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Event Entry Information

1. Overview

The WA Volleyball Junior League (WAVJL) is the premier volleyball competition for junior athletes in Western Australia, featuring both male and female divisions for players of various skill levels. The league serves as an essential platform to developing local talent and fostering competitive play across the state. Bringing together teams from Volleyball WA Clubs and Schools, WAVJL creates a dynamic environment where athletes compete for championship titles while showcasing their skills, teamwork and sportsmanship.

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 of the WAVJL Competition and Regulations Handbook and associated documentation can be decided by the WAVJL Technical Committee in the first instance and thereafter the VWA Chief Executive Officer and / or the VWA Board of Management as required.

1.2. WAVJL Technical Committee

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

- Chair of the Committee – VWA Competitions & Events Manager
- Chairperson of the Junior Working Group
- VWA Events Coordinator

In instances where any member of the committee has conflict of interest due to the clubs they are associated with; they will be replaced by suitable VWA representatives.

1.3 WAVJL Review

The WAVJL Competitions and Regulations Handbook is to be reviewed annually. All requested changes to the Handbook are to be submitted in writing to the VWA Events Coordinator (events@volleyballwa.com.au).

1.4 Volleyball WA Commitment Statement to Safeguarding Children and Young People

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

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- **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 practice to safeguard all participants.

1.5 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.

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1.7 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.

- **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.

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- **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](#)

2. Definitions

In the WAVJL Junior League Competitions and Regulations Handbook the following words and phrases have the following definitions:

- **Administrative Fee** refers to a fee that occurs as a result of a club not complying with particular rules and regulations within this handbook.
- **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 WAVJL Competitions and Regulations Handbook include a club or school affiliate to VWA and a school affiliation with a VWA Club.
- **Club(s)** means those VWA-affiliated Clubs and Associations that fulfill the requirements as described in the VWA Constitution and the VWA Club/Association Affiliation Package.
- **Exposure** is a tournament and league management software that is used by Volleyball WA.
- **FIVB** means the Federation Internationale de Volleyball, which is the international governing body for volleyball.
- **FTEM** Pathway Model (Foundations, Talent, Elite and Mastery) is developed by the Australian Institute of Sport is a holistic model for athlete development, encompassing various stages of a player's journey from early skills to high-performance and sustained success.
- **GEST** means Guaranteed Earliest Start Time.
- **In Charge** means being in control of the behaviour of and conduct of the individual players within a Club/School team during the Junior League season.
- **Infringement** means a breach of one of the VWA WAVJL League Rules and Regulations and / or the FIVB Rules of the Game.
- **Junior Player** means a player under 19 at 31 December of each calendar year.
- **Organisations** means Clubs, Associations or Schools who enter the WA Volleyball Junior League.
- **Person of Interest** refers to a person who is unfinancial with Volleyball WA.
- **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.
- **Schools** means an education institution registered with the Western Australian Education department. 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 affiliate to a VWA Club.'
- **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.
- **VWA Codes of Conduct** means the requirements of every individual and organisation (affiliate Club or School) to be bound by the VWA Member Protection Policy Codes of Conduct.
- **VWA Member Protection Policy** means the policy which aims to ensure that the core values, good reputation and positive behaviours and attitudes are maintained within the volleyball community in Western Australia. This policy also includes the Complaint Management procedure for VWA and its affiliates.
- **WAVL** means the Western Australian Volleyball League.
- **WAVJL** means the Western Australian Volleyball Junior League.

3. Affiliate Requirements

To be eligible to compete in WAVJL, Clubs and Schools must be affiliated with VWA. Clubs are required to be VWA Platinum Affiliates and Schools are required to be at least VWA Silver Affiliates.

The following conditions must be met by Affiliates nominating to play:

- Clubs and Schools can enter teams in any division/hub.
- Affiliates must ensure that all players are Platinum or WAVJL members of VWA prior to playing their first WAVJL game. Fines for non-members will apply from Round Two.
- Players who are 'unfinancial' with either VWA and / or a Club will not be eligible to play.
- Clubs and Schools must have a minimum of one coach and / or teacher with a minimum of a Level 1 Coaching accreditation.
- All teams must be supervised by either a coach or adult supervisor. If a coach is under 18 years old, an adult supervisor is required.
- All Affiliates and their nominated teams and their participants are expected to adhere to the [VWA Codes of Conduct](#), and the [VWA Member Protection Policy Codes of Conduct](#).

4. Nomination Fees

All Clubs will be required to nominate via the VWA Club Portal, and all Schools will be required to nominate via an online form by the nomination closing date as determined by VWA.

Late nominations will only be accepted if they are of benefit to the league/division.

4.3 Nominations

Affiliates can nominate multiple teams in each division; they will be required to select a specific [WAVJL Hub](#) for each team nominated. Clubs can nominate teams across different Hubs.

North Hub	Central and South Hubs
Year 7/8 Male and Female	Year 7 Male and Female
Year 9/10 Male and Female	Year 8 Male and Female
Year 11/12 Male and Female	Year 9 Male and Female
	Year 10 Male and Female
	Year 11/12 Male and Female

4.3.1 Division Composition

- VWA has the discretion to rearrange divisions and WAVJL Hubs based on the ability to facilitate the draw.
- Once nominations close, all Club and School Affiliates will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss the divisions and the distribution of teams across the various Hubs.

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4.4 Nomination Fees

- All team nomination fees (including finals) for all Club/School teams will be invoiced to the Affiliate.
- Team Nomination Fees are due by Round Two, unless otherwise arranged with VWA.
- Penalties will apply if payments are not made on time; this could include fines and forfeiture of games.

4.5 Withdrawals

- Once nominations close, if a Club/School withdraws a team prior to and including Round Two of the competition, the Club/School will pay a withdrawal fee equal to \$250.
- If a Club/School withdraws a team after Round Two of the competition, all Nomination fees for that team are payable as well as an administration fee.

4.6 Team Lists

The purpose of team lists is to assist Clubs/Schools to ensure their players at the beginning of the season hold a valid VWA Membership. It will also assist VWA with the administration of player memberships.

- Teams are required to submit a team sheet to the VWA Events Coordinator by the designated date set by VWA.
- All team lists and amendments can be emailed to events@volleyballwa.com.au
- This allows for VWA to check memberships and membership fines.

5. Membership

All players are required to be a 'WAVJL' or 'Platinum Under 19' Member of VWA. The WAVJL Membership only allows participation in WAVJL (no other VWA Events or Activities).

- VWA Memberships are non-refundable and / or non-transferable.
- All VWA Memberships will be valid between 1st April and 31st March of the following calendar year.
- All players must purchase their Memberships through the VWA Member Portal. It is the Affiliates' responsibility to ensure that all players have valid memberships.

5.3 One-Game Membership

VWA will offer a One-Game WAVJL Game Membership for players who are filling in, in WAVJL without the need to purchase a full membership.

This can be purchased using this QR Code or the QR Code with venue coordinators at venues.



5.4 Fines

Failure to comply with these rules will result in:

- A \$25.00 fine per round played as a non-member, payable by the Affiliate.
- Affiliates will be invoice prior to the next round.
- Fines for non-members will apply from Round Two onwards.
- Membership checks will be cross checked with the provided team lists.

6. Player Eligibility

For indoor volleyball, youth players can play both WAVL and WAVJL. Players are only eligible to play in one team per round unless they are playing to avoid forfeit.

6.3 School Students

All school students must represent their affiliated school/club team when playing in WAVJL.

- School students playing in WAVJL are permitted to play for another club team in WAVL.

6.4 Gender

- Girls can play in a boys' team of the same school year or older.
- Boys can only play in boys' teams.

6.5 WA Athletes Representing Australia

- VWA has adopted the VA FTEM Pathway Model (Fundamentals, Talent, and Elite & Master) and to this end are supportive of the ongoing pathway development of all Australian VolleyRoo athletes.
- All Western Australian players representing Australia are eligible to play in WAVJL. Please refer to section 6.5 below for Eligibility for Finals.

6.6 Player Transfers

- Players cannot transfer to another Club/School team during the season after playing one game for the Club/School team*.
 - *An exemption applies if the student changes school.
- If a player is unfinancial with a Club/School, it is the responsibility of the Club President/School Teacher to notify VWA of the status. The individual player will then be placed on the VWA 'Unfinancial List'.

6.7 Eligibility for Finals

Players must have played a **minimum** for three games to be eligible for WAVJL Finals. The following exceptions apply:

- WA Athlete representing Australia not residing in Western Australia:
 - To be eligible to play in the final series, a Western Australian player must have played **at least two** games.
- In the event of having more than one team in any division and hub, a player can only play in the final's series in the division/hub and the team he/she has played the most games for.

7. Competition Structure

- All divisions in WAVJL will have a minimum of four teams.
- All divisions will play on Friday nights.
- There will be no duty requirements in Year 9, 10, 11 and 12.
- There is a duty requirement in Year 7 and 8.

7.3 WAVJL Hubs

WAVJL will split into three hubs to reduce travel times for players and families involved for pool play games.

- Potential venues are as follows:
 - North Hub – Kingsway, Greenwood College, The Rise
 - Central Hub – The Rise, Trinity College, Guildford Grammar, Perth HPC, MLC, Belmont
 - South Hub – Aquinas College, Cockburn, Murdoch University, Rossmoyne

7.4 Times

- All match schedules, including dates, times, teams, court number and venue will be available on Exposure throughout the season.
- All divisions will be played on Friday nights, across the following time slots
 - 5:45pm
 - 6:45pm
 - 7:45pm
 - And 8:45pm (Year 11/12 division only) timeslots.

8. Uniforms

All players must wear uniforms in approved Club/School colours and in accordance with FIVB Rules of the game shall be worn by all players during matches.

- The uniforms must be presentable and have no obvious flaws such as fading and / or tears.
- Leggings that are neutral (black, white, skin coloured) or the same colour as the club uniform bottoms may be worn under the uniform to cover the legs.
- Hats are not permitted.
- The captain is **not** required to have a bar underneath their playing number.
- Playing uniforms must be worn from the hitting warm up onwards.

Any changes to the current Club uniforms which also includes new designs must be submitted to the VWA Events Coordinator events@volleyballwa.com.au no later than eight weeks prior to the commencement of the season. The request needs to contain the proposed design/change to the design for players including the design for the Libero shirt.

The Chief Referee will make the final decision in any disputes relating to uniforms.

8.3 WAVJL Uniform Exemptions

- Numbers are optional on playing shirts, if one player has a number, the rest of the team will need a number.
 - It is permissible for players to use tape to tape on numbers onto their playing shirts.

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- Should a School team nominated player be filling in with a team that is wearing the Club uniform, it is the Club's responsibility to ensure that the player is wearing a Club uniform.
- For any exemptions, requests must be submitted to managerevents@volleyballwa.com.au by no later than Monday, 9am prior to the scheduled fixture.

8.4 School Teams

- School teams will be allowed to play in a school uniform (i.e. they do not need to wear a Club uniform) as long as that uniform is worn by all team members.

8.5 Uniforms Supporting Religious and Cultural Beliefs

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

- This may include, but is not restricted to:
 - The wearing of traditional Muslim head scarf.
 - The wearing of leggings or tracksuits under the uniform to cover legs.
 - The wearing of long sleeve top under the uniform to cover arms.

VWA requires that:

- Headscarves can be tied but are not to be fastened with any pins or sharp objects.
- Colours of headscarves or other garments must resemble the predominant colour of the team uniform or be of a neutral colour. Black, white, brown and beige all constitute a neutral colour.

8.6 Libero

Libero players must play in a playing top that is in accordance with FIVB Rules of the Game.

8.7 Uniform Infringements

The match referee/WAVJL Venue Coordinator and or Chief Referee will enforce the uniform regulations

- Players out of uniform cannot take to the court.
- If the game has already started the player will be told to leave the court by the Referee.
- A team can perform the one of the following:
 - Call a time out and change the player's uniform. This is required to occur within 30 seconds or
 - Make a substitution (a regular not exceptional substitution).
- If a team cannot perform one of the above options:
 - The first set is forfeited.
 - The team then has further three (3) minutes to remedy the player's uniform situation.

8.8 Sponsorship – Uniform Requirements

All information with regards to the approval of Club/School sponsors is as per the VWA Club/Association Affiliation Package.

- Sponsorship logos are permissible on the playing uniforms; these include:

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- On the shorts not exceeding 72mm x 72mm.
- On the shirt not exceeding 72mm x 72mm; and
- The logos must not obscure the Club/School name or logo or player's number, if applicable.

The request to display a sponsorship logo on the player's uniforms during the season must be approved in writing by VWA prior to wearing a playing uniform with a sponsorship logo displayed. Contact should be made to events@volleyballwa.com.au

On-Event Information

9. Competition Structure

9.3 Format

- All matches will be timed at 50-minute games, plus a 10-minute warm up.
- No time-outs will be permitted in the last five minutes of the match.

9.3.1 Sets

- All matches will be three compulsory sets, with each set to 21 points, point for rally (uncapped in the first two sets only).
- If the third set is incomplete when time has finished the set score is not recorded on Exposure unless it is a deciding set.

9.3.2 Deciding Third Sets

- If both teams have won one set the deciding set will be awarded to whichever team has more points at the end of the set.
- Teams can win by one (1) point.
- If teams are even at the end of the game, the next point wins.
- There are no draws.

9.4 Net Heights

The following net heights will be used for each division in 2025.

Division	Net Height	Holes Showing
7/8 Female	2.10m	2
9/10 Female	2.15m	3
11/12 Female	2.24m	4
7/8 Male	2.24m	4
9/10 Male	2.35m	5
11/12 Male	2.43m	6

9.4.1 Venue Constraints and Serving- Year 7/8 Divisions

- Due to venue constraints, Year 7/8 divisions may be allocated to some venues with shorter courts (not regulation size). As such, only the Year 7/8 divisions are permitted to compete on shorter courts.
- Players competing in Year 7/8 divisions are permitted to take one step maximum into court to serve if required, in order to facilitate gameplay.
- Players are not required to do so if they are able to serve behind the baseline.

9.5 Game Times GEST (Guaranteed Earliest Start Time)

- All matches will operate under the GEST system.
- Teams must be ready to start their match 10 minutes prior to the listed game time to allow for the allocated warm up period.

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9.6 Team listed on Scoresheets

- A player arriving late may be added to the scoresheet providing the team has enough players to commence the match (five players minimum) and the player meets the eligibility requirements.
- Only players present and in uniform shall be listed on the scoresheet.
- If a player is listed on the scoresheet but then does not take the court during the game, the referee is responsible to cross out this player's name off the scoresheet.
- Only players that entered the court and were named on the scoresheet will be regarded as having played.

9.7 Substitutions

- 12 substitutions per team per set will be allowed or teams are able to rotate on to serve.
 - Either method must be used for the entirety of the set.
 - At the beginning of a new set, teams can change their method of substitution.
- The referee must be made aware of a team's chosen substitution method.

9.8 Libero

- Libero players may be used in all divisions.
- If teams are using a Libero, the Libero must be indicated by playing in a contrasting top to the rest of the team.
- The Coach may nominate one player as the Libero player to play in each set.
- A different player can be used as Libero in each set, but during the same set only the one nominated player may play as the nominated Libero.

9.9 Match Protocol

9.9.1 10 Minute Warm Up

All matches will follow the following protocol for their allocated 10-minute warm-up time.

- T - 10min = Time of game - 10 minutes. The games will commence at the completion of warm-up.

T - 10 min	Official Protocol commences (players are peppering)
T - 8 min	Coin Toss
T - 7 min	Warm up at the net commences, from position 4 Teams need to be in their full playing uniform
T - 4 min	Change hitting warm up to position 2
T - 2 min	Serve
T - 1 min	Warm up at the net finished Teams to clear the court
T - 30 sec	Referee calls on the teams to enter the court
T - 00	First whistle to authorise serve

Forfeits

9.10 Procedures

After the referee has called the teams to line up for the start of a game, if six players are not present the following applies:

- The game can be played with five players.
- The game will be forfeited if there are not five players available to play.

9.10.1 To avoid a forfeit

- WAVJL can be played with five players.
- A player may 'fill in' for a team of the same Affiliate in the same age group or higher.
- A fill in player who does not have a VWA Membership can purchase the WAVJL one- game membership to fill in for one game.
- If a player becomes injured during the game resulting in four players on court, the game may be continued with four players.

9.11 Forfeit Fees

- Forfeiting teams shall pay a fine equal to \$100.
- Teams that won games by the forfeit of the opposition will have this fee refunded at the end of the season.
- If there is a retrospective forfeit during the season (e.g. the game has already been played) there will be no forfeit fees refunded to the opposing team.

10. Finals

10.3 Finals Format

Format	Round 1	Round 2
4 teams	Semi Final #1 1 st vs 4 th Semi Final #2 2 nd vs 3 rd	Grand Final W Semi Final #1 vs W Semi Final #2

- Final's structure will be confirmed once nominations have closed, and the division composition meeting is held.
- If a division has more than one pool, then a crossover finals format will apply.
- If a division has more than two pools, then the resolution of the finals format will be determined by the WAVJL Technical Committee.

10.4 Champion of Champions Format

- The Format for Champion of Champions will be determined by the VWA Events Coordinator and will be based on the sizes of divisions in each hub.

10.5 Finals Eligibility

- In the event of having more than one team in any division, a player can only play in the final's series in the division and the team he/she has played the most games for.
 - Players can only play in one team in the final's week.

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- If a player has played more games in a higher division, they must play in the higher division team regardless of where they were nominated.

11. Requirements for Referees and Coaches

11.3 Volleyball Rules

- Referees will referee according to the current Official FIVB/VA Volleyball Rules.
- All players are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the Volleyball Rules and abide by the [VWA Member Protection Policy Code of Conduct](#).

11.4 Referees

- All referees are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the Volleyball Rules and abide by the [VWA Member Protection Policy Code of Conduct](#).
- Year 7 and 8 age groups will operate under a duty system, being assigned to a game either after or prior to their scheduled game.
- All referees will be appointed by VWA in Year 9, 10, 11 and 12.
- WAVJL will have one referee per game. The role of the referee includes completing the scoresheets/flipping the scoreboard.
- The referee is required to be present on court for the start of warm-up.
- The referee is also responsible for ensuring that all bags etc. are placed under the chairs at the back of the court, as well as ensuring that bench areas are clean and tidy at the completion of the game.

11.4.1 Uniform and Event Etiquette

- Referees are expected to wear the following:
 - A VWA-issued polo shirt or plain black T-shirt/polo shirt or blue referee shirt.
 - Black shorts or pants.
 - Duty Teams may wear their club uniform instead of the above requirements.
 - Enclosed shoes at all times. This does not include crocs/sandal/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.
 - To eat or drink or ice their own injuries.

11.4.2 Referee Payments

All currently accredited referees appointed by VWA, officiating WAVJL games will be paid. Payment rates can be obtained from Volleyball WA prior to accepting a referee rostered position.

- The referee will be paid for officiating from the commencement of the game (the first whistle).
- All referee payments will be processed fortnightly, and all VWA payment information forms are required to be completed prior to payments being made. They are available from the VWA Events Coordinator events@volleyballwa.com.au.

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11.5 Chief Referees

The VWA Referee Committee will strive to appoint a person (s) for a paid position as a Chief Referee who will be available to be always contacted during the WAVJL rounds.

11.6 Coaches

- All teams are required to have qualified coaches. A minimum of a Volleyball Australia Level 1 accreditation is required for all coaches.
- All coaches are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the Volleyball Rules and abide by the [VWA Member Protection Policy Code of Conduct](#).

11.6.1 Coach Availability

- If no coach is available, then each Club/School team must have an individual over 18 years old 'in charge' of the team. This person must not be a player rostered on the team.
- The coach/person in charge of the team is required to be available from the commencement of the warm-up period of the completion of the game.

11.6.2 Uniform and Event Etiquette

- Coaches and / or Teachers are required to wear the following:
 - Their Club's/School's playing/team uniform/polo/tracksuit; and
 - Enclosed shoes at all times. This does not include crocs/sandals/slides.

Post-Event Information

12. Awards

12.3 Most Valuable Player (MVP) Best and Fairest

Most Valuable Player (MVP) Best and Fairest Awards will be presented in each division and will be voted upon by the referee in consultation with Venue Coordinator/VWA Staff of the Grand Final game.

- Players are only eligible to receive the MVP award for the division that they qualify in to play the finals.

13. Premiership Points

The premiership points schedule for all WAVJL divisions are:

Result	Points
Win	3 points
Loss	0 points
Forfeit	-2 points for not fielding a team

14. Team Placings

Positions will be determined by:

- First by Premiership Points Average (rounded to four decimal places).
- Then by Sets won percentage (rounded to four decimal places).
- Then by Points won percentage (rounded to four decimal places).
- Premiership points average will be calculated by premiership points / games played.
- Percentages will be calculated by the following formula:
 - Wins (Sets or Points) / Total played (Sets or Points).

15. Sanctions

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

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

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

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

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- If necessary, suspensions will be passed into the following WAVJL Season.
- Where applicable, suspensions may also be passed into the WAVL Season.

16. Disputes

In the case of a dispute between Clubs/Schools and / or members, and / or Competition and Club/School 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 Member Protection Policy](#).

17. Protests and Appeals

17.3 Protests

The following protests can occur:

- Protest during the game: a protest can be lodged regarding an incorrect rule interpretation, excluding judgement calls or ball handling errors; and
- If a protest is rejected, the Club/School may follow the process to lodge an appeal.

17.3.1 Procedure for lodging a protest during the game

All protests will be resolved 'on-the-spot' by the Chief Referee. The procedure to lodge a protest is as follows:

- At the conclusion of the point either the Coach or the Team Captain may lodge a protest. The protest must be lodged immediately and cannot be lodged retrospectively.
- The Referee will suspend play and call upon the WAVJL Venue Coordinator who will contact 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 the protest pertains to a sanction as outlined here and the sanction is deemed invalid, then consultation should take place with the Chief Referee before any action is taken.

If a team refuses to recommence the match, the team will forfeit the match and will be liable for the forfeit penalties.

- Should the protest be rejected by the Chief Referee, the team coach/captain that lodged the protest will be sanctioned with a Rude Conduct in accordance with the FIVB Sanction scale.
- Any decision made on the day by Chief Referee is valid and a team/player in breach of a rule should accept this decision and play on.
- Subsequent rejected protests in the same match by the same team will result in a Disqualification being awarded to the relevant team coach/captain.

17.4 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.

17.4.1 Procedure for lodging an appeal

The following procedure will apply:

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- The Club President/ School Teacher 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 WAVJL Round.
- The appeal should note the following information:
 - Situation outlined in detail.
 - The Chief Referee's ruling.
 - The Club's/School's interpretation of the rule.
- The appeal will be presented to the WAVJL Technical Committee who will respond to the Club's letter within three business days.

17.4.2 Procedure for protesting the WAVJL Technical Committee decision

If the Club President/School Teach wishes to protest the decision of the WAVJL Technical Committee the following procedure applies:

- The Club President/School Teacher applies by written submission to the VWA Chief Executive Officer.
- The written submission must be within 24 hours of the decision reached by the WAVJL Technical Committee. The written submission is to be accompanied by an Appeal Fee payment of \$150.00 (which will be returned to the Club if the appeal is successful; if the appeal is unsuccessful, then the appeal fee payment will be retained by VWA).
- The VWA Chief Executive Officer's (if applicable) decision is final.

18. Appendix & Relevant Procedures

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

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