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VOLLEYBALL WA
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

ATA WA Country State Championships

Rules and Regulations



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1. Overview

The Alcohol. Think Again WA Country State Championship is the annual opportunity for Regional Club teams to compete against each other to determine the best in Western Australia.

1.1. 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.

1.2. Photography and Videography Policy

- All participants, officials and staff are required to comply with the VWA Photography and Videography Policy (**Section 10**). 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.

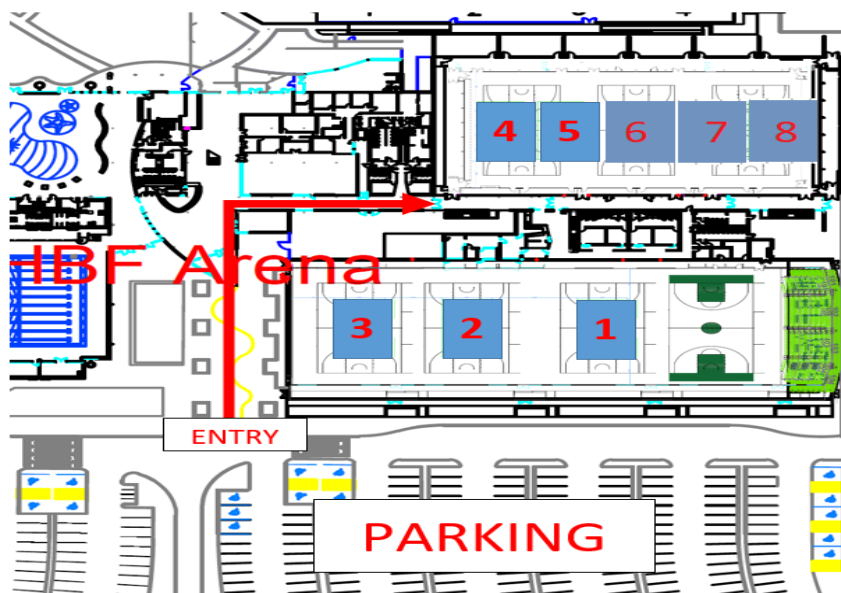
2. Key Dates and Venue

2.1. Key Dates

Date	Activity
Monday, 15 th June	Registrations open in club portal
Sunday, 16 th August	Registrations close
Wednesday, 19 th August	Wildcard outcomes
Thursday, 20 th August	Associations invoiced for teams Teams that withdraw after this date must to pay the nomination fee
Thursday 3 rd September	Invoices due
Friday, 11 th September	Fixtures released
Saturday & Sunday, 26-27 th September	WA Country State Championship

2.2. Venue

- Arena Joondalup
 - Address: Kennedy Dr, Joondalup WA 6027
 - Phone: (08) 9300 3355
 - Website: <https://www.arenajoondalup.com.au/>
 - [Evacuation Procedure](#)
 - Court layout:



3. Event Entry

3.1. Event Entries

- Event entries will open on Monday, 15th June.
- Entries will close on Monday, 17th August.
- All entries are to be made via the club portal.
 - For any issues, please contact participation@volleyballwa.com.au
- The cost to enter is \$440.00 per team.
- **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).
- 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.

3.1.1. Payment

- Clubs and Associations will be invoiced following team nominations.
- Acceptable payment methods:
 - Credit card over the phone (08) 9228 8522
 - EFTPOS
 - Direct Debit BSB: 066 016 ACC: 902237

3.2. Association Eligibility

- This tournament is open to all Volleyball WA affiliated regional associations.
- Each regional association is eligible to **enter one team per division.**

- Should Associations wish to enter more than one team per division, during nominations they may apply for a wildcard entry into their requested division.

3.3. Player Eligibility

- Players must be Platinum or Gold members of Volleyball WA and they must also be members of their respective club or association.
- Athletes who are currently a member of a metro club may play for their country region of previous residence.
- Athletes currently a member of a country association who are not putting forward a team, are able to represent a different country association.

3.4. Divisions

- The competition will be divided by gender (Male and Female) and Grades (A, A Reserve and B).

A Division		A Reserve Division		B Division	
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female

3.5. 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)
- Libero players' uniforms must contrast in colour with the rest of the team's uniform.
- All players must wear enclosed shoes whilst playing.

3.6. 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.

4. Injuries and Insurance

4.1. Insurance for Players

- Details about the Personal Accident Insurance and how to make a claim can be found following this link: <https://www.honansport.com.au/volleyball-australia/personal-injury-insurance/>

4.2. 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.
- For serious injuries, please visit the closest Hospital:
 - Joondalup Health Campus (Public)
 - Address: Cnr Grand Blvd & Shenton Ave, Joondalup WA 6027
 - Phone: (08) 9400 9400

5. Event Information

5.1. Game 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.
- It is the responsibility of the winning team to bring the completed and signed (by all parties) score sheet to the Tournament Director's desk.
- Teams are permitted 12 substitutes per set and each player may make three (3) entries on the scoresheet. The starting line-up counts as the first entry.
- Volleyball WA reserves the right to alter any of the regulations if it benefits the competition.

5.1.1. Round Matches & Semi Finals

- 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 team per set and no time outs in the last five (5) minutes of the match.
- Time limit: 50 minutes + 10 minutes warm-up.

5.1.2. Grand Finals

- Best of five (5) sets. Sets 1-4 point per rally to 25 points uncapped. Fifth set point per rally to 15 uncapped.
- Two (2) time outs per team per set.
- Untimed.

5.1.3. 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 in the matches, the team with any point lead will be awarded the set and thus the match.
 - If scores are level, the next point wins the set and thus the match.

5.2. Warm Up Protocol

- Teams will follow the 10-minute warm up protocol for this event:
 - T - 10min** Official Protocol commences (Players are peppering)
Coaches check and sign the scoresheet
 - T - 8min** Coin toss
Both captains need to sign the score sheet 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

5.3. Duty

- Teams will be rostered for 'Duty' and must provide a First Referee, Second Referee, one Scorer, and two Lines Judges.
- Duty teams are to report to their assigned court five minutes prior to match warm-up.
- Failure to provide the required duty personnel will result in a loss of one premiership point.
- Duty teams must provide their own whistles for their referees.

5.4. Forfeits

- Teams are required to attend their court five minutes before the scheduled 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, 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.
- Extenuating circumstances will be considered by the **VWA Tournament Director**.

5.5. Net Heights

- Male division: 2.43m
- Female division: 2.24m

5.6. Match Balls

- The official match balls for the competition are the Mikasa V200W

5.7. Scoresheets

- Teams will use the [WAVL 12-substitution scoresheet](#).

6. Volleyball Rules

6.1. Rules of the Game

- 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: https://www.fivb.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/FIVB-Volleyball_Rules2025_2028-EN-v05.pdf

6.1.1. Incomplete and Deciding Sets

- Refer to **Section 5.1.3**

6.1.2. Forfeits

- Refer to **Section 5.4**

7. Awards

7.1. Game 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

- In the case of two teams being on equal points, the placing will be decided by:
 - Win % (Total games won / total games played)
 - Set % (Total sets won / total sets played)
 - Points % (Total points won / total points played)
 - Winner of previous encounter

7.2. Most Valuable Player Award

- Most valuable player votes will be on a 3, 2, 1 basis, with 3 being the most valuable player.
- In the case of a tie, the player with the most '3' votes will be declared the winner.

7.3. Game Awards

- Medals and trophies will be awarded in each division to:
 - State Champion
 - State Championship Runner Up
 - MVP

7.4. Country State Championship Perpetual Shield

- There will be a perpetual shield which will record the winners from each division. This shield will remain at the Volleyball WA State Office. Points for this will be allocated as follows:

	A Grade	A Reserve Grade	B Grade
1 st Place	50 points	40 points	30 points
2 nd Place	40	30	20
3 rd Place	30	20	10
4 th Place	20	10	5
5 th Place	10	5	3
6 th Place	5	3	2
7 th -13 th Place	3	2	1

8. Disputes, Protests and Appeals

8.1. Disputes

- In a case of a dispute between Teams, and/or Competition 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 (**Section 10**) and the VWA Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Addendum (**Section 10**).

8.2. 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 Tournament Director.
- 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 Tournament Director.
 - All protests must be resolved immediately by the Tournament Director.
- 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 Tournament Director, 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 Tournament Director is valid and a team/player in breach of a rule should accept this decision and play on.

8.3. 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 Team representative must submit an appeal in writing (by email) to the **VWA Participation Manager** (participation@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.
 - Tournament Director's ruling.
 - The Team's interpretation of the rule.
 - Volleyball Western Australia will respond to the letter within three business days.
- If the Team representative wishes to protest the decision, the following procedure applies:
 - The Team 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 (which will be returned to the Team if the Appeal is successful; if the Appeal is unsuccessful then the Appeal fee payment will be retained by VWA).
 - If applicable, the VWA Chief Executive Officer will forward the protest information to the VWA Board of Management and/or consult with another person(s) that has the relevant expertise so as to ensure that an informed decision is made.
 - The VWA Chief Executive Officer/VWA Board (if applicable) decision is final.

9. 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.

9.1. 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/>)

9.2. 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.

10. Relevant Documents

- [Photography and Videography Policy](#)
- [VA Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Policy](#)
- [VA Member Protection Policy](#)
- [VA Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy](#)
- [VWA Complaints, Disputes and Discipline Addendum](#)
- [Diversity and Inclusion Policy](#)
- [VWA Anti-Harassment Policy](#)