



VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND
POIREWA AOTEAROA

2024 Inter-Provincial Championship Regulations

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1. TOURNAMENT DATES AND LOCATION

- 1.1. The 2024 NZSSVC will take place from Saturday 1 June – Monday 3 June
- 1.2. The event location will be Ākau Tangi Sports Centre, Kemp Street, Kilbirnie, Wellington
- 1.3. VNZ has the right to change locations during the event if it deems it is in the best interest of the tournament

2. FINANCE

- 2.1. Entry is subject to the payment of the communicated tournament entry fee —including VNZ Membership fees.
- 2.2. A Tournament Bond will not be asked from Regions upon registration, but Regions will be penalised if obligations are not met. Some penalty fees may be asked to be paid during the tournament or Regions will be invoiced. Penalty fees can range from \$50-\$200.
- 2.3. These obligations are:
 - Paying the registration fee on or before the due date;
 - Providing all the eligibility documents for additional/ change player, additional/change coach, additional/ change manager before the first day of the tournament or during the preliminary inquiry (team sign-off);
 - Having Team Coach and/or Manager attend the General Technical Meeting;
 - Returning all trophies and shields already engraved and in top condition;
 - Playing all matches as scheduled;
 - Arriving for duty no less than 20 minutes before the start of the match and beginning the competing teams protocol before the scheduled start time of the match
 - Performing all duties scheduled or as directed by event staff;
 - Providing Referees, scorers and line judges in line with these regulations. Both referees must have their own whistles
 - Ensuring that their duty scoresheets are fully completed (i.e. totals in the result sections; signatures of the referees, coaches, and captains; etc.); and
 - Meeting all the requirements under Tournament Regulations.
- 2.4. If a team enters and then withdraws from the Event, the refund policy is: No Refund 2 weeks before the tournament.
- 2.5. Entries to the Event are confirmed on receipt of the online team entry form provided by Volleyball New Zealand at the noted deadline date.

3. RIGHT OF ENTRY

- 3.1 The Volleyball New Zealand Inter-Provincial Championships is a competition for Regional Associations only. Any exceptions to this are at the sole discretion of Volleyball New Zealand.
- 3.2 Each Association is responsible for ensuring that all players participating in the Championships have met the requirements of these regulations.

3.3 Each of Volleyball New Zealand's 15 Regional Associations are allocated two (2) teams entry, per gender, per grade (where an Association enters two (2) teams in a grade, the Association is required to attest to the rankings of the teams on the final Team List submission where appropriate):

1. Aoraki
2. Bay of Plenty
3. Canterbury
4. Hawkes Bay
5. Manawatu
6. Manukau Auckland
7. North Harbour
8. Northland
9. Otago
10. Southland
11. Taranaki
12. Tasman
13. Waikato
14. Waitakere East Central Auckland
15. Wellington

4. PLAYER AND GRADE ELIGIBILITY

Player Eligibility

4.1. Players must be a New Zealand citizen or hold a valid Resident Visa. This means the person holds or has issued in their name, at least one of the following documents:

4.1.1. A New Zealand Passport

4.1.2. A New Zealand Certificate of Citizenship

4.1.3. A New Zealand Birth Certificate

4.1.4. A New Zealand Resident Visa

4.2. Players may only represent one Association. A player's Association is defined by the following:

4.2.1. The Association their Secondary School is affiliated to or located in.

4.2.2. Players studying in a Tertiary Institution may play for the region where their institution is given that they are residing in that region for the duration of the school year.

4.2.3. If the player does not attend Secondary school or tertiary but resides in Auckland, then the association for which their 2023 Club Team is affiliated to is their region.

4.2.4. If the player does not attend a Secondary School, the Association that the athlete resides in, as per their residential address.

4.2.5. If the player has not affiliated to a club in 2023 then they must consult Volleyball New Zealand for a decision.

4.3. Each Association team may register one (1) Exemption Player (EP).

- 4.4 An Exemption Player (EP) is defined as a player who has no Association to represent in their grade, and wishes to represent a different Association, other than that which is defined in 4.2 above
- 4.5 Teams may register one (1) International Player (IP) in the U-17, U-19, U-23 and Senior grade.
- 4.6 An International Player is a player who does not meet the regulations outlined in 4.1 above.
- 4.6.1 U-17, U-19, U-23 - may play under student visa.
- 4.6.2 Senior Grade - The International Player must hold a New Zealand Work Visa for at least 2 years and lived in New Zealand for 2 years prior to the tournament.

Competition Grades and Age Group Criteria

- 4.7 U-17 Grades (Boys and Girls) - Players born in 2008 and after – i.e. can't turn 17 in 2024 (2007, 2008)
- 4.8 U-19 Grades (Boys and Girls) - Players born in 2006 and after – i.e. can't turn 19 in 2024 (2005, 2006)
- 4.9 U-23 Grades (Men's and Women's) - Players born in 2002 and after – i.e. can't turn 23 in 2024 (2001, 2002, 2003, 2004)
- 4.10 Senior Grades (Men's and Women's) - Open
- 4.11 Players are expected to play in their appropriate age group
- 4.12 Requests for Dispensation to player and age-group eligibility criteria can be made in writing to Volleyball New Zealand prior to the event stating the rationale for the change in age group with support from the player, parents/guardians and Regional Association team and/or management staff. Decisions regarding any such requests for dispensation are at the sole discretion of VNZ.

5. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 5.1 A team may consist of up to a maximum of 14 players
- 5.2 All players/team officials must be registered via the notified process of administration of the event

6. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- 6.1. Decisions on composition of grades, seedings, set and draw format and structure are final and at the sole discretion of Volleyball NZ once entries are known.
- 6.2. Where possible, matches will be best of five sets (first four sets to 25 and the final set to 15) with a two-point advantage in all sets but this remains subject to change in all grades as required.

7. NET HEIGHT

- 7.1. Boys/Men's grades: 2.43 metres.

7.2. Girls/Women's grades: 2.24 metres.

8. MATCH SCHEDULE

- 8.1. The first match in the day may commence as early as 8.00am.
- 8.2. All matches will start at the scheduled time, or earlier by agreement between Tournament officials, Team Captains and the Duty team.
- 8.3. Competing teams must be present at the allocated court at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their match. If a team is not present, the protocol begins as usual, with the opposing captain gaining choice of serve, receive, or side.
- 8.4. For matches running behind time, pre-match protocol (see APPENDIX A - PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL) begins as soon as the teams from the preceding match have shaken hands and cleared the court. Please clear the court quickly after completing your match.
- 8.5. Coaches and/or Managers are responsible for confirming scheduled matches and any changes to the draw.

9. DEFAULTS

- 9.1. Any team which is not ready to take the court (six players) at the scheduled start time of the match, or 15 minutes after the completion of the previous match (if behind schedule), will lose the first set by default (25-0).
- 9.2. If a team has not arrived for a scheduled match, it is the Duty Team's responsibility to inform a Court Controller as soon as possible who will contact tournament management.
- 9.3. If after 10 minutes from the commencement of the match, the team has still not arrived, the match is forfeited.
- 9.4. A team may be declared in default only by a member of the tournament management.
- 9.5. A team that defaults a match without adequate reason may be subject to further disciplinary action as decided by tournament management.

10. OFFICIAL PLAYING AREA

- 10.1. The official playing is defined as the court and the immediate area beside the court including the score bench and the team benches.
- 10.2. Only players and team officials (as printed on the scoresheet) are permitted in the playing areas during allocated match times.
- 10.3. Additions to the team list (players and/or officials) must be signed off by tournament management prior to the match commencing.
- 10.4. Up to 5 adults can sit in the team bench (Coach, Asst. Coach, Team Manager or Medic, etc). They must be included in the team list.
- 10.5. Once the ball leaves the free zone and crosses into the playing space above a neighbouring court, the ball is "OUT".

10.6. Dividing curtains are considered walls and not to be moved or held back to create space for a server or a play on the ball.

11. MATCH BALLS

11.1. The official tournament ball is the Mikasa V200W.

11.2. One match ball per court is supplied.

11.3. It is the Duty Team's responsibility to return the match ball and flags to the court bin at the conclusion of the match.

11.4. All matches will play the one ball system.

12. TEAM UNIFORMS

12.1. Team shirts and shorts must be matching in design and colour (except for the Libero).

12.2. If two or more sets of uniforms are used, it is preferable players wear the identical number for each set of shirts.

12.3. Shirt numbers must be clearly visible and numbered 1-99 front and back.

12.4. The Libero must wear a distinctly contrasting coloured shirt for identification, numbered front and back as per 12.212.2.

12.5. Players are permitted to wear undergarments such as tights, spandex and compression wear of any length or style as long as the colour of these items is consistent across all members of the team.

12.6. Players are not permitted to play with casts.

12.7. Cultural/religious dress that is not standard part of team uniform may be worn with approval from Volleyball New Zealand

13. DUTIES

13.1. Teams are required to do duty as per the tournament draw.

13.2. Each team is required to provide:

13.3. U-17, U-19 & U-23 - A minimum VNZ Regional Qualified first and Regional Qualified second referee

13.4. Senior - A minimum VNZ National Qualified first referee and Regional Qualified second referee

13.5. Failure to properly complete duty will result in a penalty of \$100.00 and may be further sanctioned.

13.6. Teams must supply own whistles.

Line Judges

13.7 All duty teams must supply two (2) line judges for all duties.

13.8 Line judges must be standing and not using electronic devices nor conversing with spectators.

Adult Duty Responsibilities

- 13.9 For U17 & U19, an Adult (21years or older), who is a qualified Referee MUST be present at the score bench, participating with duty or managing the duty team.
- 13.10 Managing the duty involves ensuring the duty is done to the best of their ability and ensuring that the Tournament staff are alerted if required.
- 13.11 Teams may be required to perform duty and then play in the following game
- 13.12 Where possible, teams that play or do duty on the last match will not play or do duty on the first match the next day.

14. PROTESTS

- 14.1. Should any team wish to make an official protest during the game, the team Captain must indicate this to the 1st Referee.
- 14.2. A \$50.00 cash fee shall be paid to the Tournament Director or Referee Delegate for the protest to be considered (this fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld).
- 14.3. The match is frozen until the Disputes Committee meets and settles the protest. The Disputes Committee decision is final.
- 14.4. The Disputes Committee consists of: The Tournament Director, The Chief Referee or Referee Delegate, Independent or VNZ Staff member (if required at discretion of the Tournament Director).
- 14.5. A protest will only be considered:
- On an application or interpretation of a rule;
 - Immediately following the referee's ruling (or lack thereof).
- 14.6. Once the referee has authorized service for the next point, protests concerning the previous rally will not be accepted.

15. SUBSTITUTIONS

15.1 U-17 & U-19

15.1.1 A team is entitled to twelve (12) substitutions each set.

15.1.2 A player may only enter the court three (3) times in a set (starting counts as one (1) entry).

15.1.3 Once a player has entered a certain position on the score sheet (i.e. 1-6) a player cannot enter another position.

15.2 U-23 & Senior

15.2.1 Regular FIVB 6 substitutions per set applies

16 LIBERO

16.1 U-17 & U-19

16.1.1 One (1) Libero per set is permitted

16.1.2 Before the start of each set the team coach must complete the team rotation slip and indicate the Libero's number.

16.1.3 If no Libero number is provided on each set's line-up sheet, then no Libero can take the court for that set

16.1.4 The Libero may be re-designated at the end of each set

16.2 U-23 & Senior

16.2.3 0, 1 or 2 Liberos may be nominated and signed off on scoresheet prior to match commencing

16.2.4 If a team has 13 or 14 players, 2 must be nominated as Liberos

17 WARM-UP

17.1 The Match Protocol outlined in Appendix A will apply for the event.

18 COMPETITION RANKINGS

18.1 Rankings will be determined as follows, in order of priority

18.1.3 Number of Victories: Teams will be classified in descending order by the number of matches won.

18.1.4 Match Points, which shall be allocated as follows:

18.1.4.1 Match won 3-0; 3-1 3 points

18.1.4.2 Match won 3-2 2 points

18.1.4.3 Match lost 2-3 1 point

18.1.4.4 Match lost 0-3; 1-3 0 points

18.1.4.5 Match forfeited 0 points (25-0; 25-0; 25-0)

18.1.5 Set quotient: In the case of equality in the number of matches won by two or several teams, they will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost.

18.1.6 Points quotient: If the tie persists as per the set quotient the teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of points lost during all sets.

18.1.7 If the tie continues as per the point quotient between two teams, the priority will be given to the team which won the last match between them.

18.1.8 When the tie in point quotient is between three or more teams, a new classification of these teams in the terms of the above three tie-breakers will be made taking into consideration only the matches in which they were opposed to each other.

19 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

19.1 For the purposes of this clause, "Intellectual Property" shall mean all the intellectual property of Volleyball New Zealand in the competition including but not limited to all copyright, trademarks, design rights and all rights whether created before or after the date of the competition and whether registered or unregistered, the format of the competition rules and regulations of the competition, the name and logo of the competition, all broadcasting, media and production and reproduction rights of any games in the competition in any form whatsoever, all operational information including all promotional and advertising material in relation to the competition.

The teams shall ensure that the ownership by Volleyball New Zealand of the Intellectual Property is protected at all times and that any breach of it or unauthorised or unlicensed use of it is reported to Volleyball New Zealand promptly. Any unauthorised or unlicensed use of the Intellectual Property by a team or any such unauthorised or unlicensed use permitted by a team shall be deemed a breach of these Competition Regulations and enforceable under the non-compliance provisions of these

Competition Regulations.

For the avoidance of doubt, any footage of fixtures played in this competition is the property of Volleyball NZ and no participant team or any other party may make matches publicly available, either live or on a later date, unless authorised by Volleyball New Zealand in writing.

20 NON-COMPLIANCE

20.1 Outside of specific incidents or situations cited and sanctionable under the terms of these Competition Regulations, if any participating player/team is in breach of other elements of these regulations the following procedure will be undertaken to remedy the breach:

20.1.1 In the first instance of a breach, Tournament Director shall notify the participating team in writing of the breach, and the participating team will be given three working days to rectify the breach. It is the responsibility of the participating team to undertake remedial action within the timeframe set and to keep the Tournament Director informed of progress, including any possible delays due to circumstances beyond its control.

20.1.2 If the breach is not rectified within the timeframe prescribed in 19.1.1, the Tournament Director shall issue a second written notice to the participating team, outlining the breach and a timeframe for rectification, and imposing a fine. The level of fine will be determined on a case-by-case basis, depending on the particular matters of the breach. It is the responsibility of the participating team to undertake remedial action within the timeframe set and to keep Volleyball NZ informed of progress, including any possible delays due to circumstances beyond its control.

20.1.3 If the breach is not remedied within the prescribed timeframe after the issuance of the second notice of breach in 19.1.2, the participating player/team will be suspended from competing in the competition for a duration as determined by the Tournament Director in consultation with VNZ.

21 CODE OF CONDUCT & DISCIPLINARY

21.1 All tournament officials, participants and spectators are bound by the Volleyball New Zealand Code of Conduct and the Bullying, Harassment and Intimidation Policy (see APPENDIX B).

21.2 As a result of any protest received from any participant team or event official which alleges a breach of these Regulations or the General Code of Conduct, a Disciplinary Committee comprised of the Tournament Director, Chief Referee and a VNZ member of staff will be convened to determine a resulting outcome or sanction.

21.3 Sanction could include any (or a combination) of the following to either a team(s) or individual(s):

- No action taken
- Loss of win(s) or points for a given team(s)
- A fine at the discretion of Volleyball New Zealand
- Suspension from a game(s)
- Expulsion from the tournament
- Escalation to Volleyball New Zealand Judicial process via the Board

APPENDICIES

APPENDIX A - PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL

To be confirmed and will be supplied shortly.

APPENDIX B - VOLLEYBALL NZ POLICIES

General Code of Conduct:

- <https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/media/attachments/2021/03/16/general-code-of-conduct-vnz-march-20211.pdf>

Bullying, Harassment and Intimidation Policy:

- <https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/media/attachments/2021/04/08/bullying-updated-april-2021.pdf>

APPENDIX C - FIVB VOLLEYBALL RULES

- https://www.fivb.com/en/volleyball/thegame_glossary/officialrulesofthegames

APPENDIX D - PENALTY SANCTIONS

A Tournament Bond will not be asked from Regions upon registration, but Regions will be penalised if obligations are not met. Some penalty fees may be asked to be paid during the tournament or Regions will be invoiced. Penalties can take the form of competition points, match points or fines and this is at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director. Penalty fees can range from \$50-\$200.

Non-exhaustive examples of non-compliance:

- Playing ineligible players as defined by these regulations
- Not playing all matches as scheduled
- Not having or wearing appropriate uniforms per regulations
- Not performing all scheduled duties
- Not providing a minimum duty personnel
- Duty supervisor not actively involved in duty (as 1st/2nd referee, line judge, scorer or assistant scorer)
- Team Coach and / or Manager not attending Technical Meeting
- Behaviour contrary to Volleyball New Zealand policies
- Not meeting all the requirements under Tournament Regulations