



CHALLENGE VOLLEYBALL RULES

Fielding a Team

- 1.1 Team Captains are required to pay the full game fee (\$55.00) before their game commences.
- 1.2 Teams may field a maximum of (6) registered players on court. At least (4) registered players must be present for any game to commence. Teams must register all players before the start of the season.
- 1.3 Teams will lose (1) point per minute to the opposition for any late starts.
Teams have a maximum of 15 minutes from the 45-minute mark to start the game thereafter deemed as a forfeit 3-0 (25-0, 25-0, 25-0)
- 1.4 To qualify for the finals a player must play at least 8 games (BYE's included). New teams must play 50% of the season to qualify for the finals & will commence equal bottom position on the ladder.

During a Game

- 2.1 Only the Team Captain may approach a Referee and only to clarify a ruling, but NOT to dispute it in any way. No other player may approach a Referee at any stage. Yellow and Red cards will be enforced.
- 2.2 There will be only one service attempt permitted (made within 8-seconds) anywhere on the baseline.
- 2.3 Each player is required to wear a matching colored top by Round (4) of the season. Any player not in uniform from Round (4) will penalise the team (2) points per player per set.
- 2.4 Teams may substitute players freely during the game however NO substitutions permitted in the last 5-mins of game.
- 2.5a Teams may use a "fill-in" player from another team of the same or higher grade to "make-up" numbers however, this "fill-in" player can ONLY play in the back court meaning they CANNOT rotate to serve nor enter into the front court to spike or block! **This rule does not apply to a player from a lower grade "filling-in" for a team in a higher grade.**
 - Teams with (5) registered players on court CANNOT use any fill-ins!
 - Teams with (4) registered players on court may only use one fill-in (back court only!).
 - Teams with (3) registered players on court will automatically forfeit the game if a 4th registered player does not show after 15 minutes of game time.
- 2.5b Any player "classified" by management as capable of playing in our 'Premier League' competition or any player currently playing in our 'Premier League' competition that wishes to participate in any of our lower grades will have certain conditions placed on them if they wish to continue playing in any of our lower grades.

These restrictions are as follows:
 - Any "classified" Premier League player/s will be given a first and final warning plus a loss of rally and a point to the opposition by our Referee (via YELLOW CARD) for any aggressive hitting or serving towards the opposition team whether contact is made with an opposition player or not.
 - The Referee will also record the "warning" on the scoresheet against the offending player.
 - If the Referee needs to warn the same offending player about their aggressive hitting or serving, a RED CARD will be issued and the consequence being automatic disqualification of the offending player for the "rest of the match" plus a loss of rally and a point to the opposition!
 - The Referees decision is FINAL and any disputes are to be taken up with Management (not the Referee).
 - This RULE has been introduced to protect the majority of "social" players. I would expect all Team Captains to respect my decision and to discuss this with fellow team members immediately.
- 2.6 There are two Time-Outs permitted at 30-sec each, per team, per set. NO Time-Outs permitted in the last 5-minutes!
- 2.7 Injured and/or bleeding players must be taken from the court and stadium staff notified for First Aid.
- 2.8 Blood on the Game Ball must be immediately notified to the Referee for a replacement ball.

Challenge Volleyball highly recommends that each player privately covers themselves against injury. Although we have Public Liability (\$10m), Professional Indemnity (\$2m) & Player Accident cover in place for each player it is minimal & possibly not enough for your individual circumstances.



Game Structure

- 3.1 The official playing time is 45-minutes (Teams are allocated a 5-mins Warm-Up before each game).
- 3.2 There will be NO TIME LIMIT imposed for all finals games. (10-minutes Warm Up allocated).

Scoring System

- 4.1 All games will be “Best of 5-Sets” using the “Rally Point” scoring system.
“Rally Point” simply means a point is scored whenever a team wins a rally.
- 4.2 To win a game, a team must either win 3-sets or win more sets than the opposition by the end of the 45-minute time limit. Should a game be decided within the time limit, play may still continue. Thereafter, only points will be awarded to your final score. This means teams cannot win 5-0.
- 4.3 Sets 1 to 4 are played to 25 points with a two-point advantage. For example: 26-24 or 28-26.
- 4.4 The 5th and final Set is to 15 points with a two-point advantage. Teams must assemble at opposite ends of the court before the commencement of the 5th Set. In the 5th Set, teams must change ends once a team reaches 8-points.
- 4.5 A “Draw” is recorded only when the set scores are equal at the end of the time limit. The final set will be awarded only if a team reaches 12-points with a two-point advantage. (E.g. 12-10)
- 4.6 Premiership Points System as follows:

Win	3-Points	B-Y-E	3-Points
Draw	2-Points	Win by Forfeit	3-Points
Loss	1-Point	Loss by Forfeit	0-Points

Season Duration

- 5.1 There will be a Winter & Summer season each year scheduled over 20-weeks plus 2-weeks of finals.
- 5.2 The top [4] teams from each grade will play-off in the finals (1st Vs 4th & 2nd Vs 3rd). The winners play in Grand Final.
- 5.3 There will be a 1-week break between seasons to finalise grades, new teams and prepare fixtures for the new season.

Player Conduct

Sanction Type	Application	Penalty
Warning	Verbal or hand signal, no card	N/A
Penalty	Yellow Card	Loss of Rally + Point to opposition
Expulsion	Red Card	Rest of Set
Disqualification	Yellow + Red Card (held jointly)	Rest of Match

*** Player vilification and/or any form of sledging will not be tolerated & any player/s found guilty will be suspended indefinitely.*

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