

# AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL SCHOOL CUP



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Australian Volleyball Schools Cup is the largest school-based sporting event in the Southern hemisphere, attracting hundreds of teams from across Australia, plus international teams.

The event is the responsibility of Volleyball Australia, and is organised by the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup Event Commission.

These Regulations have been developed to provide an event that is professionally delivered and fair to all who participate, and to provide an environment that encourages ever increased levels of competition, which the Commission believes to be the prime ingredients in maximising the enjoyment of everyone involved. Regrettably, penalties for non-compliance become necessary, but are set to be reasonable considering the impact non-compliance has on the organisers and other participants.

1.2 "State" implies State or Territory.

1.3 The following abbreviations have been used in these regulations:

VA	Volleyball Australia
AVSC	Australian Volleyball Schools Cup
AVSC EC	Australian Volleyball Schools Cup Events Commission
Tournament Director	Technical Delegate (Competition)
Chief Referee	Technical Delegate (Referees)

## 2. DIVISIONS & ELIGIBILITY

### 2.1 Competitions

2.1.1 The tournament shall be conducted in separate competitions for boys and girls

2.1.2 Only female students may play in girl's competitions.

2.1.3 Male or female players may play in boy's competitions, subject to Regulation 3.1.

### 2.2 Age Groups

2.2.1 The following age groups shall be offered:

Open (U20)	Born 1991 or later	Cannot turn 20 or older in the year of the event
Under 17	Born 1994 or later	Cannot turn 17 or older in the year of the event
Under 16	Born 1995 or later	Cannot turn 16 or older in the year of the event
Under 15	Born 1996 or later	Cannot turn 15 or older in the year of the event
Under 14	Born 1997 or later	Cannot turn 14 or older in the year of the event

### 2.3 Divisions

2.3.1 The tournament shall be divided into Honours and Divisional sections as follows:

Honours Section	Divisional Section
Open (Under 20)	Open (Under 20) – Divisions 1 or 2
Under 17	Under 17 – Divisions 1 or 2
Under 16	Under 16 – Divisions 1 or 2
Under 15	Under 15 – Divisions 1 or 2
N/A	Under 14 – Divisions 1 or 2

2.3.2 A minimum of 8 players must be nominated for entry into an Honours division, 7 players for other divisions.

2.3.3 The AVSC EC reserves the right to merge Divisions or create additional Divisions, subject to nominations.



## 2.4 Rankings

- 2.4.1 The following rankings, based on State School Cup events, shall apply for admission to the various divisions:

Division	Qualification
Honours (Open, U17, U16, U15)	Top three placegetters from each state event automatically qualify. To qualify in Honours your team <b>must</b> play in your relevant Schools Cup in the age group you wish to compete in at AVSC.  Only one team per school is eligible to compete in each Honours age division. Additional entries please see 2.4.3.
Division 1 (All Age Groups)	Preference to the top ranked 5 teams from each state. For age groups with Honours divisions, this ranking applies after Honours qualifiers.
Division 2 (All Age Groups)	No qualifications required.

- 2.4.2 In the event there is no State Cup Qualification Tournament in a particular state then a Coordinator shall be appointed for that state who shall nominate the teams that he/she deems appropriate for a particular division.
- 2.4.3 Teams who do not automatically qualify for Honours may apply for the wild card position. Refer to 2.4.1
- 2.4.3 Wild card entries may be granted into each Honours division at the sole discretion of the AVSC EC. Additional wild card entries may only be approved by the AVSC EC. The principal reason for conferring wildcard entries is division balance. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into.
- 2.4.5 Should a team not gain entry into Honours they will be automatically entered into Division 1 for that age group.
- 2.4.6 Teams nominating for Honours Divisions will be notified of their acceptance / non-acceptance within one week of the close of nominations.

## 3 TEAM ELIGIBILITY

### 3.1 Australian Teams

- 3.1.1 Team nominations will only be accepted from schools listed on the relevant state list of registered schools.
- 3.1.2 The competition is not mixed, however the AVSC CEC reserves the right to accept into a boys division, any teams that contain female players. A request for such allowance must be made on the 'Request for Exemption' form available on the website and to be signed off by your Principal. This form must accompany the team's nomination. The AVSC EC will confirm in writing the outcome of the request.

### 3.2 International Teams

- 3.2.1 School teams from countries other than Australia may be accepted into the event subject to the following conditions:
- must be ratified by their National Federation;
  - provide a letter of endorsement from their National Federation to compete in the 2010 AVSC; and
  - do not have to be registered members of the Volleyball Australia; and
  - are ineligible to win the Champion School Trophy. Refer to 8.6 Australian Championships and AVSC International Trophy.
- 3.2.2 A maximum of 3 international teams will be accepted into Honours Divisions. Multiple Honours teams from any one country will be ranked by their National Federation and accepted on this basis only. There is no limit on the number of international teams accepted into other divisions.
- 3.2.3 International nominations and payments close on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010**. If this nomination is not accepted into the preferred division then a full refund will be given by **29<sup>th</sup> October 2010**.



### 3.3 General

- 3.3.1 Schools may apply in writing to the AVSC Event Commission for consideration of exemptions to clause 3. Applications for exemption close **Monday 25th October 2010**.
- 3.3.2 Appeals to Exemption decisions should be lodged in writing to the Tournament Director within 7 days. The VA Board will review the decision. The VA Board decision is final.

## 4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

### 4.1 General

- 4.1.1 Each player must be a registered member of Volleyball Australia via their relevant State Volleyball Association.
- 4.1.2 Subject to clause 3.1.1, each player shall conform to the age and gender requirements of the team for which they are nominated.
- 4.1.3 For dual enrolment students, we recognise the school where the students' majority of enrolment time is conducted.
- 4.1.4 Each player must be a bonafide student. A bonafide student is one who is enrolled in a school where by they can comply with the State/Territory Education requirements for certification.
- 4.1.5 Any student who has been enrolled, and in attendance, at the school for the duration of the current school year, is eligible.
- 4.1.6 The School Principal countersigns as verification that each student listed on the Confirmation of Entry is a bonafide student of the school and complies with the age requirements for that team.
- 4.1.7 Up to 16 players can be nominated on a team list, but the list must be reduced to 12 or less at team registration.
- 4.1.8 Evidence, verified in writing by the relevant School Principal or his/her appointed delegate, must be provided for any player added to the team list on Registration Day prior to the commencement of the event, that they are a registered member of Volleyball Australia and satisfy all other eligibility requirements to compete in this event.

### 4.2 International Players

- 4.2.1 An International student is defined as one of the following;
- Exchange Program Student (e.g. Rotary, IFS or other recognised exchange programs)
  - International fee- paying students
  - Student Visa holders
- 4.2.2 Teams/ Schools should apply for an exemption request for these students to participate in the event.

### 4.3 Player Exemptions

- 4.3.1 Schools must submit the Player Exemption Pro Forma (downloaded from the website) to the AVSC Event Commission for consideration of player exemptions. Applications for exemption close Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010.
- 4.3.2 Any student with an AIS scholarship is tied to play with the school where enrolled when the scholarship was granted.
- 4.3.3 Exemptions request for students who transfer schools after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010 will not be considered by the AVSC EC.

### 4.4 Playing for two Teams from the Same School

A player can only play for one team during the tournament. Under special circumstances (injuries/sickness), a team may, on written application to the Tournament Director, request a player(s) move to a higher division or age group. Once a player has moved, they can no longer play for their original team. Normal eligibility rules apply.

### 4.5 Sanctions

- 4.5.1 Sanctions for non-compliance of team eligibility (refer 3) and player eligibility (refer 4) will be considered by the Tournament Director at the event.
- 4.5.2 The Officials of the teams in breach need to show cause to the Tournament Director, as to why a sanction should not be imposed on that team.



- 4.5.3 Depending on severity of breach, levels of sanctions may vary from warnings, forfeiture of competition points, fines and/or expulsion from event, with a review of future inclusion in subsequent events.
- 4.5.4 Officials can appeal the decision to the Control Committee in writing within 1hour of the receipt of the decision.
- 4.5.5 The Control Committee shall be final.

## 5. ENTRY PROCESS

### 5.1 Nomination

- 5.1.1 Schools nominate teams to the event via the official AVSC web site.
- 5.1.2 **Faxed and mailed nominations will not be accepted.**
- 5.1.3 Nominations close on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010** (Closing Date).
- 5.1.4 The policies of the AVSC EC and VA are integral to the framework of the event. Nomination of teams for the event is deemed acceptance of and adherence to these policies. Policies include:
- Acceptable Photography Policy
  - Protocols for treatment of misconduct by Students, Parents, Spectators and Officials
  - VA Member Protection Policy, Anti-doping Policy, Blood Spill Policy, Privacy Policy
  - Risk Management policies
- Policies are available on the Tournament website, the Tournament Office, competition venues and are reproduced in participant Welcome Packs.
- 5.1.5 Teams nominating after **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010** risk not being accepted into the tournament should planning have proceeded to such an extent that inclusion of additional teams is impractical.
- 5.1.6 The acceptance of any team that nominates late will be subject to terms and conditions set by the AVSC EC at that time. The conditions laid out herein apply only to teams nominating prior to the advertised closing date.
- 5.1.7 Placement of teams into Divisions is at the discretion of the AVSC EC.

### 5.2 Acknowledgement of Nomination

- 5.2.1 Shortly after **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010** a Tax Invoice for all entry fees and bonds will be sent to the school.

### 5.3 Payment of Fees

- 5.3.1 All fees, as per the invoice issued in 5.2.1, must be paid by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010**.
- 5.3.2 A late fee of 10% of the invoice will apply to school's who do not pay by the due date.

### 5.4 Confirmation of Entry

- 5.4.1 By **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010**, the following will be sent to each school:
- 5.4.1.1 A Receipt for all monies received.
- 5.4.1.2 Team Confirmation documentation for all teams/divisions accepted.
- 5.4.1.3 This documentation must be verified by the school and returned to the Event Office by the due date, carrying the official school stamp and the Principal's signature, to ensure acceptance into the event and as verification that:
- 5.4.1.3.1 All listed players are full time, bonafide students at the school
- 5.4.1.3.2 All listed dates of birth are correct
- 5.4.1.3.3 International player have been identified.
- 5.4.1.3.4 Delegates representing the school agree to comply with the Tournament policies
- 5.4.1.3.5 Any applications for exemption to any of the Tournament Regulations by the School have been assessed, adjudicated and confirmed by the AVSC EC.

### 5.5 Registrations Day

- 5.5.1 Teams must register at the event on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010**. Failure to register may result in exclusion from the tournament.



- 5.5.2 It is compulsory that a representative from each team must attend the General Technical meeting on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010**. Failure to do so will result in a \$50 fine per team official not in attendance, which will be taken from the Bond.

## 5.6 Withdrawal of Teams

- 5.6.1 Any team withdrawing after **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010**, the closing date for payment of entry fees and duty bond, will forfeit half of their entry fee.
- 5.6.2 Any team withdrawing after **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2010** will forfeit their entire entry fee.
- 5.6.3 Teams who withdraw during the tournament and fail to complete their scheduled matches will incur a fee of up to \$200.00 per forfeiture. Where teams can prove they have been prevented from playing due to circumstances beyond their control, no fine will be applied.

## 6 MATCH CONDUCT

### 6.1 Rules of the Games

- 6.1.1 Except where explicitly stated, or limited by the venue playing conditions, the Rules of the Game of Volleyball (FIVB) shall apply. Except were stated below.
- 6.1.2 Net Heights

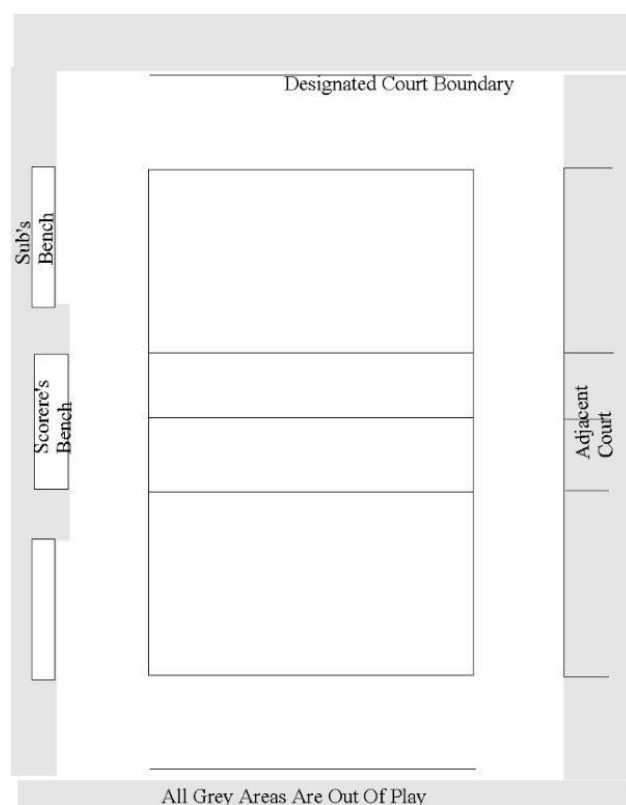
Honours Tournament	Boys	Girls
Open (Under 20)	2.43	2.15
Under 17	2.35	2.15
Under 16	2.35	2.10
Under 15	2.24	2.10

Divisional Tournament	Boys	Girls
Open (Under 20) – Div 1 or 2	2.35	2.15
Under 17 – Div 1 or 2	2.35	2.15
Under 16 – Div 1 or 2	2.24	2.10
Under 15 – Div 1 or 2	2.10	2.05
Under 14 – Div 1 or 2	2.10	2.05

- 6.1.3 Substitution Rule
- 6.1.3.1 The 12-Substitution rule, as per attachment 1, shall apply in every set.
- 6.1.4 Multiple Penalty Rule
- 6.1.4.1 A player or coach who receives more than one penalty in the course of the tournament shall be automatically liable to a one-match suspension for each incident after the first one. A penalty is defined in the Rules of the Game by the Misconduct Sanction Scale.
- 6.1.4.2 As further infringements (up the scale) automatically incur sanctions within the context of the game, they are not included in the cumulative tally, however the Control Committee reserves the right to impose further sanctions should they feel the circumstances warrant them.
- 6.1.4.3 Any player or coach who incurs two or more penalties will be automatically stood down from the requisite number of matches, immediately following the match in which the second or subsequent infringements occur.
- 6.1.4.4 If the matter escapes the attention of a member of the Control Committee, the sanction shall apply immediately from the time that it does come to their attention.
- 6.1.5 Libero Per Set
- 6.1.5.1 The Libero Per Set rule, as per attachment 2, shall apply in every set.
- 6.1.5.2 For the AVSC, the Libero player in each set must be designated by the wearing of a contrasting bib or shirt.
- 6.1.6 Comp points, set %, points %. (see Attachment 3)
- 6.1.7 Playing Area
- 6.1.7.1 The playing area is limited by the nearest obstruction, or adjacent court boundary (court line).



6.1.7.2 The grey shaded areas indicated where a ball cannot be retrieved;



6.1.7.3 If the ball leaves the vertical projection of the playing area, it shall immediately become dead and called out by the match referee or second referee, as per the rules of the game. Any ball which is retrieved from outside the playing area is no longer in play or playable. Should any one of the referee, second referee, or lines people declare the ball out, the rally shall be immediately halted and awarded to the team not at fault. In the interest of player safety, as with such matters it is urged that all match officials halt the rally accordingly if there is any doubt.

#### 6.1.8 Blood

6.1.8.1 In keeping with modern sports practice, matches cannot proceed if there is a bleeding player, or blood on balls, equipment, the court or clothing. Should bleeding occur, the player must be removed from the game and cannot take their place on the court until there is no more evidence of blood or bleeding. Matches shall be halted until such time as all blood has been removed from playing equipment.

## 6.2 **Matches & Times**

### 6.2.1 Draw

6.2.1.1 A draft tournament draw will be posted on the web site on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010**. The Tournament Director is authorised to make changes to the draw up to and including the Technical Meeting held on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010**.

### 6.2.2 Number of Matches

- 6.2.2.1 Each team is guaranteed at least one match per day.
- 6.2.2.2 Non-Honours teams shall have a minimum of eight matches in the week.
- 6.2.2.3 Honours teams shall have a minimum of seven matches in the week.

### 6.2.3 Hours of Commitment

- 6.2.3.1 All nominating teams must register prior to the event and are invited to attend the Opening Ceremony as advised prior to the event.
- 6.2.3.2 Matches commence each day at 8am.
- 6.2.3.3 Actual hours will depend upon nominations. Matches on Registration Day are considered unlikely, but the Tournament Director is authorised to use this time in the overall interest of the tournament.



#### 6.2.4 Match Start Times

- 6.2.4.1 Matches are to start at the scheduled time or 15 minutes after the preceding match for Honours divisions and 10 minutes after the preceding match for all other divisions, whichever is the later. If a team is 5 minutes late it shall forfeit the first set. If it is another 5 minutes late it shall forfeit the second set. If it is another 5 minutes late it shall forfeit the third set. Teams forfeiting an entire match shall be fined \$200 in accordance with clause 5.6.3.
- 6.2.4.2 The Tournament Director has the authority to approve the delay of a start time due to exceptional circumstances, and this decision shall be final.

#### 6.2.5 Match Warm Ups

- 6.2.5.1 For all Honours divisions, teams shall be given a minimum of 15 minutes warm up on the match court. This shall consist of 7 mins, general warm up, 6 mins spiking together, 1 min serving and 1 min coaching instructions. Other combinations of time allocation may be used with mutual agreement of the coaches, but the overall time may not be increased.
- 6.2.5.2 In all other divisions, teams shall be given a minimum of 10 minutes warm up on the match court. This will consist of 5 minutes general warm up, 4 minutes spiking together, and 1 minute serving. Other combinations of time allocation may be used with mutual agreement of the coaches, but time may not be increased.

#### 6.2.6 Match Duration

- 6.2.6.1 In all Honours Division matches, where the participating teams could still finish in the top 4 placings for that division, best of 5 sets shall be used - sets 1-4 are played to 25 points and set 5 is to 15. In all sets a lead of two points is required
- 6.2.6.2 For competition at Division 2 level of U14 and U15 age categories, matches will be played at 70 minute intervals with a maximum of 60 minutes playing time with a 10 minute warm up. Any other conditions (notification of start and finish times, set structure, unfinished sets, etc.) will be printed in the Coaches and Managers Handbook.
- 6.2.6.3 For all other tournament matches, best of 3 sets shall be used - sets 1-2 are played to 25 points and set three is to 15 points. In all sets a lead of two points is required.

#### 6.2.7 Rescheduled Matches

- 6.2.7.1 The Tournament Director has the right to reschedule forfeited matches upon application from a team if the team can demonstrate that they have been disadvantaged due to circumstances beyond their control. The rescheduled match shall not take place within 2 hours of another commitment of the team that was in attendance (This concession shall not apply to the forfeiting team).
- 6.2.7.2 If matches are delayed, for any reason, the Tournament Director is authorised to reschedule/relocate such matches. Unless otherwise advised, teams should always be prepared to play at the scheduled time.

### 6.3 **Protests**

- 6.3.1 Protests will be decided in the first instance by a Referee Supervisor. If not resolved, the Chief Referee will be asked for a ruling. Resolution will be immediate and the match will resume as directed by the mediator. The match will not be replayed. If a protest is upheld the match will resume immediately. If the protest is rejected the coach will be sanctioned with a yellow card (Penalty) and the game will resume immediately.
- 6.3.2 If a second protest occurs by the same team during the same match, and it is dismissed, the coach will be sanctioned with a red card, thus removing him/her from the bench for the rest of the current set. The game will resume immediately.

### 6.4 **Uniforms and Dress Regulations**

- 6.4.1 All teams are expected to play in team uniform. This uniform shall include numbered tops (front and back with numbers greater than 18 acceptable) and uniform shorts and socks of the same colour. Team members who are not in uniform shall not be allowed to take part in the match.
- 6.4.2 No jewellery may be worn during a match. This includes watches, rings, chains, and earrings. The wearing of hats or bandannas is not permitted both during a match or whilst performing duty for a match.
- 6.4.3 Skins and compression garments are permitted to be worn during the Tournament, but under no circumstances are they to be showing outside of the playing uniform (for example, compression shorts must not be visible below the playing shorts).



- 6.4.4 Clothing required for religious purposes is acceptable, but written notification must be given to the Tournament Director prior to the commencement of competition.
- 6.4.5 Display of sponsorship logos on uniforms (shirts, shorts or socks) is encouraged, subject to the following regulations:
- 6.4.5.1 Any logo or message must not conflict with any event sponsor, as identified in any documentation distributed to schools up to three months prior to the registration day of the event.
  - 6.4.5.2 Should a potential conflict arise with a pre-existing team sponsor, and any event sponsor identified up to three months prior to the event, it shall be the responsibility of the team to advise the Commission of such potential conflict, who shall then determine further action.
  - 6.4.5.3 Any team who fails to advise the Commission of a potential sponsorship conflict prior to the event may be required by the Control Committee to remove or blank out the offending sponsors logo or message before being permitted to compete in the event.
  - 6.4.5.4 Any logo or message on playing uniforms must be consistent across all members of a team.
  - 6.4.5.5 The maximum size of any logo or message on the front or back of a playing shirt shall not exceed 25cm in width and 10 cm in height and shall be at least 5cm clear of the playing number.
  - 6.4.5.6 The maximum size of any logo or text on playing shorts shall be 10cm in width and height and may only appear on the front of the shorts.
  - 6.4.5.7 Should any logo, graphic or text, attached to or printed on a playing uniform in any form, be it sponsorship related or not, be judged to be offensive by the Control Committee, the team shall not be permitted to compete until such time as the offensive item is removed or blanked out.
  - 6.4.5.8 The Tournament Director is authorised to rule on the acceptability of a uniform logo, graphic or text should a sample uniform or full scale artwork be submitted prior to the event.
- 6.4.6 Team Officials
- 6.4.6.1 Three team officials only are allowed to sit on the bench during a match.

## 7 OFFICIATING

### 7.1 Referees

- 7.1.1 Each school must provide suitably qualified referees to officiate at all AVSC team duties.
- 7.1.2 Each team must nominate the referee(s) who will officiate when their team is rostered for duty at the time of player registration. Multiple nominations are permitted.
- 7.1.3 Referee qualifications are those published by the Australian Volleyball Federation and accredited under the Australian Sports Commission's National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS).
- 7.1.4 In 2010, the AVSC EC will recognise students attaining an event specific accreditation – AVSC Honours – for duty teams officiating Honours division matches.  
See **Attachment 2 AVSC Honours** for specific criteria to attain this event specific accreditation.
- 7.1.5 Non-playing referees (adults or students) are encouraged and may officiate for multiple teams, provided alternative qualified referees are nominated and are available should the duties of those teams clash.
- 7.1.6 The following referee qualification requirements shall apply for this event:
  - 7.1.6.1 **For all U14 & U15 Division 1 and Division 2 competition:**  
 For all medal playoffs, the AVSC shall provide the 1<sup>st</sup> referee, but the duty team must provide a District qualified 2<sup>nd</sup> referee. An adult team official must be part of the duty team – 2<sup>nd</sup> referee (District level), scorer, assistant scorer or line judge.  
 For all other matches, the duty team must provide a 'District +' 1<sup>st</sup> referee (adult team official or student), ('District +' is a District level referee who has been formally assessed at least once). The 2<sup>nd</sup> referee need not be qualified, but must be an adult if the 1<sup>st</sup> referee is a student.
  - 7.1.6.2 **For U15 Honours competition:**



For all medal playoffs, the AVSC shall provide the 1<sup>st</sup> referee and the duty team must provide an AVSC Honours qualified 2<sup>nd</sup> referee. An adult team official must be part of the duty team – 2<sup>nd</sup> referee (AVSC Honours level), scorer, assistant scorer or line judge.

For all other matches, the referees may be either an adult team official or student referee, with the 1<sup>st</sup> referee qualified to at least AVSC Honours level and the 2<sup>nd</sup> referee qualified to at least District level. An adult team official must be part of the duty team - 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> referee, scorer, assistant scorer or line judge.

- 7.1.6.3 **For all U16, U17 and Open Divisional competition**, the 1<sup>st</sup> referee may be either an adult team official or student referee. The 1<sup>st</sup> referee must be qualified to at least District level. In the case of a student 1<sup>st</sup> referee with District level qualification, the adult team official must be of the opinion that the student is sufficiently experienced for the particular match (Recommended experience to be 5-6 matches as 1<sup>st</sup> referee). If not the 1<sup>st</sup> referee, the adult team official must be part of the duty team - 2<sup>nd</sup> referee, scorer, assistant scorer or line judge.
- 7.1.6.4 **In all U16, U17 and Open Honours division matches**, the referees may be either an adult team official or student referee, with the 1<sup>st</sup> referee qualified to at least AVSC Honours level and the 2<sup>nd</sup> referee qualified to at least District level. An adult team official must be part of the duty team - 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> referee, scorer, assistant scorer or line judge.
- 7.1.7 All nominated referees are invited to attend a Referee Meeting on the day of registration. Different meeting times may be scheduled throughout the day and communicated to schools prior to the tournament. At this meeting, regulations such as playing boundaries will be established for all the courts as well as completing the AVSC score sheet, protest resolution and match protocol. **Please note:** the volleyball rules for this tournament are as per FIVB rules with an added 12-sub rule and Libero per set rule (**See Attachment 1**). A power point presentation for refs and scorers will be available online prior to the tournament.
- 7.1.8 All referees are required to provide their own whistle. Due to health regulations, whistles will NOT be available for loan. Penalty cards will be available on every court.
- 7.1.9 Whilst acting as a referee, officials will be under the control of the Chief Referee and their assistants.
- 7.1.10 Referee assessment and possible upgrading may be available during the tournament; however, a personal application must be made to the Chief Referee at the start of the tournament to arrange suitable times.
- 7.1.11 The Australian Volleyball Referees Commission has provided an interpretation document to assist with the introduction of the new FIVB Rules. **See Attachment 4.**

## 7.2 Referee Supervisors

- 7.2.1 Appropriately qualified people will be appointed to supervise the refereeing of matches
- 7.2.2 Referee Supervisors will provide support and feedback to referees under the control of the Chief Referee
- 7.2.3 Referee Supervisors have the authority, after consultation with the referee, to issue penalties to players or coaches in accordance with the sanction scale in the rules of the game.

## 7.3 Duty Teams

- 7.3.1 All participating teams will be rostered for duty at times close to their scheduled playing times.
- 7.3.2 Teams may be rostered for duty in divisions other than their own, but of the same gender.
- 7.3.3 Teams on duty must provide a referee, second referee, two scorers and two lines people. Duty teams are to be present at the start of the official warm-up prior to the match. Duty teams must ensure that the scoresheet has been completed fully before the teams leave the competition court. See 7.1.7 for information on completing AVSC score sheets.
- 7.3.4 The wearing of hats, bandannas or MP3 player (ipod, Bluetooth, etc) is prohibited whilst on duty.
- 7.3.5 Teams on duty are required to wear appropriate enclosed shoes, as required by the venue.
- 7.3.6 Failure to provide duty personnel in accordance with these Regulations will result in a \$20 per person fine to be deducted from the duty bond refunds.
- 7.3.7 In addition to the standard duty roster, a stand-by duty team may be nominated from the teams participating in the final match of each day, on each court. In the event that matches have to be switched from one court to another (to avoid particularly late finishes) the **stand-by duty team** shall be required to perform duty on that match.



- 7.3.8 A duty of every school is to ensure students do not consume food and drinks (with the exception of liquid in sealed sports drink bottles) in the sports halls.
- 7.3.9 A duty of every team coach / manager is to ensure that at the completion of each match the court area is left clean and tidy in readiness for the next match.
- 7.3.10 Both competing teams' coaches only will be invited to grade (Satisfactory or unsatisfactory) the performance of duty teams after each match.

#### **7.4 Duty Bond**

- 7.4.1 As part of the entry fee to the tournament each School shall be invoiced a duty bond deposit of \$100 per team, as indicated on the nomination form. Schools nominating more than 5 teams shall be invoiced a duty bond of \$500. Any fines over and above your bond deposit, schools will be invoiced to recoup the additional amount.
- 7.4.2 The bond will be returned by mail as soon as possible after the tournament if all commitments are fulfilled.
- 7.4.3 Any duty violations or forfeited matches will incur financial penalties and will be covered by this bond, or schools will be invoiced for penalties over the bond deposit.
- 7.4.4 Venue Managers and other event officials will monitor duty violations including the consumption of food and drink in sports halls and the cleanliness of the court after the completion of each match.

#### **7.5 Duty Team for the Last Two Days**

- 7.5.1 In a progression tournament, it is impossible to predict the participants in later round matches. The Tournament Director is authorised to reassign duties in later matches to achieve a fairer distribution of assignments. Teams will be given reasonable notice of any such changes.

## **8 GENERAL POLICIES**

### **8.1 Control Committee**

- 8.1.1 A Control Committee consisting of the Tournament Director, Chief Referee, Chair or representative of AVSC EC and Chief Executive Officer or representative of the AVF, shall be the highest authority for the duration of the event. The Tournament Director shall chair the Committee.
- 8.1.2 The Control Committee shall be authorized to deal with any matter, including disciplinary action relating to participants, and their decision shall be final.
- 8.1.3 Will hear appeals to sanctions decisions.

### **8.2 Coaches Meeting**

- 8.2.1 The official draw will be announced at the Coaches Meeting. This meeting will address any issues and provide important information to ensure the successful conduct of the event, and **MUST** be attended by the coach or team manager from every team, as no responsibility will be taken for information distributed at the meeting and not received by teams who fail to be represented.
- 8.2.1 All new schools must attend the Coaches Meeting as well as a New Schools Meeting held after the Coaches Meeting.

### **8.3 Venue Cleanliness**

- 8.3.1 It is a venue requirement that consumption of food and drink (with the exception of liquid in sealed sports drink bottles) is not permitted in the sports halls. Water must be contained in sealed sports drink bottles to limit the amount of water/liquid on the floor resulting from accidental spillage.
- 8.3.2 One of the duties of every school is to ensure students do not consume food and drinks (with the exception of liquid in sealed sports drink bottles) in the sports halls. It is also the duty of each school/team manager to be responsible for the school/team contribution to the overall cleanliness of the venue. The combined effort of all adults and students in maintaining clean playing halls and foyer is essential from a risk management perspective and a cost perspective.
- 8.3.3 Event officials have the authority to ask any person consuming food or drink (other than liquid in sealed sports drink bottles) to leave the sports hall. Event officials also have the authority to report the offending person to the School/Team Manager and to keep a record of offenders for further action if deemed necessary.



- 8.3.4 Any additional cleaning costs incurred by the Event Manager, above the quoted costs for the daily cleaning of the venue, will be deducted from the duty bond on a pro rata basis based on the number of teams per school.

#### **8.4 Adult Supervision**

- 8.4.1 All teams participating in the AVSC must have an adult, approved by the schools Principal, present for the duration of the tournament. Teams may be withdrawn from the competition if this condition is not met.

#### **8.5 Champion School**

- 8.5.1 Subject to Clause 3.2, the Champion School for the year of the tournament will be decided by cumulative tournament points gained by the leading six teams for each school. Tournament points gained for placings in each division shall be documented in the Coaches and Managers Handbook.

#### **8.6 Australian Championships, International Medals and MVP's**

- 8.6.1 The Australian Champion is the highest ranked Australian team in each Honour Division.
- 8.6.2 International teams in all divisions who finish in the top 3 placings will receive an appropriate medal. The gold, silver and bronze medallions for each division will be awarded to the three highest placed Australian teams.  
Honour divisions classification refer Clause 3.3 and 3.4  
All other divisions with international players in a team - classification refer to Clause 3.3
- 8.6.3 MVP's will be awarded for Gold Medal Honours matches only. This will be voted by the winning team's coach.

#### **8.7 First Aid/Sports Injury Service Supervision**

- 8.7.1 An adult (teacher, manager, coach, or parent) must accompany all students requiring first aid or sports strapping. The officers providing the first aid / sports strapping service will require the accompanying adult to sign a document indicating they were present during the relevant treatment.
- 8.7.2 First Aid/Sports Strapping Service Officers ***WILL NOT*** provide services to students who are not accompanied by an adult (Teacher, Manager, Coach, or Parent).
- 8.7.3 All team managers are expected to familiarise themselves with their state and schools injury/incident reporting procedures.

#### **8.8 Ambulance insurance**

- 8.8.1 Schools are responsible for covering the cost of any ambulances required for their students. Schools should ensure that ambulance insurance is in place.

#### **8.9 Alcohol/Drug Consumption**

- 8.9.1 Smoking, drinking alcohol and taking other social drugs are strictly forbidden during the whole of the tournament. Any breach of this rule may result in the player being ejected from the tournament, and their school officials will be notified. Further disciplinary action is the responsibility of the School.

#### **8.10 Anti-Doping Policy**

- 8.10.1 VA has an Anti-Doping Policy, available at its website: [www.avf.org.au](http://www.avf.org.au). As an official National Championship, all participating athletes agree to be bound by and are subject to this Policy, including random drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti Doping Authority (ASADA) under its legislation.

#### **8.11 Stealing**

- 8.11.1 All coaches, managers and individual team members must be aware of the ramifications of the theft and or malicious damage of tournament equipment, team equipment, and personal property at this event, or any aspect of the Tournament. Any players responsible for theft of balls, personal property or equipment, will result in the expulsion of the player and/or team from the competition



and a review of involvement in future Tournaments. **Please be aware that police intervention will also be sought.**

### **8.12 Venue Rules**

- 8.12.1 Players are expected to respect playing venues and any signage and rules that exist. Participants who fail to respect these rules, or who litter, may be subject to discipline within the general context of the event and may be liable to sanctions such as suspension for a match or a number of matches.
- 8.12.2 Any official of the AVSC has the authority to report offences to the Control Committee for further action.
- 8.12.3 The following rules, in particular, should be reinforced by managers and coaches:
  - 8.12.3.1 No bouncing or passing of volleyballs in foyer areas.
  - 8.12.3.2 No food or drink within the sport halls (other than players water bottles for those involved in matches).
  - 8.12.3.3 No cans or open top bottles (which are more susceptible to spillage) are allowed in the sports halls.

### **8.13 Use of Multiple Venues**

- 8.13.1 It is anticipated that this event will utilise more than one venue. No team shall be required to participate in matches at more than one venue on any single day.

### **8.14 Dates of Birth**

- 8.14.1 Players' dates of birth (DOB) should be entered correctly on the nomination form as accurate records are required to ensure teams are entered in the correct division.
- 8.14.2 Players' DOB found to be in error may result in the team forfeiting all matches in which the player participated.



## Attachment 1 - Twelve (12) Substitution Rule & Libero per Set

- a) A team shall be allowed a maximum of twelve (12) substitutions in any one set. Players starting a set may be replaced by a substitute and may subsequently re-enter the set twice. Each substitute may enter the set three times. A player shall not enter the set for a fourth time (starting shall count as an entry). Players re-entering the set must assume the original position in the service order in relation to other team mates. No change may be made in a player's position in the service order unless necessitated by an injury requiring an abnormal substitution under the provisions of paragraph b) below. Any number of players may enter the set in each position in the service order.
- b) If through any injury a player is unable to play and substitution cannot be legally made the team is entitled to make an EXCEPTIONAL substitution beyond the limits of paragraph (a). (This means that ANY player on the bench may replace the injured player)
- c) If through injury or accident a player is unable to play and substitution cannot be made under the provisions of paragraph a) or b), the first referee may grant a special time-out under the provisions of the rules of the game.
- d) If a team becomes incomplete through expulsion of a player and substitution cannot be made under the provisions of paragraph a) above, the team loses the set by default, keeping the points acquired. If a team becomes incomplete through disqualification of a player and substitution cannot be made under the provisions of paragraph a) above, the team loses the match by default, keeping the sets and points acquired.

### Example

The following diagram illustrates how substitutions are recorded on the scoresheet.

I		II		III		IV		V		VI	
10		4		11		2		1		7	
6	3					5					
10						2					
9						5					
8						②					
⑩						↙					
8											

In the example shown above, the starting line-up is 10, 4, 11, 2, 1 and 7.

This means that these players made their first entry for the set. The coach then substitutes into position one (I) players numbered 6, 9, 8 and 3. Number 10 has made three (3) entries and is not permitted any more entries for the set. The same can be said for player number 5 in position four (IV).

The players numbered 10, 6, 9, 8 and 3, must remain in position one (I) on the scoresheet and none of them can be used to substitute into another position in this set. For example, player 8 has only appeared twice so far and can therefore make another appearance on court but only in position one (I) and only if no more than twelve substitutions are used per set.

In the example shown above, all twelve substitutions have been used.

The scorer recording the substitutions will use the left side column first for each position and when the left is full use the right side column.

There is no requirement to record the score at the time of each substitution.

The scorer reports the 11th and 12th substitutions of the team and the third court entry of a player to the second referee who then indicates to the coach concerned and First Referee in that order.

### Libero per Set

Full details of this rule can be found at Rule 19 in the rule book.

For this tournament the libero may be nominated per set by the coach indicating the libero number on the line-up sheet for the set. If the libero number is left blank there will be no libero permitted for that set.

The libero must wear a jersey of contrasting colour. ~~They must have the number that is against their name on the score sheet.~~

If the game captain is re-designated as the Libero during the course of the match, an on-court captain must be nominated by the coach.



## Attachment 2 - AVSC Honours Event Specific Accreditation

### RATIONALE

In order to improve the refereeing standards at Australian Schools Cup the commission under the direction from the coaches representatives, John Tiver and David Eldridge introduced a mandated system of only having qualified referees performing match duty.

This system has been massaged over the years but unfortunately it still has significant weaknesses.

The situation certainly improved but the escalation of accreditation from District to "REGIONAL" level has been difficult to manage and attain due to the huge numbers of applicants required to be assessed in each of the states every year.

Other subsequent improvements like the sashes worn by the adult supervising the duty team, the checking of signing sheets and the nominating of referees within the team nomination process have all been successful and well received by schools.

### REGIONAL REFEREE STATUS

The notion that all honour teams have to be refereed by a regional referee although a step in the right direction has failed due to the difficulty in getting the huge numbers of referees requiring to be assessed at regional level processed by the states and the AVRC (Australian Volleyball Referees' Commission). There is certainly no blame attached here as the principles behind this process were sound, however the numbers concerned render it wholly unachievable at this time.

Students and coaches are encouraged to proceed with gaining their regional status and we further expect that this process will continue under the auspices of the AVRC, particularly as new ways to provide more assessors at the state level are developed.

### AVSC HONOUR REFEREE

Whilst we do not want to lower the standard of refereeing at the HONOUR division level to District, thus allowing qualified but inexperienced referees to take the stand, we now know that REGIONAL status is perhaps over kill and cannot be sustained.

The AVSC Events Commission intends implementing an event-specific referee qualification that is only recognised at the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup. HONOUR level refereeing accreditation is not formally recognised by the AVRC, nor the Australian Sports Commission under which the national coaching and refereeing accreditation framework is delivered by Volleyball Australia.

The AVSC EC will operate this system from 2008 and make all necessary refinements to the system as are required by the event, to service its participants, whilst continuing to encourage the recognised accreditation and upgrade processes of the AVRC.

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### EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUALS SEEKING THE AVSC HONOURS QUALIFICATION

This qualification is not only limited to students but in fact could be granted to anyone in the AVSC community (parents or teachers) if they meet the following criteria:

- Must be a fully qualified district referee or had held a qualification in the past (only pertains to adults & year 12 students, qualification only lasts for 5 years); **and**
- **Must demonstrate a competent knowledge of the rules and hand signals of the game**
- Must have extensive experience (playing, coaching and/or refereeing) outside of the AVSC system, e.g. club, state, local association, etc
- Must be recommended for qualification by an AVSC Honours Assessor.
- Must make contact with the approved Honours Assessor in their state to arrange an assessment time



This refereeing status requires all applicants to be current and accredited DISTRICT referees. The applicant must download and complete in an Honours Referee application form from the AVSC website [www.avf.org.au/AVSC](http://www.avf.org.au/AVSC)

Applicants must contact an Honours Assessor in their state (as listed on the AVSC website) to be viewed and assessed

If the evaluator considers the applicant to be at the standard required they sign the referees application form. The application form is sent to Volleyball Australia along by the Honours Assessor so that it can be verified against the School's nominated referees. .

**TEAM NOMINATION PROCESS**

When a school nominates a team in an honours division at AVSC, they must nominate either a DISTRICT, REGIONAL or HONOUR qualified referee depending the division they are nominating for (as per the 2008 Tournament Regulations)

The online team nomination system will appear as follows:

PARTICIPANT NAME	ACCREDITATION LEVEL	SELECT ACCREDITATION
David Eldridge	District	
	AVSC Honours Insert Honours Assessor Name:	X Stuart Scott, SA
	Regional (Insert NOAS Number)	
	State or Higher (Insert NOAS Number)	

**DISTRICT** qualification is verified by the State Association referee database and cross-referenced by Volleyball Australia against the national AVRC database of qualified referees

**AVSC HONOUR** qualification is verified by Volleyball Australia against the signed application form which has been sent in by the Honours Assessor

**REGIONAL** qualification is verified by Volleyball Australia against the national AVRC database of qualified referees.



### Attachment 3 – Comp points, set %, points %.

#### Points Ratio

The order of ranking will be determined by Points Ratio, with the team with the highest points ratio (to three decimal points) will be awarded the higher placing in the round robin.

$$\text{Points Ratio} = \frac{\text{Points Won}}{\text{Points Won} + \text{Points Lost}}$$

#### Example of Points Ratio Process

Team A: won 444 points, lost 356, played 800

Team A Points Ratio =  $444/800 = 0.555$

Team B: won 421 points, lost 279, played 700

Team B Points Ratio =  $421/700 = 0.601$

Team B has the highest Points Ratio and is therefore awarded the higher placing in the round robin.

#### Set Ratio

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

$$\text{Set Ratio} = \frac{\text{Sets Won}}{\text{Sets Won} + \text{Sets Lost}}$$

#### Example of Set Ratio Process

Team A: won 12 sets, lost 8, played 20

Team A Set Ratio =  $12/20 = 0.600$

Team B: won 10 sets, lost 9, played 19

Team B Set Ratio =  $10/19 = 0.526$

Team A has the highest set ratio and is therefore awarded the higher placing in the round robin.

If the tie still exists after the calculation of the Sets Ratio, the order of ranking will be determined on the basis of aspects of matches completed between the tied teams.



## Attachment 4- AVRC New FIVB Rule Interpretations

### AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL REFEREE COMMISSION

#### Information update

#### Rule modifications 2009 – 2012

The following information has been compiled utilising the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) documents:

1. Rules of the Game 2009-2012
2. Refereeing Guidelines and instructions (Edition 2009)
3. Case Book, revision 1.5 (Edition 2009)

The rules as outlined below will apply to all National Volleyball events in Australia from 01 January 2009.

**Note:** Not all changes to the rules are highlighted within this document; there have been modifications to clarify the wording and alterations to the numbering of rules. The full rules text is available on the FIVB website [www.fivb.org](http://www.fivb.org). Referees are encouraged to make a copy of the rules whilst the changes are easily identifiable. Rules specifically applying to FIVB senior world competitions may not be applied here.

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#### Changes applying to playing actions

- 1) A rule applying to the centre line and penetration by players under the net (Rule 11.2.2.2) has been added:

11.2.2.2 To touch the opponent's court with any part of the body above the feet is permitted provided that it does not interfere with the opponent's play.

A player can now pass the centre line as long as their feet do not completely pass beyond the centre line. The second referee must carefully judge whether any interference has occurred, either by physical hindrance or through creating a dangerously playing surface, such as a wet spot on the floor.

11.4.2 A player interferes with an opponent's play while penetrating into the opponent's space under the net

11.4.3 A player's foot (feet) penetrates completely into the opponent's court.

- 2) There have been several changes to the contact with the net rules (Rules 11.3 and 11.4). In general, unless contact with the net occurs at the top band (7cm), it is not a fault.

A video presentation has developed by a member of the FIVB Rules Commission provides an excellent representation of what is now legal. It also provides a comparison with the old rules.

11.3.1 Contact with the net IS NOT A FAULT, unless it interferes with play.

11.3.2 Players may touch the post, ropes or any other object outside the antennae, including the



net itself, provided that it does not interfere with play.

### 3) What is interference?

11.4.4 A player interferes with an opponent's play by (amongst others):

- touching the top band of the net, or the top 80cm of the antenna during his/her action of playing the ball
- taking support from the net simultaneously with playing the ball
- creating an advantage over an opponent
- making actions which hinder an opponent's legitimate attempt to play the ball.

Note: It is not considered interference if a player, in touching the net, causes the net to move significantly or obviously.

### Changes applying to process and rights

#### 4) Change to Captain's rights

If a team has a coach present at the court, then the team captain no longer has the right to call for game interruptions (e.g. Time Out)

Rule 5.1.2.3 In the absence of the coach, (the captain may)to request time-out or substitution.

#### 5) Two Libero players

Teams of up to twelve (12) players may now nominate two Libero players. Both Libero players will be identified within the team list on the scoresheet in the lines allocated for Libero's (Rule 19.1.1 and 19.1.2).

Please note: Teams will continue to be limited to twelve (12) players maximum in Australian competitions.

The Libero in play ("Acting Libero") can be exchanged with the reserve Libero, but note the acting Libero will then take no further part in that match. Scorers will record the re-designation of Libero within the remarks section of the scoresheet.

To make it easier for the officials to acknowledge the exchange of libero's, the Libero exchange should occur in the libero replacement zone using the substitution process.

A team captain may now also relinquish the captaincy to take on the Libero role. Note a replacement Game Captain must be nominated who will take on the Team Captain responsibilities for the remainder of the match.

#### 6) Substitution procedure

The coach is no longer required to press a buzzer or make an official hand signal to request a substitution. The request for substitution will be the act of a player, in uniform and ready to enter the court, entering the substitution zone with the substitution paddle in hand whilst the ball is out of play.

The scorer, using a buzzer; or the second referee, using a whistle will authorise the request for substitution (Rule 15.10).

### Second referee responsibilities

The rules have returned to the 2000-2004 requirements for the second referee to whistle the illegal back row attack fault.

The second referee will now take up a position between the scorer and the net post during the substitution process. They must ensure their position does not interfere with the scorer's view of the players substituting. The second referee will continue to be responsible for controlling the substitution process, including multiple substitutions being conducted one by one. They will also continue to provide authorisation for the players to enter the court, once the scorer has endorsed the legality of the substitution.

