

1. GAME STRUCTURE

- 1.1. Game Duration – All games 50 minutes with 10 minute warm up
- 1.2. Games to start and finish at fixtured times as per PA system, secondly a scoreboard timer or Leisure Centre clock.
- 1.3. MIXED AND JUNIOR LEAGUE SETS
 - 1.3.1. Games are played best of 3 sets (restricted to above time limits). Sets are won by reaching 25 points with a 2 point advantage. First 2 sets are capped at 27 (therefore a score of 27-26 will win the set). The 3rd and deciding set is first to 15 capped at 15.
- 1.4. PREMIER LEAGUE SETS
 - 1.4.1. All PREMIER games are played best of 5 sets (restricted to above time limits). Sets are won by reaching 25 points with a 2 point advantage (except the 5th set to 15). All sets are UNCAPPED; teams must win by 2 points within the regular game time. (ref 1.1).
 - 1.4.2. A deciding set (3rd or 5th) becomes live when any team reaches 8 points. A set win will be awarded to the team with a lead of 2 points or greater.
 - 1.4.3. In a deciding set and the timer calls for the game to end, that rally is completed. If at the end of the rally the below scores occur the set and game is scored as a draw:
 - 1.4.3.1. Scores are both below 8 points
 - 1.4.3.2. Score differential is less than 2 points
- 1.5. The number of completed sets won will determine the winner of the game.
- 1.6. Teams will be advised of Semi-final and Grand-final formats at completion of round 1.
- 1.7. PREMIERSHIP POINTS, LADDER AND FORFIETS
 - 1.7.1. Premiership Points
 - 1.7.1.1. Will be awarded as follows:
 - WIN: 4 points
 - DRAW: 2 points
 - LOSS: 0 points
 - BYE: 4 points
 - FORFEIT: -4 points/Score 0-25 0-25 0-25.
 - WASHOUT: 0 points
 - Mixed Leagues, failure to supply referee and scorer (umpire may score if capable) -2 points
 - Premier League, failure to supply referee, 2nd referee and scorer -2 points
 - 1.7.2. LADDER
 - 1.7.2.1. Teams that have equal Premiership Points will be separated firstly by Sets Won and then by points percentage (points won / points lost x 100).
 - 1.7.3. FORFIETS
 - 1.7.3.1. Forfeit bond will be required from each team and held by the association throughout the season. This bond will be paid back or used for court fees for the last round of the season.
 - 1.7.3.2. Any teams having to forfeit due to injury during a game will not be penalised any Premiership points.
 - 1.7.3.3. Three forfeits will constitute expulsion (at Albany Volleyball Association committee's discretion.)
 - 1.7.3.4. **GREATER than 48 Hours**
 - 1.7.3.4.1. Any team that forfeits GREATER than 48 hours will not be penalised Premiership Points but will have 3 sets recorded against them (eg. 0-25 0-25 0-15) as a loss. The opposing team will receive 4 points for a win and 3 sets (eg. 25-0 25-0 15-0).
 - 1.7.3.4.2. Forfeit bond will not be forfeited. (ref 1.7.3.1.)
 - 1.7.3.5. **LESS than 48 hours**
 - 1.7.3.5.1. Any team that forfeits LESS than 48 hours will be penalized 4 Premiership Points also have 3 sets recorded against them (0-25 0-25 0-15) as a loss. The opposing team will receive 4 points for a win and 3 sets for them (25-0 25-0 15-0).
 - 1.7.3.5.2. Forfeit bond will not be forfeited. (ref 1.7.3.1.)
 - 1.7.3.6. **LESS than 24 hours**
 - 1.7.3.6.1. Any team that forfeits LESS than 24 hours will be penalized 4 Premiership Points also have 3 sets recorded against them (0-25 0-25 0-15) as a loss. The opposing team will receive 4 points for a win and 3 sets for them (25-0 25-0 15-0).
 - 1.7.3.6.2. Any forfeit bond **will** be forfeited and re-paid to the association. (ref 1.7.3.1.)
 - 1.8. EQUIPMENT
 - 1.8.1. Net height
 - 1.8.1.1. Men's Premier League and all Mixed League Games will be played at "Men's Height" – 2430mm.
 - 1.8.1.2. Women's Premier League games will be played at "Women's Height" – 2240mm

2. STRUCTURE OF THE GAME

- 2.1. Premier League teams are required to wear matching shirts. These shirts are to display a different number for each player, displayed front and back.
 - 2.1.1. Penalties
 - 2.1.1.1. First offence is a verbal and written warning awarded to team captain.
 - 2.1.1.2. Following offences throughout the season is deduction one (1) premiership point per player not compliant with 2.1.
- 2.2. TEAM CAPTIAN:
 - 2.2.1. Before the match starts are required to fill in full names and numbers onto the score sheets (numbers only relate to Premier League Games) and cross out any player not participating in that game from the score sheet. Playing with false names/players will constitute a forfeit if a protest is lodged. (Premier League only) (ref 1.7.3.)
 - 2.2.2. Must complete rotation sheet prior to each set and hand to scorer. (Premier League only)
 - 2.2.3. Game fees must be forwarded to the committee member responsible for taking monies prior to commencement of game. This is the responsibility of team captain and enforced by the referee.

- 2.3. The referee in charge will conduct a toss with the 2 captains. The winner of the toss will have the choice of either serving/receiving OR the side of court to start on. The loser has the remaining choice.
 - 2.4. Mixed Competitive and Social League teams must have at least 5 players on court at the fixture start time (minimum of 2 females). Teams are encouraged to play with a minimum of 3 females, as this will be enforced in 2018 season.
 - 2.4.1. The opposing team will receive a five (5) point advantage on each set that the 6th player is absent. If the 6th player arrives mid set, he/she may join the current set but the 5 point advantage stays.
 - 2.5. Premier League teams must start with 6 players (gender specific).
 - 2.5.1. Teams must finish the game with at least 5 players on court, regardless of injury. Failure to do so will result in losing by forfeit (except there will be no loss of Premiership Points).
 - 2.5.2. If the 6th player is absent from the court, the "hole ruling" applies
 - 2.6. Each team is allowed 1 x 30 second time-out per set. No timeouts in the last 5 minutes of game.
 - 2.7. One minute permitted between sets only.
 - 2.8. DUTY REQUIREMENTS:
 - 2.8.1. Teams that do not attend fixtured duties will be penalised 4 Premiership Points.
 - 2.8.2. All MIXED teams are responsible for supplying 2 team members for refereeing and scoring duties when fixtured to do so. The Volleyball Association can provide a referee advisor who will provide a briefing on what is required.
 - 2.8.3. All PREMIER teams are responsible for supplying a minimum 3 team members, for 1st referee, 2nd referee and scoring duties when fixtured to do so. The Volleyball Association can provide a referee advisor who will provide a briefing on what is required.
 - 2.8.3.1. One (1) BONUS premiership point will be awarded to any duty team that supplies ALL the following positions for a designated duty:
 - MAIN REFFEREE
 - 2nd REFFEREE
 - SCORER
 - 2x LINES JUDGES
 - 2.8.4. The Umpire of each game must award Fairest & Best votes (3-2-1). Please use full names when filling out score sheet. Not doing so will account to being ineligible for payment
 - 2.8.5. 1st Referee MUST check the score sheet and fill out MVPs. Not doing so will account to being ineligible for payment
 - 2.8.6.
 - 2.9. SUBSTITUTING:
 - 2.9.1. Mixed Grade teams are permitted to rotate players into the service position only. Substituting is also permitted. The choice of rotating or substituting must be continued throughout the set
 - 2.9.2. Premier League teams are permitted to substitute only.
 - 2.10. PLAYING THE BALL:
 - 2.10.1. When serving the ball must leave the hand of the server before being hit (no handballing).
 - 2.10.2. A player may serve from anywhere along the baseline but only 1 attempt at serving is allowed.
 - 2.10.3. The ball may touch the net on service and still be in play.
 - 2.10.4. The serve shall not be attacked in any way.
 - 2.10.5. Teams are allowed a maximum of 3 hits each time the ball crosses the net (this does not include the block).
 - 2.10.6. Each player may only hit the ball once in succession – except if that player is blocking – in which case they can play the ball again.
 - 2.10.7. The ball may be played using any part of the body – except when serving.
 - 2.10.8. The ball must be hit or rebounded cleanly and may not be held, pushed, carried or thrown. The 1st ball over the net when receiving may be touched twice only if done so in the one single action.
 - 2.10.9. The ball may hit the net between (without touching) the antennae during a rally and still be in play. A ball played into the belly of the net may be saved and played within the teams 3 hit limit.
 - 2.10.10. Contact with the net by a player between the antennae, during the action of playing the ball, is a fault. *
 - 2.10.11. Player's feet are not permitted to completely cross over center line except if the player crosses without touching the opposition's court and not interfering with the opposition.
 - 2.10.12. Any ball that touches the line is considered "in".
 - 2.11. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY
 - 2.11.1. Player Must be a member of Volleyball WA
 - 2.11.2. Registered Players are only allowed to play with one team per grade.
 - 2.11.3. It is not permitted to play in both Mixed Competitive and Mixed Social, or a Premier League player playing in Mixed Social Grade. (at the discretion of the Albany Volleyball Committee)
 - 2.11.4. Unregistered Players may play a maximum of 5 games before they are required to become registered.
 - 2.11.5. To be eligible to play in Finals, registered players must have played in at least 5 round-robin games. (ref 4.3.)
 - 2.11.6. Any team that chooses to play a player that is ineligible for any of these reasons may face Premiership Point penalties/forfeit if protests are lodged or at the discretion of the committee. (ref 1.7.3.)
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- 3.1. Participants must know the "Official FIVB Volleyball Rules" and abide by them.
 - 3.2. Players must accept the umpire's decision with sportsman-like conduct, without disputing them. If clarification is required, this shall be done through the game captain. Participants must refrain from actions or attitudes aimed at influencing the decisions of the umpires or covering up faults committed by their team.
 - 3.3. Any disputes or questions that can't be resolved by the court umpire should be directed to the Competition Director, c/- Albany Volleyball Association Committee. The Competition Director will make rulings over the interpretation of rules and by-law disputes.
 - 3.4. Participants must behave respectfully and courteously in the spirit of FAIR PLAY, not only towards the referees, but also towards other officials, the opponent, teammates and spectators.
 - 3.5. Where there is a dispute between the Official FIVB Volleyball Rules and this document, this document prevails.