation is based on access to services and is split into six categories. The term of affiliation begins on January 1 and expires on December 31 each calendar year.

PLATINUM

Suitable for Clubs, Associations and organisations that wish to access all VWA services and benefits

COST: \$650.00 (GST incl)

- Ordinary Member of Volleyball WA
- Voting rights at AGM and eligible to attend the VWA Clubs Conference
- Eligible to enter all VWA events and competitions including the WA Volleyball League (WAVL), WA Volleyball Junior League (WAVJL), ATA Country State Championships and VWA Social Volley events
- Public Liability Insurance, Public Indemnity Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance for members
- Eligible to host VWA sanctioned events
- Club development support
- Complimentary ICB court hire, kit hire and Boardroom hire (conditions apply)
- 10% Volleyshop discount

PLATINUM - REGIONAL

Suitable for Clubs, Associations and organisations that wish to access VWA services and benefits but are limited by location

COST: \$600.00 (GST incl)

- Ordinary Member of Volleyball WA
- Voting rights at AGM and eligible to attend the VWA Clubs Conference
- Eligible to enter ATA Country State Championships and VWA Social Volley events
- Public Liability Insurance, Public Indemnity Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance for members
- Eligible to host VWA sanctioned events
- Club development support
- Complimentary ICB court hire, kit hire and Boardroom hire (conditions apply)
- 10% Volleyshop discount

Regional Associations who wish to enter WAVL must upgrade to Platinum Affiliation.

GOLD

Suitable for Clubs, Associations and organisations that only run social events/activities and do not wish to access the full range of affiliation benefits

COST: \$560.00 (GST incl)

- Public Liability Insurance for the duration of the volleyball event or activity (for example, a six-week social competition)
- Eligible to enter VWA Social Volley events
- Eligible to host VWA sanctioned events
- Eligible to attend the VWA Clubs Conference
- Club development support (limited)
- Complimentary ICB court hire, kit hire and Boardroom hire (conditions apply)
- 5% Volleyshop discount

GOLD - INDOOR BEACH

Available to members of the Indoor Beach Volleyball Federation (IBVF) in accordance with the IBVF and VWA Service Agreement.

SILVER

To assist and support schools who wish to access VWA-organised school-based events and activities

COST: Free

- Personal Accident Insurance for the schools' students (Event only)
- Eligible to enter Schools Cup and WAVJL
- Ongoing teacher resources and professional development
- 5% Volleyshop discount
- Support finding coaches and referees
- Quarterly schools newsletter
- Upon request attendance at School Assembly and School Cluster volleyball competitions

BRONZE

For Clubs, community groups, recreation centres and volleyball providers that wish to work with VWA

COST: Free

- Support to transition to WAVL
- Eligible to enter into VWA Social Volley events
- Letters of endorsement (project-based)
- Skill development opportunities
- VWA presence at events upon request

WA Volleyball League

About

WAVL is WA's premier indoor volleyball competition, held from April to September at venues across the state. It features State League and multiple divisions for men and women, making it the pinnacle of local volleyball. At the top, State League (SL) and State League Reserves (SLR) deliver the highest standard of play and directly support athlete progression toward the Australian Volleyball Super League and national squads. Division 1 and Division 1 Reserves strengthen this pathway by preparing emerging athletes for SL and SLR in a high-performance aligned environment. Division 2 and below broaden access, giving development and experienced players the chance to compete and grow within a well-organised league. All Platinum Affiliated Clubs are eligible to enter teams and be part of this high-profile event.

Benefits

Affiliation provides clubs with access to elite-level competition, structured development opportunities for players and coaches, and increased exposure through home rounds and major events. WAVL membership positions your club as a leader in WA volleyball, enhancing its reputation and strengthening its connection to the state's official pathway.

Cost

State League

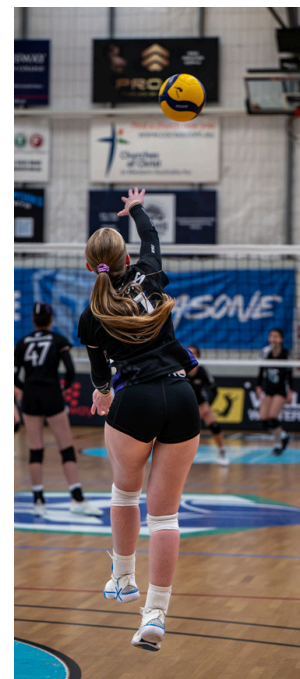
\$4250.00 (GST incl) per team

State League Reserves

\$4250.00 (GST incl) per team

Divisions

\$3750.00 (GST incl) per team



WA Volleyball Junior League



Benefits

Joining WAVJL gives your players access to quality coaching, structured competition, and a clear pathway to higher levels of the sport. Juniors can develop foundational skills, experience meaningful competition, and build toward future opportunities in WAVL and beyond. Affiliated clubs gain credibility, visibility, and the chance to help grow junior volleyball across Western Australia and ensure young athletes - regardless of experience, have a place to learn, competed and grow within the sport.

About

WAVJL is WA's leading junior volleyball competition, bringing schools and clubs together in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment. Designed for athletes in Year 7-12, WAVJL runs as a multi-round indoor competition on Friday nights across various venues. It's the first step in Volleyball WA's official pathway and is open to all Platinum Affiliated Clubs and Silver Affiliated Schools.

Cost

\$1330.00 (GST incl)

Per team

Grow Volleyball Participation

Volleyball WA works with clubs to create more opportunities for people to play volleyball. A range of programs are available for kids, juniors, adults, and people with disability, providing fun, inclusive entry points into the sport. These programs help clubs build their community presence, attract new members, and support long-term growth. For details on delivering any program, contact metro@volleyballwa.com.au or regional@volleyballwa.com.au

Play Volley (Kids) & Junior Volley Centres

Entry-level programs for young players in schools, parks, community centres or beach venues.

Benefits:

- Build participation and talent pathways
- Generate income
- Strengthen community partnerships
- Recruit new coaches and referees

Recognition as an approved Centre is exclusive to VWA Affiliates.

Adaptive Volley Centres

Inclusive programs for people with disability, which includes sitting, standing or chair volleyball.

Benefits:

- Build an inclusive participation base
- Create new revenue streams
- Upskill coaches and referees

Contact: inclusion@volleyballwa.com.au



School Volley Providers

Deliver clinics through the Sport Schools Program

Benefits:

- Engage new participants
- Build school partnerships
- Recruit coaches and referees

Contact: schools@volleyballwa.com.au

Social Volley Providers

Run social volleyball for adults, either indoor, on the beach or in parks.

Benefits:

- Grow participation
- Develop community networks
- Generate income
- Includes admin and marketing support from VWA

Contact: metro@volleyballwa.com.au or regional@volleyballwa.com.au

New Affiliations

Eligibility

Organisations wishing to affiliate with VWA must satisfy the following minimum requirements:

- Be an incorporated body, incorporated company or registered business
- Ensure that at least one of the sports offered is volleyball (multi-sport organisations)
- Have an active committee/decision-making structure
- Comply with all state and federal legislation and VWA-related policies

Affiliation Requirements

The following are mandatory requirements for affiliation with Volleyball WA. This is to ensure Clubs and Associations are meeting governance requirements and allows for VWA to recognise where Affiliates require support:

- The Club / Association / Organisation name
- Constitution
- Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Most recent Annual Report including Financial Statements
- Committee Members' details
- Working With Children Check Matrix
- Submission of Club/Association colours and uniform designs
- Club logo (JPEG or PNG file)
- A comprehensive list of venues assigned for volleyball activities
- Clear specification of the suburb for conducting volleyball activities
- Payment of the base affiliation fee (if applicable)

Steps for Affiliation

1. Contact Volleyball WA to express interest in affiliation
2. Compile all documents and required information in preparation for submission
3. Complete the Affiliation form online:
 - a. Platinum, Platinum-Regional, Gold
 - b. Silver
 - c. Bronze
4. Invoices for affiliation (if applicable) will be sent to you
5. Once your affiliation is approved, a confirmation email and Certificate of Affiliation will be sent to you



Re-Affiliation Process

Affiliation Requirements

The following are mandatory requirements for affiliation with Volleyball WA. This is to ensure Clubs and Associations are meeting governance requirements and allows for VWA to recognise where Affiliates require support:

- The Club or Association name
- Constitution
- Australian Business Number (ABN)
- Most recent Annual Report including Financial Statements
- Committee Members' details
- Working With Children Check Matrix
- A comprehensive list of venues assigned for volleyball activities
- Clear specification of the suburb for conducting volleyball activities
- Payment of the base affiliation fee (if applicable)



Steps for Re-Affiliation

1. Compile all documents and required information in preparation for submission
2. Complete the affiliation form online:
 - a. Platinum, Platinum-Regional, Gold
 - b. Silver
 - c. Bronze
3. Invoices for affiliation (if applicable) will be sent to you
4. Once your affiliation is approved, a confirmation email and Certificate of Affiliation will be sent to you



Member Protection

Member Protection & Sports Integrity

All members share responsibility for protecting the integrity of volleyball and the wellbeing of participants. Volleyball WA adopts Volleyball Australia's policies under the Sports Integrity Australia Framework.

For integrity enquiries, contact metro@volleyballwa.com.au or regional@volleyballwa.com.au.

Member Protection & Code of Conduct

The VA Member Protection Policy and VWA Codes of Conduct outline rights, responsibilities, and expected behaviours for everyone involved in volleyball. These documents are available at:

<https://volleyballwa.com.au/about-us/policies>

Our Commitment:

1. Child Safety: A strong child-safe culture on and off the court.
2. Inclusive Environment: Respect and diversity for all participants.
3. Clear Standards: Training and guidelines for staff and volunteers.
4. Engagement & Reporting: Robust processes for reporting concerns.

Safeguarding Children & Young People

Every child has the right to enjoy sport safely. Organisations must protect children from harm, abuse, discrimination, and harassment—this is both a legal and moral obligation. For guidance, visit:

<https://www.cits.wa.gov.au/department/child-safeguarding>

Working with Children Check (WWCC)

In WA, a WWCC is mandatory for anyone in child-related work (paid or volunteer), unless exempt. Organisations must:

- Ensure all required individuals hold a valid WWCC.
- Keep secure records of WWCC numbers, expiry dates, exemptions, and notifications.
- Platinum, Platinum Regional, and Gold Affiliates must provide WWCC details in the Workforce Matrix.

More info: <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-communities/working-children-check>

Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO)

Each affiliated club should appoint an MPIO to provide advice and support on member rights, responsibilities, and complaint processes. Training is available via Play by the Rules.

Complaints & Disputes

VWA follows the VA Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy and the VWA Addendum to ensure fair and consistent resolution of issues.

Risk Management

Managing risk is a shared responsibility. VWA uses a structured approach to identify and address risks, ensuring safety and compliance. Affiliates must:

- Communicate VWA guidance to members.
- Complete monthly facility audits for training venues and home games.

Policies and templates are available on the VWA website. For assistance, contact metro@volleyballwa.com.au or regional@volleyballwa.com.au.

Affiliate Obligations

By becoming an Affiliate of Volleyball WA, the following conditions and obligations are agreed to by the Affiliate:

- Uphold and promote the Affiliation/Membership requirements of VWA and Volleyball Australia as outlined in the Constitution, Policies and Regulations.
- Actively promote the values and mission of VWA and adhere to the VWA / VA Codes of Conduct.
- Meet all financial obligations under any agreements entered with VWA, including (but not limited to) Affiliation.
- Comply with all State and Federal legislation and VWA-related policies, including (but not limited to) member protection (WWCC) and risk management, and provide evidence as required.
- Adhere to VWA's risk management policies and procedures, and complete and submit Facility Audits monthly for all training facilities and Home Games.
- Comply with the VA Member Protection Policy, VWA Codes of Conduct and Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.
- Ensure all staff and volunteers engaging in child-related work have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) and maintain appropriate records.
- Appoint a Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO).
- Comply with the VA Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy and VWA Addendum.
- Acknowledge that any person who is unfinancial and disqualified by VA, VWA another member state or any other affiliate shall be ineligible for membership or to play in VA/VWA competitions or the competitions of any other affiliated organisation.
- Accept that VWA will maintain a register of members in accordance with the VWA Constitution.
- Notify the VWA Board (via the Metro/Regional Development Coordinators) prior to any Constitutional or name changes.
- In writing, notify the Metro/Regional Development Coordinators of any changes in:
 - Sponsors and partners.
 - Committee members.
- Ensure all affiliate players, officials and volunteers are members of VWA prior to participation in volleyball-related activities, unless the activity is defined as a 'participant' activity.
- Ensure all individual memberships and payments are received by VWA prior to the start of any volleyball activity.
- Memberships must be obtained through the VWA Fortix Member portal prior to the start of any volleyball activity.
 - VWA will not accept any membership lists that require manual data entry into the VWA Fortix Member portal unless in extenuating circumstances or via VWA sanctioned event agreements. This needs to be approved by VWA prior to the activity registration/hosting/provision.
- Recognise VWA's ownership and exclusive legal right to use, licence and/or sell its brands and Intellectual Property
- Protect and preserve VWA Intellectual Property, promptly notifying VWA of any breach or potential breach
- Seek prior written authorisation from VWA to use its Intellectual Property and not alter or amend it without approval.
- Understand that the failure to uphold obligations may result in termination of affiliation and loss of rights and privileges.

Individual Membership Categories

All players, officials and volunteers participating in volleyball activities must hold a current Volleyball WA (VWA) individual membership, unless the activity is defined as a one-off participation event (see definitions). Affiliates are responsible for ensuring that all individual memberships and payments are processed through the VWA Fortix Portal prior to the commencement of any activity. The official date of membership is when the application is complete and approved.

Individual membership terms run from **April 1** to **March 31** of the following year. Membership categories include:

- **Platinum Membership**
- **Gold Membership**
- **WAVJL Membership** (Junior League only)
- **Bronze Membership** (event only, as per VWA sanctioned event agreement)
- **Technical Membership** (free for accredited coaches, referees and committee members)

High-Performance Membership may be provided for Volleyball Australia High-Performance Athletes, including Volleyroo, Centre of Excellence or Developing Volleyroo status.

Manual data entry of membership lists into the VWA Fortix Portal is not accepted except in extenuating circumstances or via sanctioned event agreements, with prior approval from VWA. For further details, refer to the Individual Membership Guide or contact support@volleyballwa.com.au.

Key Definitions

Affiliate - A member Club / Association or group of VWA that is granted affiliation with VWA.

Affiliation - The process for an organisation to become a member of VWA, in accordance with the VWA Constitution and policies.

Club - An incorporated body that is formed and dedicated to a particular interest or activity, consisting of an organisation of people who meet regularly and take part in shared activities.

Club Member - a financial individual playing member or non-playing member of an Affiliated Club / Association.

Financial Obligation - A legal obligation on the part of one party to pay another party an amount of money.

FIVB - The Federation Internationale de Volleyball, the international governing body for volleyball.

Intellectual Property - All rights subsisting in copyright, business names, names, trademarks (or signs), logos, designs, equipment including computer software, images (including photographs, videos, or films) or service marks relating to VA, VWA or any event, competition, or Volleyball activity of, or conducted, promoted, or administered by VA or VWA. For the avoidance of doubt, "Intellectual Property" includes the "Sporting Power" and the rules of the sport of Volleyball.

VWA Member - a person who holds a current VWA membership.

Member State - The entity recognised under the VA Constitution to administer the sport of volleyball in a particular State or Territory of Australia.

Non-Playing Member - An individual member of VWA or an Affiliated Club / Association, who does not play in any competition.

Participant - A person who is not a Club Member who participates in a Come & Try, or other non-competitive volleyball program / activity (one to two sessions) or as determined by VWA from time to time.

Player - Refers to all participants of volleyball, regardless of the level of activity that they access.

Sporting Power - That power delegated to VA by FIVB for the exclusive administration, control, and management of the sport of Volleyball in Australia.

Unfinancial - An individual member or organisation that owes money to VWA, VA, another member state or another affiliate.

Volleyball Australia (VA) - The FIVB-recognised body for the administration, control and management of the sport of volleyball in Australia.

Volleyball WA (VWA) - The entity recognised under the VA Constitution to administer the sport of volleyball in Western Australia.

