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1. Purpose

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.

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 & Events Manager
- Chief Referee
- VWA Senior Competitions Coordinator

In instances where the VWA Senior Competitions Coordinator and / or 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 a representative from the Referee Committee.

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 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.

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- Review the license criteria for Clubs participating in State League, State League Reserves and Divisions and provide relevant feedback to the VWA Executive Officer.

1.4. Participation of Diverse Genders

Volleyball WA's [Diversity and Inclusion Policy](#) supports participation in our sport based on the gender with which a person identifies, recognising that exclusion can negatively affect health, wellbeing, and community involvement. While volleyball competitions currently operate within male and female categories, non-binary athletes are welcomed to compete in the category that aligns either with their sex assigned at birth or with the gender identity that best affirms them. Athletes must notify Volleyball WA if their gender identity changes between competitions and once nominated in one gender category, they must remain in that category for the duration of the event. For national and international competitions, different requirements may apply and transgender or non-binary participants will need consultation and approval from Volleyball Australia and/or the FIVB.

As per the [VA Member Protection Policy](#) and the [VWA Anti-Harassment Policy](#), gender identity is recognised as a protected characteristic, and prohibited conduct by relevant persons or organisations includes abuse, bullying, harassment, sexual misconduct, discrimination, victimisation, or vilification.

1.5. 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.

1.6. Integrity Requirements

To preserve the spirit of fair play and uphold the values of volleyball, all participants including athletes, coaches, officials, team staff and volunteers are required to conduct themselves with honesty, respect and professionalism throughout the competition.

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- **Fair Play**
All participants must compete to the best of their ability without engaging in cheating, match manipulation, or any behaviour intended to gain an unfair advantage.
- **Honest Conduct**
Providing false information, misrepresenting eligibility, altering official documents, or attempting to influence officials through improper means is strictly prohibited.
- **Respect for Officials and Opponents**
Decisions made by match officials must be respected at all times. Any disputes must be addressed through proper channels, and unsportsmanlike behaviour including harassment, intimidation or abusive language will not be tolerated.
- **Anti-Corruption and Anti-Bribery**
Offering, accepting or soliciting bribes, gifts or incentives intended to influence match outcomes, player conduct or administrative decisions is forbidden.
- **Reporting Obligations**
Any participant who becomes aware of an integrity breach including attempted manipulation or unethical conduct must report the matter promptly to the Venue Coordinator. Confidentiality will be maintained wherever possible.
- **Consequences:**
Breaching this Integrity Clause may result in disciplinary action, including warnings, suspension, disqualification, forfeiture of matches or removal from the competition, in line with the event's disciplinary procedures.

These requirements align with the following VWA/VA Policies

- [VWA Codes of Conduct](#)
- [VA Competition Manipulation and Sport Gambling Policy](#)
- [VA Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy](#)
- [VA Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy](#)

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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 as a result of 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 a player selected by their 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.
- **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.
- **Infringement** means a breach of either 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.

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- **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 competition where teams are not participating in a Finals Game.
- **Round Robin** is a competition format in which each team meets every other team.
- **Round** means the date the game was listed on the initial fixtures.
- **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.
- **State League Finals** refers to the State League Elimination Final, State League Qualifying Final, State League Preliminary Final, and State League Grand Final.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **WAVJL** means Western Australian Volleyball Junior League.

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Part A Event Entry Information

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 Rules 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 here 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'.
- Each School 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.

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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.
- All Membership Fees are outlined 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; and
 - 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 that their players at the hold a valid VWA membership for the duration of the season. They 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 in [Appendix 2: 2026 Key Dates](#).
- 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 in any given round of the WAVL fixtures as per the exemptions in [Avoiding Forfeit – Eligibility to Play](#).
- Players may only play in one gender division per season. This must align with the gender they identify as in Fortix by the date set in Appendix 2: 2026 Key Dates, or when they first became members, whichever is later.
- 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](#).
- 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.

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- If a club has multiple teams in Division 2, players can only play for one of these teams and will not be allowed to switch between them throughout the season.

3.3.1. *School Students*

These athletes are permitted to play in both WAVL and WAVJL fixtures and are not required to play for the same Club in both competitions.

3.3.2. *Development Players*

A Development player is 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.

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*

To nominate a Development Player, a Club must do the following:

- Complete a Development Player Nomination Form, which is located on Exposure.
- Submit the completed form 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 application must include sufficient details 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 from 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 each of the divisions outlined above.

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- 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 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](#).
- Development Players are not permitted to play in finals as a development player.

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 by 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 Thursday prior to the weekend fixture.

3.4 Transfers

- Players cannot transfer to another WAVL Club during the season after playing one game for a WAVL Club.
- A breach of this process will result in the Administrative Forfeit of the game(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 complete required transfers prior to taking the court 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 for 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.

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- 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 2026, the WAVL State League format is as follows:

- The WAVL State League will have seven teams per gender.
- The WAVL State League Reserves will have ten teams per gender.
- Each team roster per game may have up to 14 players including the permitted two Development Players, hence 14 player names may be entered onto the scoresheet.

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

- Development Player requirements outlined in [Player Eligibility](#).
- FIVB Transfer Process outlined [here](#).
- Home Game requirements outlined [here](#).
- Coaching requirements outlined [here](#).
- Refereeing requirements outlined [here](#).
- 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. The following Divisions are available for 2026:

- Division 1
- Division 1 Reserves
- Division 2
- Division 3
- Division 4
- Division 5
- Division 6
- Division 7

Additional Divisions will be added as required.

3.7.1. Divisions Format

For 2026, the WAVL Divisions will be as follows:

- WAVL Divisions will have a maximum of ten teams per gender. (Excluding Division 2)
- Each team roster per game may have up to 12 players, including up to two Development Players.
- Development Players are permitted to play their additional game in State League, State League Reserves, Division 1, or Division 1 Reserves.

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- If clubs wish to nominate a new team they will be placed into either the lowest Division or Division 2. If there are more than 10 teams in these divisions VWA will decide on the format of that division.
- There can only be one team per Club per division, unless VWA has spots to fill in the lowest division(s). The exception to this rule is Division 2 where a club can enter a maximum of three teams.

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 in five different playing rounds.

3.8.1.1. State League End of Season Eligibility

- At the end of the State League Round-Robin format, a player that has played a five or more 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.
- If a Development Player plays a finals game in State League, they will not be 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 at least the same number of games in their nominated team as they have played in State League when the State League Round-Robin format ends.

3.8.2. State League Reserves and Divisions

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

- Players can only play finals for the division in which they have played the most games, or a higher division.
- If a Clubs' team is eliminated from the finals, players from that team 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 game per round.
- In the event of a Club having more than one team in any division, excluding Division 2, a player can only play in the final series for the team they have

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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.
- WA athletes representing Australia and not residing in Western Australia 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 by a Doctors / Specialist Certificate and / or letter.

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

3.9 Avoiding Forfeit – Eligibility to Play

The following outlines permissible actions to avoid forfeit:

- 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.
- 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, they are not permitted to play a third game to avoid 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 the FIVB Rules of the game and have been approved by VWA prior to the date designated in [Appendix 2: 2026 Key Dates](#)
- Club uniforms must comply with the design requirements laid out in [Appendix 3: Uniform Requirements](#)
- 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.

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- The uniforms must be presentable and have no obvious flaws such as fading, discolouration, 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.
- All uniform 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 a long-sleeved 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 Uniform*

- 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.
- 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 and team officials on the bench must have their names on the scoresheets and be dressed in their approved Club uniform, polo / tracksuit, or business attire (coaches).

3.10.4. *Divisions Uniform*

- All playing numbers must be 1 or greater, 0 may not be used as a playing number.
- 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 pants include a logo, then all players must wear pants with the same logo in the same position 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.

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- 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 and team officials on the bench must have their names listed on the scoresheet and be dressed in their approved Club uniform, polo / tracksuit, or business attire (coaches).

3.10.5. Uniform Infringements

The First 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 game.
 - If the First Referee does not identify that there was a uniform infringement until later in the game, the game will be required to be stopped and the WAVL Chief Referee contacted to determine the outcome.

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 Team and Game Fees

All Team and 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.

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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 Affiliation Guide information regarding the Team Game Fees.

INSTALMENT	CATEGORY	AMOUNT	DUE BY
ONE	TEAMS GAME FEES	40% of the total Fee	Third Friday in May
TWO	TEAMS GAME FEES	30% of the total fee	Third Friday in June
THREE	TEAMS GAME FEES	30% of the total fee	Third Friday in July

3.12 Withdrawals

If a Club wishes to withdraw a team, a WAVL Withdrawal Form must be completed and submitted by email to indoor@volleyballwa.com.au. The WAVL Withdrawal Form can be found on Exposure.

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

If a Club Withdraws a team:

- After the WAVL Licence is signed, then the Club will be required to pay a forfeit fee of \$500 except for extenuating circumstances.
- 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.
- The withdrawn team will then not be included in the Club's Athlete and Development Structure outlined in the WAVL Criteria.
- All games already played by the withdrawing team will be retroactively forfeited.
- All sanctions, Game Forfeits, and Administrative Forfeits awarded during those games 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 but after the withdrawal date listed in [Appendix 2: 2026 Key Dates](#), then the Club will be required to pay a forfeit fee of \$500

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- Prior to and including Round Three of the competition, the Club will forfeit 40% of the Team Game fees and a forfeit fee of \$500.
- After Round Three of the competition, all Team Game fees are payable and the Club will be required to pay a forfeit fee of \$500. All games already played by the withdrawing team will be retroactively forfeited.
- All sanctions, Game Forfeits and Administrative Forfeits awarded during those games will still apply.

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Part B – On Event Information

4. Competition Structure

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

4.1.2. *Divisions*

All games 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 game is in the fourth set, the winner of the game is the team that won two of the previous three sets.
- If the game is in the fifth set, the winner of the game 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 games.
- All finals games 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 game 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.
- Unless authorised by the Chief Referee, games are not permitted to start before the GEST.

4.2.2. *Rescheduling of Games & Fixture Requests*

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

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4.3. Home Games

Selection of Home Games is exclusive to State League, State League Reserves and Division 1-6 teams.

4.3.1. *State League and State League Reserves*

- WAVL State League Clubs must host a minimum of four Home Games per season.
- WAVL State League Reserve Clubs must host a minimum of two Home Games per season.
- The team listed as home on the fixtures will be entitled to host that game as a Home Round.
- In State League (excluding State League Reserves) if the team listed as home chooses not to host a home round, the opportunity will be given to the team listed as away first before it is returned to the Sunday VWA fixture.

4.3.2. *Divisions 1-6*

- 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.

4.3.3. *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 games to occur between 12pm and 6pm (latest GEST 4:00pm)
 - Games including any Regional Club must occur between 10am 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.

4.3.4. *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 two rounds are scheduled.

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- Clubs are required to submit an email to indoor@volleyballwa.com.au within the deadlines in [Appendix 2: 2026 Key Dates](#), requesting the games they would like to host as home rounds.
- Venues are required to be submitted to VWA at least one month prior to the fixtured game. Failure to provide a venue will result in the game being inserted back into the VWA fixture.
- 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
 - Date
 - Venue (NB: the venues hired by VWA can also be used for home 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 games only as a Guaranteed Earliest Start Time (GEST).
 - All timed Division games must remain in the two-hour time slot.

4.3.4.1. 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 Club must nominate their Home Game Coordinator(s) by email to the Competitions Coordinator at indoor@volleyballwa.com.au by Thursday 3:00pm before the weekend of the relevant round.
- 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.

4.3.4.2. Home Game Coordinator Requirements and Responsibilities

The Home Game Coordinator must be present at the venue from 30 minutes prior to the start of the first home game, to the end of the last home game on the day. They must also be approved by the VWA Competitions coordinator.

The Home Game Coordinator is responsible for:

- Ensuring that games start in a timely manner

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- Ensuring that Division games do not end early or continue past the two-hour time slot, unless the game is in a deciding set and one team is not ahead by at least two points
- Ensuring that scoresheets are complete, legible, and are signed by captains, coaches, and the duty team.
- Contacting the Chief Referee on the day immediately when there is a request for an On-The-Spot Protest.

Multiple people may act as a Home Game Coordinator on any given day, but they may not participate in any game in any capacity while they are performing their duties. The different Home Game Coordinators roster needs to be provided to VWA [as per 4.3.4.1 Club Responsibilities](#)

4.3.5. 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 game 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.

4.3.6. Home Game Duty Requirements

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

- For State League home games, the duty team must be in State League or State League Reserves.
- For State League Reserves home games, the duty team must be in Division 1 Reserves or a higher division.
- For Divisions home games, the duty team must meet one of the following:
 - Be in the same or higher division than the game being played; or
 - Be no more than 2 divisions below the game being played; or
 - Be the team in the next-highest division for the hosting Club
- 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 VWA, the duty team must then provide a referee with at least Level Two State accreditation to referee the relevant game.

4.3.7. Home Game Scoresheets

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All Home Game and regional scoresheets 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 game.
- None or late submission of the scoresheets will result in the host Club forfeiting the VWA Home Game Payment.

4.3.8. Scheduling of Home Games

- No Home Games are to be played on the same day as 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 the same day as an Australian Volleyball Super League rounds.
- No Home Games or regional rounds are to be played on the same weekend as the WAVL State League Grand Final.
- State League games (not including State League Reserves) must be scheduled on Saturdays excluding clashes detailed above.

4.3.9. Home Round Payments

- VWA will make payments for Home Games in accordance with the VWA calculations for the Home Round Game fee. However, if all Home Round 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 detailed [here](#) upon provision of the Home Game scoresheet.
- VWA will make no payment in cases where the scoresheet is submitted late.

4.4. Team Composition

- A player arriving late may be added to the scoresheet providing the team has enough players to commence the game.
- 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 during a game, the game will not count towards the number of games that a player is required to play to be eligible for finals.

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4.4.1. Substitutions

12 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. State League and State League Reserves Liberos

- Each team has the right to designate from the list of players on the score sheet up to two liberos per match.
- If a team has more than 12 players recorded in the score sheet, two liberos are mandatory in the team list for that match.
- Once a libero or liberos have been designated for the match, they cannot become a regular player for that match.
- If a team is playing with one libero and they are deemed unable to play during the match due to injury/illness, a regular player may be designated as a new libero.
- If a team is playing with two liberos and one of them is deemed unable to play during the match due to injury/illness, a regular player cannot be designated unless the remaining libero is also deemed unable to play.
- The Libero player(s) is/are designated by the wearing of a contrasting shirt. The uniforms must be numbered like the rest of the team.
- One libero may be on the court at any time.
- Libero Replacements are not counted as substitutions. They are unlimited but there must be a completed rally between two libero replacements.
- The regular replacement player may replace and be replaced by either libero. The acting libero can only be replaced by the regular replacement player for that position or by the second libero.
- It should be noted on the scoresheet if a designated libero stepped onto court at any point during the match. This will facilitate tracking the number of games they played during the season

4.4.3. Division Liberos

One Libero player is allowed in all remaining divisions 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 will facilitate tracking the number of games they 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.

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- 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. Game Protocol

4.5.1. State League and State League Reserves Warm Up Protocol

All games 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 scoresheet , 2 nd Referee distributes the Ro up sheets to coaches
T - 14 min	Scorer should cross-check warming up players with the scoresheet, 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-12 min – hit from position 4 T-7 min – change hitting warm up to position 2 T-3 min – Serve Teams are required to be hitting in their full playing uniform; 1 st Referee needs to monitor the spiking; 2 nd Referee needs to collect line up sheets from coaches
T - 2 min	Warm up at the net finishes Teams clear the court
T - 1 min	First Referee calls on teams to enter the court
T - 0-	First whistle to authorise the serve

4.5.2. Divisions Warm Up Protocol

All games 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	Official Protocol commences (players are peppering) Coaches check and sign the scoresheet; 2nd Referee distributes the line up sheets to coaches
T - 8 min	Coin Toss Both captains need to sign the scoresheet after the coin toss

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T - 7 min	Coaches to present starting rotation to officials Warm up at the next commences from position 4 Teams need to be in their full playing uniform
T - 4 min	Change hitting warm up to position 2 2 nd Referee collects line up sheets from coaches
T - 2 min	Serve
T - 1 min	Warm up at the net finishes Teams clear the court
T - 30 sec	First Referee calls on teams to enter the court
T - 0-	First whistle to authorise the serve

4.6. Game Delays

4.6.1. *State League and State League Reserves*

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

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

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 that team will be declared the winner.
- 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 that team will be declared the winner.
- 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.

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- If the game in the Finals series cannot be rescheduled, the game 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 game, 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.

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 retroactive forfeit during the season (e.g. the game has already been played) there will be no forfeit fees.

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4.8. Finals Format

Format	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
4 teams	G#1 Qualifying Final 1 st vs 2 nd G#2 Elimination Final 3 rd vs 4 th	G#3 Preliminary Final L G#1 vs W G#2	G#4 Grand Final 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 Level 2 State Accreditation.

- Level 2 Associate Coaches are eligible on the provision that by the completion of the WAVL Round-Robin format the minimum coaching accreditation requirement has been met. Breaches of this condition will result in retroactive fines.
- For each team, a qualified coach or associate coach must be on the bench or on the court for the duration of every game.

5.2. Divisions

- WAVL Division Coaches are required to have a minimum of Level 1 Accreditation which can be completed online. More information here: <https://volleyballwa.com.au/coaching/>
- For each team, a qualified coach or associate 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 Competitions Coordinator at indoor@volleyballwa.com.au by Friday 9:00am before the weekend of the relevant round 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.
- If the above 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 below in 5.5 Infringements.

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5.3. Assistant Coaches

All WAVL State League and Divisions games are permitted up to three Assistant Coaches per game. 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 game.
- 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 game, 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 game.

5.4. Uniform and Event Etiquette

Coaches are required to wear the following:

- Their Club's playing / team uniform / polo / hoodie / tracksuit / business attire.
 - This must be clearly visible.
- Enclosed shoes.
 - This does not include crocs / sandals / slides.

The following are not permitted whilst performing their duties:

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

5.5. Infringements

Failure to comply with coaching qualifications, uniform or 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. Chief Referee

The VWA Referee Committee will appoint a person(s) for a paid position as a Chief Referee who will be available to be contacted at all times during the WAVL rounds.

6.2. Referees Supplied by Clubs

Clubs are expected to supply competent and accredited referees at every level of the competition.

- First Referees for WAVL State League division games will be appointed by the VWA Chief Referee or the VWA Referee Committee Chair.

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- When a referee cannot be sourced by the VWA Chief Referee, the duty team must then provide a referee with at least Level Two State accreditation to referee the relevant game.
- WAVL State League Clubs are required to supply a Level Two Associate Referee (minimum accreditation) as a Second Referee.
- WAVL State League Reserves Clubs are required to supply a Level Two State Referee (minimum accreditation) as a First Referee and a Level One (minimum accreditation) as a Second Referee.
- For WAVL Division 1 and Division 1 Reserves, Clubs are required to supply a Level Two Associate Referee (minimum accreditation) as a First Referee and a Level One (minimum accreditation) as a Second Referee.
- For the remainder of the WAVL Divisions, Clubs are required to supply a Level One (minimum accreditation) for both the First Referee and Second Referee.
- Failure to comply with these rules will result in the following:
 - A \$50 fine per infringement payable by the Club.

6.3. Uniform and Event Etiquette

Referees are required to wear the following:

- Their VA issued uniform or their Club's 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. (except when being used as a timer)
- Eating, or drinking from a can, open-top coffee cup, glass bottle, or open-top bottle.
- Applying ice to injuries.

6.3.1. *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.

6.4. Best and Fairest Voting Structure

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

- The first referee will obtain input from both head coaches to decide the best three players of the game, 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 Best and Fairest for that game. 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.

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- The votes are totalled across the WAVL regular season games and at the end of the season a winner in each gender category per Division is determined. In the case of a tie, all tied individuals will be declared winners.

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](#)

7.1.1. Internal Double Touch

This information is included in the Official FIVB/VA Volleyball Rules but has been clarified below for ease of reference.

- When passing the ball between team-mates, using an overhand finger action (i.e. a set), consecutive contact with the ball in the hands is allowed, provided the contacts occur during one action.
- It also is a fault when it is clear to see that the player has contacted the ball twice in a successive way. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - When the ball slips through a player's hands and contacts their head.
 - When a player contacts the ball in two different actions in a row.
- All attack hits that are completed by either crossing the net between the antenna, or touched by a block, should be judged as a double contact with the "old" interpretation.

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 games
- 10 minutes before the GEST for Division games.

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

- Not present at the commencement of warmup - 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.

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- 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.

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, glass bottle, or open-top bottle
- Applying ice to 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

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All duty team scorers are required to complete the 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 scoresheet. Only the following types of remarks can be included on the scoresheet:

- 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](#)

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 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 retroactive Premiership Points penalty.
- This sanction will be communicated to the Club's President in writing by the Competitions & Events Manager/VWA Competitions Coordinator no later than Thursday following the weekend's round.

8. 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 in [Section 14.2](#)

8.1. 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 detailed in [Appendix 1: On The Spot Protest Resolution Protocol](#)

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- The result of the protest is final, and the teams must recommence the game immediately.
- If a team refuses to recommence the match, the team will forfeit the game 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 game by the same team will result in a Disqualification being awarded to the relevant team coach / captain.

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Part C - Post Event

9. Premiership Points

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

Result	Points
Win	3 points
Win 3-2 (Sets)	2 points
Loss 2-3 (Sets)	1 point
Loss	0 points
Forfeit	-3 points for an Administrative Forfeit -3 points for not fielding a team

10. Team Placings

- Positions will be determined by premiership points average (rounded to four decimal places).
- Then by sets won as a percentage (rounded to four decimal places).
- Then by points won as a percentage (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).

11. 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 reserve the right to write to the Chief Executive Officer to apply a greater sanction if deemed necessary.

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- 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 Executive Officer.
- If necessary, suspensions will be passed into the following WAVL season.
- Suspensions only apply to VWA competitions, unless otherwise indicated by VWA.
- In the case of rescheduled games, the suspension will apply to the rescheduled game and its corresponding round. VWA will communicate a date to the Club and the individual for when they can return to WAVL and / or WAVJL.

12. 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 Executive Officer
	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 the designated forfeit fine	\$200
	Withdrawal of 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
	Failure to provide the correct number of duty personnel	\$25.00 per person

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Duty Teams cont.	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

12.1. 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 \$50 as outlined in the table in Section 12.
- Disputes regarding referee and coach fines will not be accepted if they are made after the payment due date.

13. 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](#)

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 & Events 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 Appealing the WAVL Technical Committee Decision

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

- The Club President applies by written submission to the VWA Chief Executive Officer.

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- 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 determine the appropriate course of action.
- The VWA Chief Executive Officer's decision is final.

15. Document Control

15.1. Version Control

Date	Version number	Executive Summary of changes
April 2021	1.0	Annual review and appropriate changes.
May 2022	2.0	Annual review and appropriate changes.
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February 2026	6.0	

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16. Appendices & Relevant Procedures

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

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

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Appendix A: 2026 Key Dates

Regular Season			
Division	State League	SLR-D1R	D2-D6
Nominations	7	10	10
Rounds Played	16	18	18
Notes	2 Fridays, 1 Sunday	0 Fridays	0 Fridays
Round 1	11th April	12th April	12th April
Round 2	18th April**	18th April	18th April
Round 3	26th April	26th April	26th April
Round 4	2nd May	3rd May	3rd May
Round 5	9th May	10th May	10th May
Round 6	10th May	17th May	17th May
Round 7	16th May**	24th May	24th May
Round 8	23rd May	31st May	31st May
Round 9	24th May	7th June	7th June
Round 10	30th May	14th June	14th June
Round 11	6th June	21st June	21st June
Round 12	13th June	28th June	28th June
Round 13	20th June	5th July	5th July
Round 14	27th June**	19th July	19th July
Round 15	3rd July	26th July	26th July
Round 16	4th July	9th August	9th August
Round 17	17th July	16th August	16th August
Round 18	18th July	23rd August	23rd August
Round 19	25th July**		

**Provided No Clashes with Indoor Beach Players


Finals		
Format	State League	SLR & Divisions
1 vs 2 Qualifying Final 3 vs 4 Elimination Final	Saturday 8th August	Sunday 30th August
Preliminary Finals Loser of 1v2 vs Winner of 3v4	Sunday 16th August	Sunday 6th September
Grand Finals Winner of 1v2 Semi Final vs Winner of Preliminary Final	Saturday 22nd August	Sunday 13th September

All Finals are untimed

Appendix B: Uniform Requirements

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WA VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE – UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS GUIDE

<p>General Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All players must wear the approved club uniform. Club uniforms must comply with FIVB rules of the game and approved by VWARC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hats are not permitted. Uniforms must be presentable and have no obvious flaws such as fading and/or tears. Tape is not permitted on uniforms. All players and team officials on the bench must be wearing their approved club uniform, polo/tracksuit, or business attire. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All uniform changes must be submitted for approval for the VWARC prior to the required date for each respective season. 	<p>Numbers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required on tops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15cm in height on the front 20cm in height on the back Captain is not required to have a bar underneath their playing number <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SL/SLR: Player numbers 1 to 99 are permitted The colour and brightness of the numbers must contrast with the colour and brightness of the jerseys. 	<p>The Libero</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must wear the approved club Libero uniform. Libero uniform must match the club uniform, however, must be primarily contrasting/ opposite colour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have their regular playing uniform to present to the first referee Regular playing uniforms being inside-out is not a permitted Libero Uniform. Numbers are not required on libero jerseys and are not required to match a players regular playing number. Clubs utilising approved home/ away uniforms may opt to use the alternative uniform to the team as a libero uniform for the round.
<p>Top Type</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A club can have a combination of t-shirt and singlet tops. Each team however must wear a consistent top type between all players. 		<p>Logos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uniformity amongst all logos is required across all pieces of the club uniform. The placement of logos must not obscure the player's number
<p>Bottom Types</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A club can have a combination of shorts and bike shorts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SL & SLR: Each team must wear a consistent bottom type between all players. Divisions: Each team may wear a combination of approved shorts and bike shorts. Where a club opts to utilise retail shorts or bike shorts (eg. Nike Pro's or generic black shorts), this must be approved, and logos amongst all athletes must be consistent. 		<p>Compression Wear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compression Wear (Leggings, shirts and sleeves) can be worn by players. The compression wear must be primarily a neutral colour (black, white, tan or grey) or the primary colour of the club.

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Appendix C: On The Spot Protest Resolution Protocol

A formal protest may only be lodged by the Head Coach or Game Captain who believes that game officials have made an error under the FIVB Rules as amended by these Regulations, where such error will affect the outcome of the game.

Such cases include:

- An improper decision by the Referee who did not apply the regulations or did not assume the consequences of his/her decisions; and/or
- An improper decision of the scorer who made a mistake on the rotational order or on the score.

Such cases that cannot be protested include:

- Judgement calls.
- A Referee's decision to sanction a player's action or a player or official's misconduct.

The following is the procedure that is to be followed to lodge and resolve a protest. To lodge a formal protest:

- The Head Coach or Game Captain must immediately inform the Second Referee (while the ball is out of play) that they wish to lodge a protest at which point, the Second Referee must immediately inform the First Referee. A protest may not be lodged retrospectively.
- Once a protest is lodged, the game is interrupted. The First Referee authorises the teams to leave the playing court and go to their bench, but they are not allowed to leave the playing area. Players are allowed to use balls in the free zone.
- The First Referee will step down from the stand and immediately consult the Venue Coordinator or Home Game Coordinator, who will contact the Chief Referee to resolve the protest. The Chief Referee's decision is final.
- A protest about a Referee's decision to sanction a player's action or a player or official's misconduct will be considered an improper case and will be rejected by the Chief Referee.
- The Chief Referee can decide to
 - Reject the protest (if it is an improper case) or
 - Accept the protest as legal and decide on a ruling which can be:
 - To Uphold the Referee's decision.
 - To Overturn the Referee's decision.
- If the protest is Accepted and the Referee's decision is Upheld, the game is resumed after having applied the referee's decision.
- If the protest is Accepted and the Referee's decision is Overturned, the game is resumed from the point prior to the Referee's decision.
- If the protest is Rejected, the game is resumed after having applied the Referee's decision. The following sanction, as applicable will be imposed:
 - The first protest that is Rejected will incur a "Penalty" sanction (Red card), which is a personal sanction against the Head Coach or Game Captain.

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- If there is a second protest in the same game by the same team and it is rejected, then the 1st Referee will sanction the Head Coach or Game Captain that lodged the second protest with disqualification (Red and Yellow cards separately).
- To resume the game, the Chief Referee's decision is communicated to Referees, scorer and Game Captains.