



2009/10
AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR BEACH
VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
(AJBVC)



PLAYER HANDBOOK +
TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

18TH-20TH JANUARY 2010
GLENELG BEACH, ADELAIDE

In conjunction with



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1. WELCOME FROM VOLLEYBALL AUSTRALIA PRESIDENT

Welcome to Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships. This year's competition is being hosted by Volleyball Australia in conjunction with Volleyball South Australia and with the support of City of Holdfast Bay Council.

To all teams, welcome to South Australia, we hope that this week's event is challenging, rewarding and most of all ENJOYABLE. National underage titles are up for grabs and we hope that all of your preparations up to this point come together for the best performances on the day.

The Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships (AJBVC) is the premier competition for Australia's underage beach volleyballers in Australia and is the foundation for participation in the Australian Beach Volleyball Series and underage FIVB championships.

For a number of teams, this will be their first time at AJBVC. Everyone is encouraged to get to know your senior players, coaches and officials, and learn from their years of experience not only at AJBVC, but on the Australian Beach Volleyball Tour and, in some cases, internationally.

The next generation Natalie Cook, Tamsin Barnett, Josh Slack and Andrew Schacht are among you, so take this opportunity for excellence and enjoy the competition.

Competitions for males and females in the U17, U19 and U23 divisions will be conducted over the three days of competition, with medal finals taking place on the day three, followed by presentations. Teams will also be vying for the honour of their state and the Andy Burdin Shield for Champion State.

This handbook outlines the overall participation guidelines for this summer's championships, its rules and regulations, and is the central reference guide for all involved.

Once again welcome and wish good luck to all teams.

Chris Schacht
President
Volleyball Australia



2. 2008/09 AJBVC WINNERS

U/17 Men

Gold - Moore/McKenzie (SA)
Silver - Thwaites/Sargent-Clark (NZ)
Bronze – Morunga/Henry (NZ)

U/17 Women

Gold – Ryder/Clancy (QLD)
Silver – Sloane/Hynes (VIC)
Bronze – Richard/Morrow (VIC)

U/19 Men

Gold – Antonsen/Solhaug (NOR)
Silver – Hender/Lewington (WA)
Bronze – Stoyen/Ronneberg (NOR)

U/19 Women

Gold - Lehre/Hole (NOR)
Silver – Bennetto/Richard (VIC)
Bronze – Bishop/Cridland (VIC)

U/23 Men

Gold – Legrand/Schumann (VIC)
Silver – McHugh/Boehm (SA)
Bronze – Mann/Irwin (QLD)

U/23 Women

Gold – Bartoli/Artacho (NSW)
Silver – Rohkamper/Frostick (NSW)
Bronze – Dean/Battaglione (NSW)

ANDY BURDIN SHIELD (Champion State) VICTORIA



3. CHAMPIONSHIP STAFF

Technical Delegate (Competition):	Susan Diver-Tuck
Technical Delegate (Referee):	TBC
Operations Manager:	Baz Wedmaier
Results Manager:	Teresa Henderson
Operations Assistants:	TBC TBC
Referee Supervisors:	TBC

4. SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

DATE	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TIME
SUN 17 th JAN	Level 1 Referee Course This course is being run by Volleyball SA to prepare players to meet their duty requirements. Cost: TBA Per person	TBA	TBA
	General Technical Meeting & Preliminary Inquiry <u>Compulsory</u> for all Head of Delegations, Coaches and players. ~ Registration ~ Uniforms Checked ~ Draws issued ~ Technical Delegate (Comp) Briefing ~ Technical Delegate (Ref) Briefing	TBA	TBA
MON 18 th JAN	Matches Commence	Glenelg Beach, Adelaide	8.00am
TUES 19 th JAN	Round Matches Continue	Glenelg Beach, Adelaide	8.00am
WED 20 th JAN	Cross Over's & Playoffs Commence	Glenelg Beach, Adelaide	8.00am
	Medal Matches - All Divisions	Glenelg Beach, Adelaide	Various
	Medal Presentation & Closing Ceremony	TBA	Approx 3.00pm

5. ENTRY AND PARTICIPATION REGULATIONS

- i. Entries into the 2009/10 Championships are accepted via nomination forms received from State Volleyball Associations.
- ii. Australian citizens representing their state must be current, Full Members of their State Association to be eligible for nomination to compete. Memberships will be verified with State Associations prior to acceptance of teams into the competition. The State Association must rank teams to assist in the seeding of teams in the draw.
- iii. State Associations may seek exemption to the citizenship criteria (above). Applications for exemption must be made in writing by the General Manager of the State Volleyball Association and it **MUST** describe the reasons for the exemption application, justifying the selection of an international player. Applications should be sent to:

Susan Diver -Tuck
Competitions & Events Manager
Volleyball Australia
E: events@avf.org.au
F: 02 6247 6633

Applications for exemption will be received up to 5.00pm EDST **Friday 11th December 2009.**

Determination of exemptions will be advised within 14 days of receipt.

- iv. Non-Australian competitors representing their country must be current members of their National Federation. Entries will only be accepted upon receipt of a letter of endorsement from the National Federation. Where more than one team is nominated in a division, the National Federation must rank which will assist in the seeding of teams in the draw.
- v. International teams compete in regular pool play. Regardless of ranking at the end of pool play, International teams will be relegated to playoff for 9th position and below.
- vi. If a team must alter its players after the General Technical Meeting due to medical or unforeseen circumstances, that team will forfeit their place in the seedings and all teams move up to fill the forfeiting team's place. The forfeiting team that takes on a new player will then be seeded in the last position. Any player entering into the team after the General Technical Meeting must fulfill the current entry requirements and complete the necessary documentation prior to commencement of any matches.
- vii. The team member who has been removed cannot re-enter the competition as if to re-form the original team.
- viii. Entry fees for the Championships are as follows:
 - **International Teams AUD \$130 each**
 - **Australian Teams AUD \$110 (\$121 including GST)**
 - *(Additional 5% service fee will apply to credit card transactions)*
- viii. See Appendix 1 for the State Volleyball Association team nomination form which can also be downloaded from the Official Championships website www.avf.org.au/AJBVC.
- ix. Nominations will be accepted up to COB **Friday 11th December 2009.**
- x. Payments of Entry Fees are due by COB **Tuesday 5th January 2010.**



- xi. Teams withdrawing after the nomination date forfeit 50% of their entry fee.

6. PROOF OF AGE + AGE GROUP REQUIREMENTS

Proof of Age is required for all competitors. But to ease the burden on State Volleyball Associations, only those competitors that **DID NOT** compete in the 2009 Australian Junior Volleyball Championships (AJVC) are required to hand in Proof of Age documents. Copies of these documents are required to the Volleyball Australia Office by **COB Friday 11th December 2009**.

Age groups are as follows;

- i. **U17:** -
Must be born in 1993 or later (therefore the players must be 16 years or younger as at 31 December 2009).
- ii. **U19:** -
Must be born in 1991 or later (therefore the players must be 18 years or younger as at 31 December 2009).
- iii. **U23:** -
Must be born in 1987 or later (therefore the players must be 22 years or younger as at 31 December 2009).

7. GENERAL TECHNICAL MEETING + PRELIMINARY INQUIRY

- There will be a Preliminary Inquiry & General Technical Meeting at 7.00pm on Sunday night (17th January 2010) prior to commencement of the competition.
- **This meeting is compulsory for all team delegates, coaches, players (both team members) and officials.**
- All teams must report to the Sign-In area where teams, uniforms and draws will be verified. The Technical Delegate (Referee) will brief all teams in fundamental rules and interpretations in beach volleyball to assist teams with their duty commitments over the three days of competition. The Technical Delegate (Competition) will brief all teams in all other aspects of the Championships.
- Teams will receive an official Championships pack at the Preliminary Inquiry/General Technical Meeting.
- Delegations have the ability to get their uniforms pre-approved before the Championships. Photographs of player uniforms (Female - bikini tops and bottoms; Male - singlet's and shorts) will be accepted up until **COB Friday 8th January 2010**. Photographs should be emailed to the Volleyball Australia (VA) Office;

Susan Diver-Tuck
Competitions & Events Manager
E: events@avf.org.au



8. CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

The Tournament will be played under the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules 2009-2012.

i. Scoring

All matches will be best of three sets.

- A set (except the deciding 3rd set) is won by the team that first scores 21 points with a minimum lead of two points. In the case of a 20-20 tie, play is continued until a two-point lead is reached (22-20, 23-21 etc).
- In the case of a 1-1 tie, the deciding set (the 3rd) is played to 15 points with a minimum lead of 2 points.
- The teams switch ends after every 7 points (Set 1 and 2) and 5 points (Set 3) played.

ii. Net Heights

AGE	MALE	FEMALE
U17	2.35	2.15
U19	2.43	2.24
U23	2.43	2.24

iii. Time outs

- In Set 1 & 2 each team is entitled to one (1) time out of 30 seconds, in each set.
- A Technical Time Out of 30 seconds, will be held in each set when points equal 21.
- In Set 3 each team is entitled to one (1) time out in the third set.
- There will be NO technical Time Out.

iv. Competition Points

Teams receive 3 points for a win, 1 point for a loss, 0 points for a forfeit.

v. Duration between sets

Teams receive a one (1) minute break between sets.

vi. Forfeiture of Sets and Matches

- Any player that fails to report for their match within 5 minutes of a match being called to commence, will cause that set to be forfeited. A failure to report after a further 5 minutes will cause the match to be forfeited.
- Teams are not compelled to proceed with the match if the player eventually reports; however, in the spirit of the Championships, teams should work together and play the match if possible.
- Teams who forfeit a match will incur a fine of \$80. Fines for forfeiture may be withheld due to extenuating circumstances, but this is at the discretion of the Technical Delegate (Competition).

vii. Duty Teams

- There is a 10 minute break between games. The assigned duty team must report to the court and be prepared to commence the match at its allocated time. The following pre-match protocol is to be followed:

T-10 Competing teams enter playing area

T-6 Call for the coin toss and commence Official Warm-up

T-1 Finish Official Warm-up
T-0 Match Start

- Duty teams who report for duty and cause a match to start later than its allocated time will incur a fine of \$20, to be paid to the Technical Delegate (Competition) by the conclusion of that day's play. A receipt will be issued.
- Duty teams who fail to report for duty will incur a fine of \$50, to be paid to the Technical Delegate (Competition) by the conclusion of that day's play. A receipt will be issued.
- Individuals performing a duty may request an assessment by the Technical Delegate (Referee) to assist with the skill development. The Technical Delegate (Referee) will schedule the requests taking into account volume and any match clashes. An AVRC assessment and feedback form will be provided as well as verbal feedback following the match. Any individuals seeking this formal assessment must register their interest with the Chief Refer Technical Delegate (Referee). There is no limit to the number of assessments that an individual may request, subject to time constraints.
- Duty team's are entitled to halt a game and seek the assistance of the Technical Delegate (Referee) or a Referee Supervisor to resolve disputes or provide support should players or coaches be behaving inappropriately during the course of the match.
- Teams are expected to resolve disputes on decisions at the time of occurrence and not complete a game without fully resolving a dispute.

viii. Coaching

- Team coaches are permitted at the Championships They must identify themselves to the 1st Referee at the time of conducting the toss and their names recorded on the score sheet.
- Coaches may only converse with players during the time outs and they may sit behind their players' seats (i.e. outside of the field of play) throughout the match.
- Coaches who direct questions, comments or criticisms towards a referee that is audible to either the 1st or 2nd referee will be asked to leave the immediate vicinity of the match. The Duty team may seek the assistance and support of the Technical Delegate (Referee) or Referee Supervisors is required.
- Coaches asked to leave the field of play (sanction) will be recorded on the scoresheet. Any coach incurring two or more sanctions within the Championships will be called to the AJBVC Control Committee to ascertain if any further sanctions are to be imposed (financial or otherwise).

9. UNIFORMS + ACCESSORIES

- The Official team uniform will consist of matching uniforms that identify State of Origin. Numbers are not compulsory on uniforms, but are preferred. "Nicknames" are not permitted on uniforms, where teams choose to display names, surnames only are permitted.
- In the instance of extreme weather (cold or heat), compression or other garments (Line Break, Skins, etc) may be worn by the team. Teams must still be matching. Teams are to notify the 1st Referee prior to the match commencing of the intention to wear such garments.
- Caps and visors, arm & wrist bands and sand socks are not considered part of the official team uniform and may be different within the team.



- **FEMALES**
 - a. Matching bikini tops, tank tops or singlet tops are permitted and required.
 - b. Matching bikini bottoms, bike shorts and board shorts are permitted and required.
- **MALES**
 - a. Matching singlet tops are permitted and required.
 - b. Bare chests are **NOT** permitted.
 - c. Matching board shorts are permitted and required. Shorts must be a minimum of 10cm above the knee.
- A fine of \$50 per person, per infringement applies to players who do not adhere to the uniform regulations.

10. CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

i. Australian Ranking

All teams will receive a ranking based on their finishing positions at the Championships. Any International teams will be removed from the final Australian Ranking prior to publishing final rankings for the Andy Burdin Shield, thereby elevating any Australian teams above Internationals.

ii. Andy Burdin Shield Points

Teams competing in medal matches will receive the following points for their State towards the Champion State Award, the Andy Burdin Shield.

- Gold = 3 points Silver = 2 points Bronze = 1 point
- International teams are ineligible to accrue Andy Burdin Shield points.

11. EVENT FORMAT

- Days 1 and 2 will feature preliminary round matches. Depending on nominations received in each division, pool play or round robin formats will be played.
- Subsequently, playoff's and medal matches will follow on day 3.

12. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- The Control Committee is consists of the Technical Delegate (Competition), Technical Delegate (Referees) plus a Volleyball Australia appointed delegate.
- The Control Committee is the highest authority for the Championship. The Control Committee can use information supplied and available to them at their discretion to make decisions with regard to all aspects of the Championships, including but not limited to entries, seeding, competition format and player, coach and officials conduct.
- Disputes which remain unresolved to a parties satisfaction may be addressed in writing and accompanied with a \$100, within 14 days of the Championship to;

Joan Perry
 Chief Executive Officer
 Volleyball Australia
 PO Box 3323
 Belconnen ACT 2617



- If the protest is upheld, \$70 of the submission fee will be returned to the protester. If the protest is denied the submission fee is not returned.

13. PLAYER SANCTIONS

The Control Committee may disqualify teams for misconduct and inappropriate behaviour. The Control Committee may also sanction coaches and officials for misconduct and inappropriate behaviour.

14. WEATHER POLICY

- If the weather forecast anticipates adverse conditions (lightning), the Championships may be delayed until conditions improve. Play will continue for wind and rain.
- The Technical Delegate (Competition) and Technical Delegate (Referees) will make a determination and notify the heads of delegation of each State by telephone or in person. Unless notified of a cancellation, teams are required to report to their scheduled matches as specified by the draw.

15. MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

Publicity and promotions throughout the Championships will be conducted by Volleyball Australia and Volleyball South Australia. Media attendance at the event, media requests for interviews and photos are to be directed through the Technical Delegate (Competition).

16. ANTI-DOPING POLICY

- The Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships is a National Championship event and accordingly may be subject to anti-doping testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA). Competitors will comply with all conditions of the VA Anti Doping Policy and the rules and regulations of ASADA. Testing may be conducted and players will be notified via standard ASADA procedures.
- The attendance of ASADA officers will be managed by Volleyball Australia. Any athletes selected for testing will be notified by the Technical Delegate (Competition) prior to any action by ASADA officers. The team coach/manager or Head of Delegation will also be notified to provide supervision and support if requested by the player.
- **The Anti-Doping Policy can be downloaded from the Volleyball Australia website www.avf.org.au.** Follow links to *About Us, Policies and High Performance Policies* to download.

17. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Souvenir Championship T-Shirts will be available for sale during the event for \$30. Any stock left over can be purchased through the Volleyball Australia website, www.avf.org.au/AJBVC. T-shirt designs will be released shortly.
- A Referee Course is being offered by Volleyball South Australia. Details will be confirmed at a later date. It is recommended that all players attend this course. **Date: Sunday 17th January 2010.**
- To book your course please contact the Volleyball South Australia Office on 08 8363 1265.



18. APPENDIX 1 – NOMINATION FORM

The AJBVC Nomination Form can be downloaded in excel format from the website, www.avf.org.au/AJBVC.

19. APPENDIX 2 – KEY DATES

The following deadlines will be strictly adhered to.

DATE	TIME (EDST)	DESCRIPTION
FRI 11 th DEC 2009	5:00pm	AJBVC Nominations Close – Due back into VA Office
	5:00pm	Proof of Age Documentation due into VA Office, <u>ONLY</u> for those competitors that <u>DID NOT</u> compete in the 2009 AJVC or 2008/09 AJBVC.
	5:00pm	Withdrawal of Teams after this date and time will incur a 50% charge of the entry fee.
	5:00pm	Applications in writing for Australian Citizenship exemptions for players are due into VA Office.
MON 14 th DEC 2009	5:00pm	Invoices to be prepared by VA and emailed to Member States for payment.
TUES 5 th JAN 2010	5:00pm	Payment of Entry Fees Due.
FRI 8 th JAN 2010	5:00pm	Pre-approval of Official Playing Uniforms due to VA office. Photographs via email. All uniforms not approved by this date, will be checked at the Preliminary Inquiry.
	5:00pm (CDST)	Bookings Close for Level 1 Referee Course. Contact VSA.
SUN 17 th JAN 2010	TBA (CDST)	Preliminary Inquiry and General Technical Meeting. <u>COMPULSORY FOR ALL PLAYERS, COACHES AND TEAM OFFICIALS</u> - Location
	TBA (CDST)	Level 1 Referee Course – Location?
MON 18 th JAN 2010	8:00am (CDST)	Games Commence, Glenelg Beach, Adelaide.
TUES 19 th JAN 2010	8:00am (CDST)	Games continue, Glenelg Beach, Adelaide.
WED 20 th JAN 2010	8:00am (CDST)	Crossovers and playoffs commence, Glenelg Beach, Adelaide.
	Approx. 3:00pm (CDST)	Presentation and Closing Ceremony. Location?