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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

High Schools Cup 2026

Competition Handbook



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1. Introduction

WA's Indoor High Schools Cup is one of Volleyball WA's key calendar events each year. The Competition allows Secondary School students to compete against other Schools within the State at various venues.

1.1. 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.

2. Child Safeguarding

VWA is a Child Safe Organisation which aims to safeguard the well-being of all children and young people who participate in our sport. All participants, officials and staff are required to comply with the VA Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy (**Section 11**) and abide by the VWA Codes of Conduct (**Section 11**).

2.1. Volleyball WA Commitment to Safeguarding Children and Young People

Unwavering Commitment to Child Safety:

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

2.2. Working With Children Check Policy

- The VWA Working with Children Check Policy (**Section 11**) applies to all VWA employees, contractors, volunteers and members, and all other people or organisations which by agreement or otherwise, are bound to comply with this policy.

- This policy applies to behaviour occurring during VWA business, activities, competitions and events, including the VWA Schools Cup.
- In relation to Safeguarding of Children and Young People, reference should be made to the VA Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy (**Section 11**).

2.3. Photography and Videography Policy

- All participants, officials and staff are required to comply with the VWA Photography and Videography Policy (**Section 11**). This policy applies to conduct and behaviour when obtaining a photograph(s) and/or video recording for the purpose of VWA business, activities, competitions and events.
- VWA recognise it is common practice for people to take a photograph(s) or a video(s) of people participating in sport and that typically people are doing so for acceptable reasons and are using appropriate methods.
- VWA recognise that most people take photographs and/or videos of special moments including participation in sport. It is important that the volleyball community understand their responsibility to ensure any images taken are in accordance with this basis and no other.
- If you require any further information or have concerns or questions, please ensure you contact Volleyball WA.

2.4. Photography and Videography at WA Schools Cup

- If permission is denied or not obtained from the school / individual, then Volleyball WA will instruct the authorised photographers / video operators that no photos / videos are permitted of the school / individual and that no photos / videos of the school / individual are used in print or online communications produced by Volleyball WA.

2.5. Social Media Addendum

- VWA supports the Volleyball Australia Social Media Policy and will endeavour to ensure compliance with the Volleyball Australia Social Media Policy and its subsequent dissemination and application with VWA staff and members.
- The VWA Social Media Addendum (**Section 11**) provides further framework and guidelines to follow when using social media in accordance with the Volleyball Australia Social Media Policy.

3. Key Dates and Venues

3.1. Competition Dates

Date	Divisions
Tuesday, 18 th – Wednesday 19 th August 2026	Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Honours, A & B
Friday, 21 st August 2026	Year 11 & 12 Honours, A & B, and All-Abilities
Saturday, 29 th August 2026	Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and Open Honours Finals

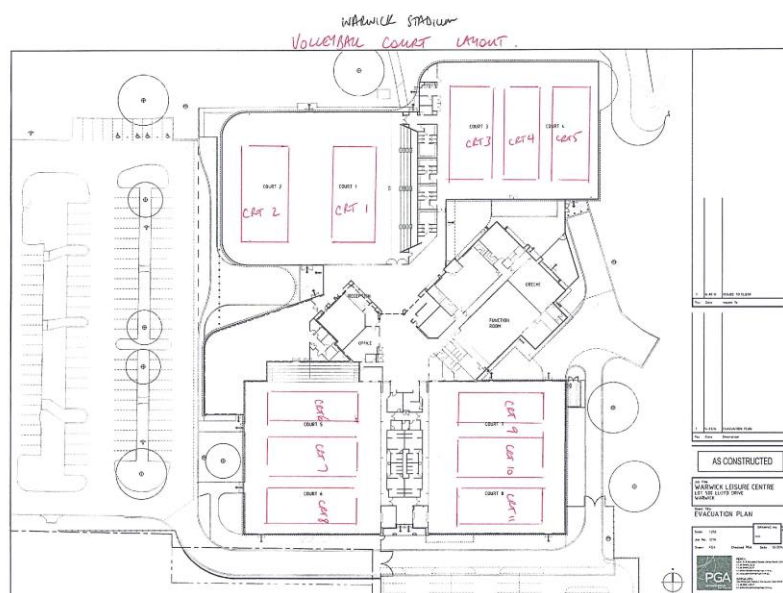
- Volleyball WA reserves the right to alter any of the above date allocations depending on number of entries and court availability should it benefit the competition.
- Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 teams may only play on one out of three days for divisions or two out of four for Honours depending on the total number of entries.

3.2. Competition Venues

Date	Venues
Tuesday, 18 th – Wednesday 19 th August 2026	Warwick Stadium, HBF Arena Joondalup, Kingsway Indoor Stadium, Bendat Basketball Stadium, The Rise Recreation Centre
Friday, 21 st August 2026	Warwick Stadium, HBF Arena Joondalup, The Rise Recreation Centre, Kingsway Indoor Stadium, Bendat Basketball Stadium
Saturday, 29 th August 2026	Gold Netball Centre

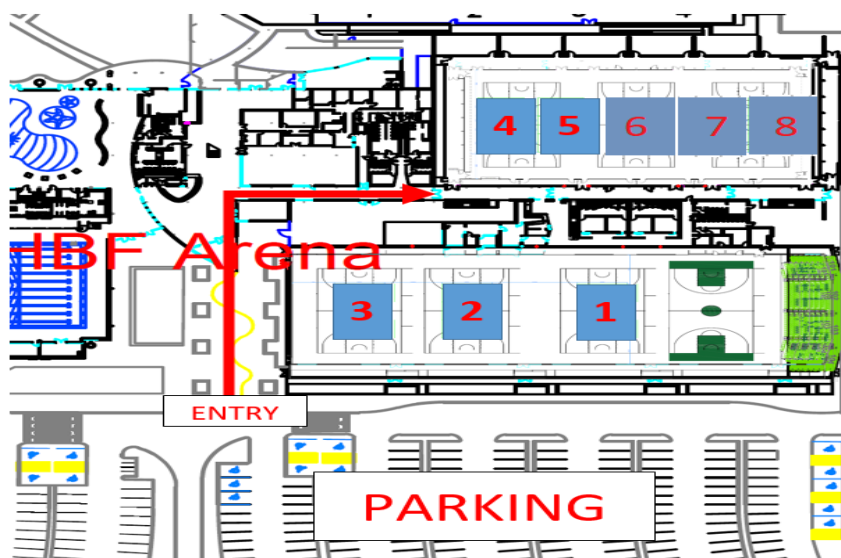
3.2.1. Warwick Stadium

- Address: Warwick Road and Wanneroo Road, Warwick WA 6024
- Phone: (08) 9247 2266
- Website: <http://warwickstadium.com.au>
- Evacuation: **Appendix 13.1**
- Court Layout:



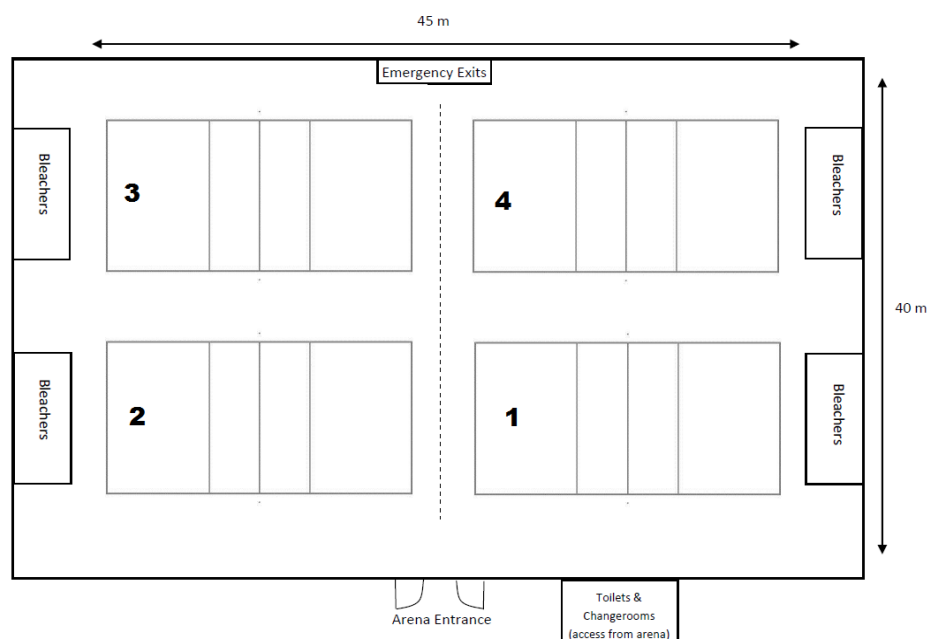
3.2.2. HBF Arena Joondalup

- Address: Kennedy Dr, Joondalup WA 6027
- Phone: (08) 9300 3355
- Website: <https://www.hbfarena.com.au/>
- Evacuation: **Appendix 13.2**
- Court Layout



3.2.3. The Rise Recreation Centre

- Address: 28 Eighth Avenue, Maylands WA
- Phone: (08) 9208 2400
- Website: <https://bayswaterrecreation.com.au/the-rise/>
- Evacuation: **Appendix 13.3**
- Court Layout



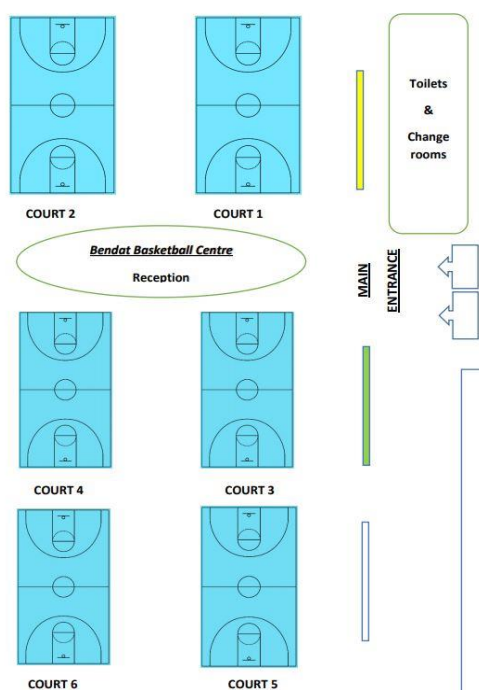
3.2.4. Kingsway Indoor Stadium

- Address: Level 1/130 Kingsway, Madeley WA
- Phone: (08) 9405 5645
- Website: <https://www.wanneroo.wa.gov.au/kingswayindoorstadium>
- Evacuation: **Appendix 13.4**
- Court Layout



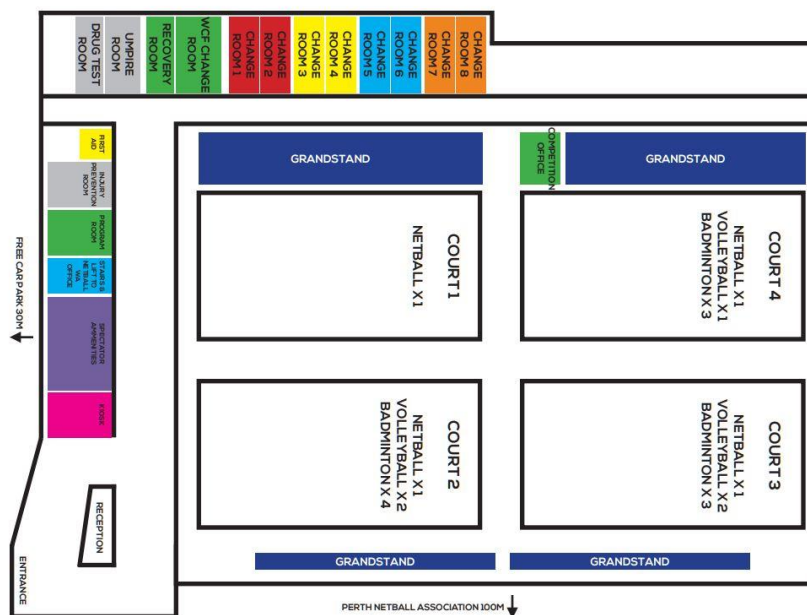
3.2.5. Bendat Basketball Centre

- Address: 201 Underwood Ave, Floreat WA 6014
- Phone: (08) 6272 0741
- Website: <https://www.venueswest.wa.gov.au/venues/bendat-basketball-centre>
- Evacuation: **Appendix 13.5**
- Court Layout



3.2.6. Gold Netball Centre

- Address: 200 Selby St, Jolimont WA 6014
- Phone: (08) 9380 3700
- Website: <https://www.venueswest.wa.gov.au/venues/gold-netball-centre>
- Evacuation: **Appendix 13.6**
- Court Layout



4. Event Entry

4.1. Divisions

- The Competition will be divided by Gender (Boys and Girls), Year Groups (Year 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12/Open) and Grades (Honours, A and B).
 - Participants who do not identify as either gender (non-binary), please refer to **Section 1.1 Participation of Diverse**
- All Abilities may be divided by Gender (Boys and Girls) or Mixed, dependant on registrations.

Year 7	A and B Divisions
Year 8	Honours, A and B Divisions
Year 9	Honours, A and B Divisions
Year 10	Honours, A and B Divisions
Year 11	Honours, A and B Divisions
Year 12	Honours, A and B Divisions
All Abilities	
Combined Year 7-12	Girls, Boys or Mixed (to be confirmed)

- Volleyball WA will endeavour to grade teams according to their nomination. However, VWA reserves the right to change, merge or create additional divisions, subject to nominations.

4.2. School Eligibility

- The tournament is open to all Western Australian Secondary Schools.
- Each school has one guaranteed licence for the Open Honours division per gender.
 - Schools may enter multiple teams into all other divisions.
 - Volleyball WA reserves the right to alter this if it benefits the competition.

4.2.1. Australian Volleyball Schools Cup Qualification

- Teams intending to participate in the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup (AVSC) in the Honours divisions must qualify through the equivalent division in the WA Volleyball Schools Cup
- All other divisions are permitted to play in Year groups at WA Volleyball Schools Cup

4.3. Event Entries

4.3.1. Event Entry Timeline

- Event entries will open on Friday 24th April 2026
- Entries will close on Friday 26th June 2026

4.3.2. How To Enter the Event

- Entries are to be made using the online entry form: <https://bit.ly/3NdLnKK>

4.3.3. Team Sheet Entry Requirement

- All schools entering the Competition must provide the **VWA Participation Coordinator** (play@volleyballwa.com.au) team lists using the VWA Team Sheet. It is the responsibility of the school to ensure this list is submitted by **5:00pm, Friday August 7th, 2026.**
- Any late changes to team lists must be brought to the attention of the VWA representative at the venue.

4.3.4. Entry Fees

	Honours Division	A/B Divisions	All Abilities
Metro	\$440.00	\$380.00	\$300.00
Regional*	\$415.00	\$355.00	

*Only for Schools that require overnight accommodation

4.3.5. Payment

- Schools will be invoiced following the close of all entries.
- Acceptable payment methods:
 - Credit Card over the phone (3% surcharge)
 - ❖ (08) 9228 8522
 - EFTPOS
 - Direct Debit
 - ❖ BSB: 066 106
 - ❖ ACC: 902237

4.3.6. Late Entries

- **NO LATE ENTRIES ARE GUARANTEED ACCEPTANCE.** Late entries will only be accepted if it benefits the competition draw (i.e. to replace a bye or another withdrawal).
- **All late entries accepted will incur a \$25.00 late entry fee per team.**
- Volleyball WA may refuse team entries if it benefits the structure of the tournament. Teams who enter first will take preference if such a situation occurs. As a result, VWA strongly encourages schools to enter early to avoid the possible removal of teams.

4.3.7. Withdrawals

- Teams may withdraw from the competition with no penalty until, **Friday July 24th**.
- Teams withdrawing after this date will forfeit the full event entry fee.

4.4. Team Eligibility

4.4.1. Team Composition

- All teams must have a minimum of five (5) and maximum of twelve (12) listed players.

4.4.2. Team Uniforms

- All teams must play in a team uniform. This shall include same colour/cut/style tops with numbers and similar colour/style shorts (or pants)
 - Numbers on tops can be temporary or can be placed on the arm in a visible spot (A & B Divisions only).
- All players must wear enclosed shoes whilst playing.
- Libero players' uniforms must contrast in colour with the rest of the team's uniform.
- If a Team does not have compliant uniforms, a \$50.00 penalty will apply and will be invoiced post-event.

4.4.3. Team Uniforms – All-Abilities

- All teams will need to play in a team uniform. This shall include same colour/cut/style tops (numbers are optional) and similar colour/style shorts.
- All players will need to wear enclosed shoes whilst playing, unless exempted by a teacher in charge for appropriate reasons.
- School PE uniforms are acceptable uniforms in the All-Abilities division.

4.5. Player Eligibility

- All players must be enrolled at the indicated school.
- A player can only play for **one team** during the Competition.
 - If special circumstances warrant it, (sickness/injuries) a team may, upon application to the **VWA Senior Indoor Coordinator**, request a player(s) move to a higher division. This request should occur no later than four days prior to the commencement of the Competition.
 - If permission is granted, the player(s) shall be listed in the higher division for the remainder of the tournament.
- A player can only play for their nominated team. If it is brought to VWA's attention a player is playing in another/multiple team(s), **the offending team will forfeit the game.**

4.5.1. Player Eligibility for Finals

- All players listed on the submitted Team Sheet are eligible to play finals.
- If a player is not able to qualify for finals due to extenuating circumstances such as religious ineligibility, they need to be involved in a coaching or organisation role in order to be eligible for finals.
- Volleyball WA will provide sole discretion on acceptable reasons for ineligibility. Cases must be presented to the **VWA Senior Indoor Coordinator** for approval.

5. Injuries and Insurance

5.1. Insurance for Players

- Players nominated by the school will be issued with a 'Bronze – School Students Event Only' Membership. This membership will cover them with insurance in case of an injury during the event.
- More details about the Personal Accident Insurance and how to make a claim can be found following this link: [Volleyball Australia insurance program | Marsh Australia](#)

5.2. Injuries During the Event

- All personal accidents or injuries should be reported to the VWA representative on duty at the venue. The representative will complete an Injury Report Form for the injured participant that will be required to be submitted for any Insurance Claims.
- It must be ensured that the player's name is written on the scoresheet as this will be needed as proof of participation.
- Ice will be available at the centre for new injuries only. Players must provide their own strapping tape etc.
- VWA recommends to schools to bring their own first aid qualified, trained staff.
- For serious injuries, please visit the closest Hospital:
 - Warwick Stadium, Arena Joondalup & Kingsway Indoor Stadium:
 - Joondalup Health Campus (Public)
 - Address: Cnr Grand Blvd & Shenton Ave, Joondalup WA 6027
 - Phone: 08 9400 9400
 - Bendat Basketball Centre, Gold Netball Centre, Lords Recreation Centre & The Rise Recreation Centre:
 - Perth Children's Hospital
 - Address: 15 Hospital Ave, Nedlands WA 6009
 - Phone: 08 6456 2222
 - Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital
 - Address: Hospital Ave, Nedlands WA 6009
 - Phone: 08 6457 3333

6. Event Information

6.1. Round Match Format

- A minimum of three (3) matches are guaranteed for all teams in all grades unless under exceptional or unforeseen circumstances.
- The first whistle of the match will be at the fixtured time, and all games will finish on time regardless of when they commence.
- Volleyball WA reserves the right to alter any of the regulations if it benefits the competition.

6.1.1. Year 7-10 (Honours & Divisions)

- Best of three (3) sets. Sets 1 & 2 point per rally to 25 points uncapped. Third set point per rally to 15 uncapped.
- One (1) time out per set and no time outs in the last five (5) minutes of the match.
- Time limit: 50 minutes + 10 minutes warm-up.
 - For the benefit of the competition, the match format time limit may be adjusted to 45 minutes + 5 minutes warm-up.

6.1.2. Year 11-12 & Open Honours

- Best of three (3) sets. Sets 1 & 2 point per rally to 25 points uncapped. Third set point per rally to 15 uncapped.
- One (1) time out per set and no time outs in the last five (5) minutes of the match.
- Time limit: 50 minutes + 10 minutes warm-up.

6.1.3. All-Abilities

- Total of three (3) sets for each game.
- Sets 1, 2 & 3 point per rally to 15 points capped.
- One (1) time out per set and no time outs in the last five (5) minutes of the match (unless for player welfare).
- Time limit: 45 minutes + 5 minutes warm-up.

6.1.4. Incomplete and Deciding Sets

- During the Round Matches, if only one set is completed at the end of time, the team that has won the first set will be awarded the match.
- Incomplete second sets will not be counted.
- Incomplete sets are only considered in the final result when set scores are tied (i.e. third set only).
- In the case of a deciding third set being unfinished at the end of the time limit, the team holding eight or more points, with a two-point lead, will be awarded that set and thus the match.
 - If above eight points and scores are level, the next point wins the set and thus the match.
 - If neither team has reached eight points, the match is declared a draw.

6.2. Finals Format

6.2.1. Honours & Divisions

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

- If a Division has more than one pool, then a crossover finals format will apply
- If a Division has more than two pools, the finals format will be determined based on number of pools and court availability. This will be determined by the **VWA Senior Indoor Coordinator**.

6.2.2. All Abilities

Format	Grand Final
2 Pools	Pool 1 #1 VS Pool 2 #1

- If there is only one (1) pool in a Division, the team that finishes at the top of the pool ladder after the completion of the Round Matches is the Champion Team of the All-Abilities Division.

6.2.3. Semi Finals – Year 7-10 (Honours & Divisions)

- Best of three (3) sets. Sets 1 & 2 point per rally to 25 points uncapped. Third set point per rally to 15 uncapped.
- No drawn matches. If it is a deciding set, two points advantage will be required to win the set.
- One (1) time out per set and no time outs in the last five (5) minutes of the match.
- Time limit: 50 minutes + 10 minutes warm up

6.2.4. Semi Finals – Year 11-12 & Open Honours

- Best of three (3) sets. Sets 1 & 2 point per rally to 25 points uncapped. Third set point per rally to 15 uncapped.
- No drawn matches. If it is a deciding set, two points advantage will be required to win the set.
- One (1) time out per set and no time outs in the last five (5) minutes of the match.
- Time limit: 50 minutes + 10 minutes warm up

6.2.5. Semi Finals – Incomplete and Deciding Sets

- If the deciding set is incomplete, the team with any two-point lead at the end of time will be awarded the match.
- If the scores are tied, the match will continue until a team gains a two-point advantage.

6.2.6. If the second set is incomplete (set score 1-0) at the end of time, the team that won the first set will be awarded the win. Grand Final – Division A & B

- Best of three (3) sets. Sets 1 & 2 point per rally to 25 points uncapped. Third set point per rally to 15 uncapped.
- No drawn matches. If it is a deciding set, two points advantage will be required to win the set.
- Time limit: 50 minutes + 10 minutes warm-up

6.2.7. Grand Final – Honours

- Best of five (5) sets. Sets 1-4 point per rally to 25 points uncapped. Fifth set point per rally to 15 uncapped.
- No drawn matches. If it is a deciding set, two points advantage will be required to win the set.
- Untimed.

6.3. Warm-Up Protocol

- All matches will follow the following protocol for their allocated 10-minute warm-up time.
- T – 10 min = Time of the game – 10 minutes.
 - T – 10min: Official protocol commences (players are peppering). Coaches check and sign the scoresheet.
 - T – 8min: Coin toss. Both captains need to sign the scoresheet after the coin toss.
 - T – 7min: Warm-up at the net commences, from position 4. Teams need to be in their full playing uniform.
 - T – 4min: Change hitting warm-up to position 2.
 - T – 2min: Serve.
 - T – 1min: Warm up at the net finishes. Teams clear the court.
 - T – 30sec: Referee calls on teams to enter the court.
 - T – 00: First whistle to authorise serve.
- The games will commence at the completion of warm-up.

6.4. Duty

6.4.1. Year 9-12 (Honours Divisions)

- Teams will be rostered for 'Duty' and will need to provide a Second Referee, one Scorer, one Assistant Scorer and two Lines Judges.
- A First Referee will be provided by VWA, but only where possible.
- Duty teams are to report to their assigned court five minutes prior to match warm-up. A VWA Representative will be present at all venues to oversee the games.
- Failure to provide the required duty personnel will result in \$100.00 penalty and loss of one premiership point.
- Duty teams must provide their own whistles for their referees (squeeze or electronic whistles are acceptable).

6.4.2. Year 9-12 (A & B Divisions)

- Teams will be rostered for 'Duty' and will need to provide a First Referee, Second Referee, one Scorer, one Assistant Scorer and two Lines Judges.
- Duty teams are to report to their assigned court five minutes prior to match warm-up. A VWA Representative will be present at all venues to oversee the games.
- Failure to provide the required duty personnel will result in \$100.00 penalty and loss of one premiership point.
- Duty teams must provide their own whistles for their referees (squeeze or electronic whistles are acceptable).

6.4.3. Year 7-8 (All Divisions)

- Teams will be rostered for 'Duty' and will need to provide a Second Referee, one Scorer, one Assistant Scorer, and two Lines Judges.
- A First Referee will be provided by VWA where possible.
- Duty teams are to report to their assigned court five minutes prior to match warm-up. A VWA Representative will be present at all venues to oversee the games.
- Failure to provide the required duty personnel will result in \$100.00 penalty and loss of one premiership point.
- Duty teams must provide their own whistles for their referees (squeeze or electronic whistles are acceptable).

6.4.4. All-Abilities

- Teams will be rostered for duty and will need to provide a First Referee (teacher/able-bodied assisting student etc), and one Scorer. Lines Judges are optional.
- A First Referee will be provided by VWA where possible.
- Duty teams are to report to their assigned court five minutes prior to match warm-up. A VWA Representative will be present at all venues to oversee the games.
- Duty teams must provide their own whistles for their referees (squeeze or electronic whistles are acceptable).

6.5. Forfeits

- Teams are required to attend their court five minutes before the scheduled warm-up time.
- It is the responsibility of the captain to report to the referee at least two minutes before the commencement of the game so that the coin toss does not affect the start of the game.
- After the referee has called the teams to line up for the start of the game, the following applies:
 - If less than five players are present, the first set is forfeited.
 - If less than five players are present after five minutes, the game shall be forfeited.
 - For Grand Final Honours games, if less than five players are present after 10 minutes, the game shall be forfeited.
- Teams not present for Finals will be ineligible to enter the tournament the following year.
- Extenuating circumstances will be considered by the **Chief Referee** and/or **VWA Senior Indoor Coordinator**.

6.6. Net Heights

6.6.1. Honours


	Girls	Boys
Open	2.24m	2.43m
Year 11	2.24m	2.43m
Year 10	2.15m	2.35m
Year 9	2.15m	2.35m
Year 8	2.10m	2.24m

6.6.2. Divisional

	Girls	Boys
Year 12	2.15m	2.35m
Year 11	2.15m	2.35m
Year 10	2.15m	2.35m
Year 9	2.10m	2.24m
Year 8	2.10m	2.24m
Year 7	2.10m	2.15m

6.8.2. All Other Divisions

- All other divisions will use the simplified scoresheet:



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Venue:	Date:	Time:	Court:	Division:
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Team A: _____

No.	Players' Names

versus

Team B: _____

No.	Players' Names

Set Scores

Total	Score	Time Out	Set	Time Out	Score	Total
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Result: _____ defeated _____ Set Score: ____ : ____ Point Score: ____ : ____

A Team Coach Sign: _____ B Team Coach Sign: _____

Referee's Name: _____ Referee's Signature: _____

7. Volleyball Rules

7.1. Honours & Divisions

- Rules from the FIVB Rules of the Game 2025-2028 will be applied with changes that are specific to this competition. The rule book can be found here: [FIVB Official Volleyball Rules 2025-2028](#)

7.1.1. Substitutions

- Teams can rotate players on to serve as a form of substitution or can opt to make direct substitutions.
- Teams must maintain the same substitution method for the entire match.
- **Year 10, 11 & Open Honours will have the twelve-substitution rule applied. Substitution by rotation cannot occur in these divisions.**

7.1.2. Incomplete and Deciding Sets

- Refer to **Section 5.1.4** and **Section 5.2.5**

7.1.3. Forfeits

- Refer to **Section 5.5**

7.2. All-Abilities

- Rules from the FIVB Rules of the Game book 2025-2028 will be applied with changes that are specific to this competition. The rule book can be found here: [FIVB Official Volleyball Rules 2025-2028](#)The rules adapted for the All-Abilities Division are:

7.2.1. Serving

- Players can stand where they feel comfortable inside the baseline to serve. There is no foot fault rule. If they are inside the baseline, they must be within the sidelines (i.e. on the court).
- A player can underarm serve with the ball still resting on their hand without penalty.
- Another player/coach can hold and release the ball for the player to hit over their service if the player is unable to do so themselves.
- The eight (8) second time limit for service is extended.
- If a player does not get their first serve over, they can attempt a second serve before losing the point (similar to tennis).
- Each player can serve a maximum of three (3) serves in. If they win a third point, they do not serve a fourth time, but their team rotates and the next server on their team begins their serve. (This is to ensure a single player does not overwhelm the game for extended periods and promotes the inclusion of the maximum number of participants).

7.2.2. Playing the ball

- There is no carry or double contact fault in the All-Abilities division.
- A player can catch the ball on the full before playing it to a teammate or over the net.
- A player has 3 seconds to dispose of the ball once they have caught it.
- A player can throw, dig, set, or spike the ball after catching it.
- A player does not need to catch the ball at all but can use traditional volleyball skills to volley the ball up to teammates or over the net.
- Normal volleyball rules apply regarding a maximum of three touches to put the ball over the net. A block does not count as a touch.

7.2.3. All-Abilities Libero

- Two players per team can be designated as an All-Abilities Libero identified with a different coloured shirt or a coloured bib.
- The All-Abilities Libero is allowed to catch the ball off one bounce before playing it on.
- The All-Abilities Libero can serve, rotate, and play all positions just like the other players.
- The All-Abilities Libero position is optional for teams and is designed to increase the inclusion of players that require more time to effectively complete the required skills.

7.2.4. Scoring

- Each set is capped at 15 points.
- Three sets are played for every game. If a set is not complete at the end of the allocated time, the team that is in front wins that set. If the score is tied, one extra point is played.

7.2.5. Players and Substitutions

- Teams can rotate players on to serve as a form of substitution or can opt to make direct substitutions. Teams must maintain the same rotation for each entire set.
- Wheelchair users can play and can be assisted with rotating to new positions if necessary.

8. Awards

8.1. Round Match Point Calculation

- The following points system is in place to form the ladder of each division to select the teams eligible for finals:

WIN	DRAW	LOSS	FORFEIT
3	2	1	-1

- If teams are tied on points, the order of ranking will be determined by sets percentage. The team with the highest set percentage (to three decimal points) will be awarded the higher placing in the Round Matches:

$$\text{Set percentage} = \frac{\text{Sets won}}{\text{Sets won} + \text{Sets lost}}$$

- If the tie still exists after the calculation of the Sets percentage, the order of ranking will be determined by Points Ratio. The team with the highest Points ratio (to three decimal points) will be awarded the higher placing in the Round Matches:

$$\text{Points ratio} = \frac{\text{Points won}}{\text{Points lost}}$$

- Please note only in complete or counting sets
- If teams have played an unequal number of games the following applies first:
 - Win ratio: the team with the highest win ratio (to three decimal points) will be awarded the higher placing in the Round Matches:

$$\text{Win ratio} = \frac{\text{Points won}}{\text{Matches played}}$$

8.2. Mikasa MVPs

- There will be a Most Valuable Player (MVP) chosen from the Grand Final match of each division. The First Referee of the match will select the player.

8.3. President's Cup & Aggregate Male/Female Shield

- The President's Cup will be awarded at the end of the Honours Finals and will be determined by each school's top six (6) results.
- The Aggregate Shield will be awarded to the Boy's and Girl's School based on the top four (4) results for each relevant gender.

Honours Division		A Divisions		B Divisions	
WINNERS	120 Points	WINNERS	80 Points	WINNERS	60 Points
RUNNERS UP	110 Points	RUNNERS UP	75 Points	RUNNERS UP	55 Points
EQUAL 3RD	100 Points	EQUAL 3RD	72 Points	EQUAL 3RD	52 Points
EQUAL 5TH	90 Points	EQUAL 5TH	68 Points	EQUAL 5TH	48 Points
EQUAL 7TH	82 Points	EQUAL 7TH	64 Points	EQUAL 7TH	44 Points
EQUAL 9TH	79 Points	EQUAL 9TH	59 Points	EQUAL 9TH	39 Points

9. Disputes, Protests and Appeals

9.1. Disputes

- In a case of a dispute between Schools and/or members, and/or Competition and Schools 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 VA Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy and the VWA Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Addendum.

9.2. Protests

- Protests can occur during the game. A protest can be lodged regarding an incorrect rule interpretation but not ball handling/opinion.
- All protests will be resolved 'on-the-spot' by the VWA Chief Referee.
- The procedure to lodge a protest is as follows:
 - At the conclusion of the point the Coach may lodge a protest. The protest must be lodged immediately and cannot be lodged retrospectively.
 - The 1st Referee will suspend play and call upon the Chief Referee.
 - All protests must be resolved immediately by the Chief Referee.
- The result of the protest is final, and the teams must recommence the match immediately.
- If a team refuses to recommence the match, the team will forfeit the match and will be liable for the forfeit penalties.
- Should the protest be rejected by the VWA Referee Delegate, the Team Coach/Captain that lodged the protest will be sanctioned with a penalty (Red Card).
- Any decision made on the day by the VWA Chief Referee is valid and a team/player in breach of a rule should accept this decision and play on.

9.3. Appeals

- If a Team/Player feels the interpretation of a rule result in a rejected protest was incorrect they are entitled to Appeal the decision.
- The following procedure will apply:
 - The School representative must submit an appeal in writing (by email) to the VWA Competitions and Events Manager managerevents@volleyballwa.com.au by 5:00pm on the next working day following the match.
 - The appeal should note the following information:
 - Situation outlined in detail.

- Chief Referee's ruling.
 - The school's interpretation of the rule.
 - Volleyball Western Australia will respond to the school's letter within three business days to close the matter.
- If the School representative wishes to protest the decision, the following procedure applies:
 - The School representative applies by written submission to the VWA Chief Executive Officer.
 - The written submission must be within 24 hours of the decision reached.
 - The written submission is to be accompanied by an Appeal fee payment of \$150.00. This will be returned to the school 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 decision is final.

10. Risk Management

The effective management of risk is central to VWA achieving its Purpose and Mission. This means VWA must have a current understanding of its risks commensurate with risk analysis and completion of a risk assessment.

10.1. Risk Management Policies

- VWA adopts several policies to manage risk at the event.
- These policies include (but are not limited to):
 - [Concussion Management Policy](#)
 - [Extreme Heat Policy](#)
 - All policies listed above, and further related policies can be found on the Volleyball WA website (<https://volleyballwa.com.au/about-us/policies/>)

10.2. Force Majeure

- For the purpose of these regulations a Force Majeure Event includes (but is not limited to) any or all of the following:
 - 'Acts of God' including flood, drought, earthquake, storm, cyclone, fire, explosion, epidemic; or
 - COVID-19 outbreak; or
 - War; or
 - Terrorism; or
 - Riot or civil disturbances; or
 - Permanent injunction of any duty constituted court of competent jurisdiction; or
 - Any fact, circumstances, matter or thing beyond the reasonable control of VWA
- If VWA is unable to perform, in whole or part in any obligation under these regulations of a Force Majeure Event, VWA is relieved of that obligation under these regulations to the extent, and the period it is unable to perform.
 - In addition to the above, VWA has no obligation to refund any individual or team fees paid if it is unable to perform by reason of Force Majeure Event.
- Force Majeure may only be declared by the Volleyball WA Chief Executive Officer.

11. Relevant Documents

- [VA Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy](#)
- [VA Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy](#)
- [VA Social Media Policy](#)
- [VWA Codes of Conduct](#)
- [VWA Diversity and Inclusion Policy](#)
- [VWA Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Addendum](#)
- [VWA Concussion Management Policy](#)
- [VWA Extreme Heat Policy](#)
- [VWA Membership Agreement](#)
- [VA Member Protection Policy](#)
- [VWA Photography and Videography Policy](#)
- [VWA Social Media Addendum](#)
- [Working With Children Check Policy](#)

12. 2026 Volleyball Events

For additional information, visit the Volleyball WA website: www.volleyballwa.com.au

12.1. Western Australia

Date	Event
Saturday, 22 August	WAVL State League Grand Finals
Friday, 7 August	WAVJL Finals
Friday, 14 August	WAVJL Champion of Champions
Friday, 21 August	WA Schools Cup Year 11-12 & All Abilities
Wednesday-Friday, 18-19 August	WA Schools Cup Year 7-10
Saturday, 29 August	WA Schools Cup Honours Finals
Sunday, 13 September	WAVL Grand Finals
Saturday, 17 October	Australian Volleyball Super League – Perth Steel Home Round
Sunday, 1 November	Australian Volleyball Super League – Perth Steel Home Round
Sunday, 22 November	Think Again. High School Beach Cup – Term 4
Wednesday, 11 November & Sunday, 15 November	WA Youth Beach Trials
October 2026 – March 2027	Alcohol. Think Again Beach Volleyball Tour

12.2. National Events

Date	Event
September - November 2026	Australian Volleyball Super League
6-12 December	Australian Volleyball Schools Cup

13. Appendixes

13.1. Warwick Stadium

- [Warwick Stadium Evacuation Procedure](#)

13.2. HBF Arena Joondalup

- [HBF Arena Joondalup Evacuation Procedure](#)

13.3. The Rise Recreation Centre

- [The Rise Recreation Centre Evacuation Procedure](#)

13.4. Kingsway Indoor Stadium

- [Kingsway Indoor Stadium Evacuation Procedure](#)

13.5. Bendat Basketball Centre Evacuation Procedure

- [Bendat Basketball Centre Evacuation Procedure](#)

13.6. Gold Netball Centre Evacuation Procedure

- [Gold Netball Centre Evacuation Procedure](#)