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G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour 2023 Regulations



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1 INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 The G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour is established by Volleyball New Zealand (VNZ) and shall be competed for by teams according to these Competition Regulations.
- 1.2 The G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour shall be organised by VNZ or organisations working on behalf of VNZ via the application of these Competition Regulations, policies and codes, which shall apply to the competition. To the extent that there is any conflict between these Competition Regulations and VNZ regulations or policies, any VNZ Covid-19 Protocols, regulations and codes otherwise, these Competition Regulations shall apply.
- 1.3 The objectives of the G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour are as follows:
 - to provide the highest-level national competition possible for New Zealand's best beach volleyball athletes
 - provide a competition structure and events calendar which integrates appropriately talented international players
 - to provide exposure and marketing opportunities for VNZ commercial partners
 - to provide an opportunity for regional associations to build capability and lead delivery of the competition in their region where appropriate

2 COMPETITION NAME

- 2.1 The competition shall be called the G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour and shall be competed for during each summer volleyball season in New Zealand.
- 2.2 VNZ shall have the right to add to or change the competition name to reflect the name of the sponsor if it so desires.

3 ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION

- 3.1 Entry to all events, including payment of the tournament entry fee, must be completed via Volleyball New Zealand website.
- 3.2 Entry deadlines and fees for all tournaments shall be posted on the Volleyball New Zealand website.
- 3.3 Entry limits per gender shall be published on the Volleyball New Zealand website.
- 3.3. All players wishing to compete must have no outstanding debt with their Regional Association, Zone or Volleyball New Zealand.
- 3.4 Entries must be submitted in compliance with the requirements of Volleyball New Zealand.

4 COMPETITION FORMAT

- 4.1 The format of the competition is at the sole discretion of Volleyball New Zealand.

- 4.2 The 2023 competition format is as follows:
- 4.2.1 Premier Grade – will be comprised of 12 teams taken from rankings points (including international points), the qualifying event held prior to the start of the competition and wildcards determined by Volleyball New Zealand.
 - 4.2.2 Division 1 – will be comprised of teams taken from rankings points, the losing teams from the Premier Division qualifying event held prior to the start of the competition and/or wildcards determined by Volleyball New Zealand.
 - 4.2.3 The draw for the Premier Grade division of competition outlined in 4.2.1 will be double elimination format.
 - 4.2.4 The draw for the Division 1 competition outlined in 4.2.2 will be based on the number of entrants to the competition for a given event. VNZ will aim for consistency of format and draw structure in Division 1 over each event as much as possible. This will ultimately be influenced by the number of entries received per event.
 - 4.2.4.1 For Division 1 entrants VNZ will endeavour to provide a minimum of 4 matches per event – this will be influenced by final entry numbers and appropriate draw format
- 4.3 Intervals between matches
- 4.3.1 A maximum of 5-minute interval between matches, unless otherwise communicated, is to be strictly enforced.
 - 4.3.2 For teams required to complete back-to-back games or teams playing straight after refereeing, a minimum 10-minute interval will be permitted. A maximum period will be determined by the Tournament Director and applied where required.
- 4.4 Variation of Competition or Match Format
- 4.4.1 The Tournament Director may decide to use a reduced scoring format in some or all matches to ensure player safety and/or the completion of the event.
 - 4.4.2 Any variations to the standard match format as provided for in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Official Rules will be announced at the Technical Meeting or as soon as practical after such a decision is made during an event.
 - 4.4.3 In the event that that an event beyond the control of VNZ interferes with the completion of a match, the following steps will be taken:
 - 4.5.3.1 The Chief Referee, Technical Supervisor and Tournament Director will be called to review the situation and may choose to either instruct the match to continue or reschedule the match.
 - 4.5.3.2 In the case of the match being rescheduled, it will commence at the next suitable match time prior to the next advertised match for the tournament.

4.5.3.3 If the decision to reschedule the match is made during an incomplete set or at the completion of a set, then FIVB regulations will apply, specifically:

4.5.3.3.1 Should one or several interruptions occur not exceeding 4 hours in total, the match is resumed with the score acquired, regardless of whether it continues on the same court or another court.

4.5.3.3.2 Should one or several interruptions occur, exceeding 4 hours in total, the whole match shall be replayed.

4.6 Technical Timeouts

4.6.1 VNZ at its sole discretion will use Technical Timeouts during matches where required

4.6.2 Presence and use of Technical Timeouts will be confirmed by VNZ where appropriate prior to an event or match commencing

5. RANKINGS POINTS

5.1 Rankings points available for G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour events can be found in the appendices below.

5.2 For entry into the first G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour event in 2023 (Tasman), the following will apply to determine individual player ranking:

5.2.1 The best (2) results count towards inclusion from the three options below:

5.2.1.1 Two (2) results from your last three (3) domestic results this season (commencing October 29, 2022-January 27, 2023)

5.2.1.2 A New Zealand player who has played a minimum of five (5) International events in the current international season (January 1 – December 31, 2022) can substitute an international result for one (1) domestic result

5.2.1.3 One (1) best result domestically from last season (2021-2022) can substitute for one of the current season results

5.3 For entry into the second G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour event in 2023 (Auckland), the following will apply to determine individual player ranking:

5.3.1 The best (2) results count towards inclusion from the three options below:

5.3.1 Two (2) results from your last three (3) domestic results this season (commencing October 29, 2022-February 12, 2023)

5.3.2 A New Zealand player who has played a minimum of five (5) International events in the current international season (January 1 – December 31, 2022) can substitute an international result for one (1) domestic result

- 5.4 For entry into the third G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour event in 2023 (Mt Maunganui), the following will apply to determine individual player ranking:
- 5.4.1 The best (2) results count towards inclusion from your last three (3) domestic results this season (commencing October 29, 2022-February 26, 2023)
- 5.5 Entry into G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour Finals will be via points from best two (2) results taken exclusively from the three (3) preceding G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour Qualifier events plus any International and domestic wildcards as determined by Volleyball New Zealand.
- 5.6 Use of International Points and Results:
- 5.6.1 One (1) International result from the current season (2022-2023) can be used as ranking points for the first two (2) x G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour events for players that have played in five (5) International events from the following;
- 5.6.1.1 Asian Volleyball Confederation Tour events
- 5.6.1.2 FIVB Age Group events
- 5.6.1.3 FIVB Futures, Challenger or Elite 16 events
- 5.6.2 The purpose of including International results is to acknowledge and reward NZ players that have played a number of International events in a given season and have had some success.
- 5.6.3 Weighting - AVC and FIVB points will be weighted by a factor of 2.5 so that, for example, a FIVB Futures event win (the most commonly-played by NZ teams currently) sits at twice the value of a G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour event win. Other AVC and FIVB points also factored by 2.5. This will mean that players having played five (5) or more International events and that have had some success will have considerably more entry and seeding points than NZ domestic only teams.
- 5.7 Top seeded New Zealand team in both men's and women's competitions will take the number one seed position regardless of points status of international teams

6 WILDCARDS

- 6.1 Volleyball NZ at its sole discretion will operate a wildcard application process as required to complete draws of all G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour events. Wildcards will be available as follows:
- 6.1.1 Tour Finals Qualifier events - main draw
- 6.1.1.1 Up to four (4) International wildcards to be allocated by VNZ directly into main draw of either Premier or Division 1 competitions
- 6.1.1.2 Up to one (1) New Zealand wildcard directly into main draw of either Premier or Division 1 competitions
- 6.1.2 Premier Division Qualifiers – prior to main draw finalisation

6.1.2.1 Up to four (4) International wildcards to be allocated by VNZ into qualifying event for Premier grade per gender

6.1.2.2 Up to one (1) New Zealand wildcard into qualifying event for Premier Grade

6.2 The Wildcard process is open for application by any athlete to be considered for inclusion in either qualification or main draw competitions.

6.3 Volleyball New Zealand will review Wildcard applications received and wildcards will be allocated for the following general purposes:

6.3.1 Providing opportunity for international athletes to participate in New Zealand competition

6.3.2 Providing opportunity for appropriate development opportunity for New Zealand athletes where considered appropriate by Volleyball New Zealand

6.3.3 Provide opportunity for appropriate players previously limited by injury, pregnancy or any other reason determined appropriate by Volleyball New Zealand to be involved in a competition

6.4 All Wildcard Applications must come via the appropriate form found on the Volleyball New Zealand website

6.5 All Wildcard applications will be reviewed by an appointed panel comprised of Volleyball New Zealand and tournament staff.

7. ENTRY PROCESS & DEADLINES

7.1 Entry registration process will be available via the Volleyball New Zealand website

7.2 Deadlines for each event is as follows;

7.2.1 Tasman – Friday 27 January, 5pm

7.2.2 Auckland – Friday 10 February, 5pm

7.2.3 Mt Maunganui – Friday 17 February, 5pm

7.2.4 Tour Finals – Sunday 26 February, 5pm

7.3 Seeding lists, confirmed wildcards and draw will be confirmed on or before Monday prior to each event date.

7.4 Teams can only be changed after entry deadlines due to injury replacement.

7.4.1 A player can only be substituted who is not already on the published entry list.

7.4.2 New teams entering a draw due to injury replacement take the place of the replaced team without altering seeding into qualifier or main draw events.

8 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

8.1 To be eligible for entry into an event, players must meet the following conditions:

8.1.1 New Zealand Domestic players must be registered with Volleyball New Zealand as beach volleyball players. Register via the Volleyball New Zealand website.

8.1.2 Domestic players are defined as someone holding at least one of the following;

8.1.2.1 A NZ Passport

8.1.2.2 An NZ Birth Certificate

8.1.2.3 A New Zealand Certificate of Citizenship

8.1.2.4 A NZ Residence Visa

8.1.2.5 A NZ Working Visa

8.1.2.6 A NZ Study Visa

Domestic players on a foreign passport may still require authorisation from their respective National Federation. Please check with the Tour management.

8.2.1 International players must be members of their respective National Volleyball Federation and may only compete in events if authorised by their respective Federation and upon receiving a wildcard from the Volleyball New Zealand

9. OFFICIAL VOLLEYBALL RULES

9.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules (see Appendices)

10. EVENT ENTRY, REGISTRATION & TECHNICAL MEETING

10.1 All players/teams must enter for participation in any event in the competition. Registration will be via the Volleyball New Zealand website with associated deadlines for entry communicated.

10.2 All events will be preceded by a Technical Meeting. This meeting may be held “in person” or online as specified more than 48 hours out from the tournament start.

10.2 All players must be in attendance physically or online at the Technical Meeting. Players must confirm that they have viewed the technical meeting online if they are not onsite.

10.3 In cases where exceptional circumstances prevent a team from registering or a player from attending the Technical Meeting, it will be the team’s or the player’s responsibility to notify the Tournament Director in advance of the inability to register or attend and to demonstrate the existence of such exceptional circumstances.

10.4 The Technical Committee may impose sanctions for teams failing to attend the Technical Meeting.

10.5 Players/teams will be required to sign in at each event and Volleyball New Zealand will communicate the process and timings for this for each event.

11 WITHDRAWALS

- 11.1 If a team withdraws from an event at any time after the applicable entry deadline for entries has lapsed, that team shall forfeit its entire entry fee.
- 11.2 If a team's late entry is accepted and that team subsequently withdraws, it shall forfeit its entire entry fee.
- 11.3 A team that withdraws from an event before the entry deadline lapses shall be entitled to a full refund of its entry fee.

12 TEAM UNIFORMS

- 12.1 Players must be in matching uniform (top and bottom) at all times while on any competition court. This includes the warm-up period and any awards ceremony or post-match interviews.
- 12.1.1 Some discretion will be given for style differences (such as one player wearing shorts and singlet and the other a bikini, and/or different brands). The overall impression however should show that you are a team and the colour should match.
- 12.2 All Premier Division competitors will have a singlet or crop top provided for wear in all event matches. Players shall not modify any provided official uniform items in any way.
- 12.3 The accepted playing uniform for men consists of shorts and singlet. Additionally, long-sleeve shirts, fitting t-shirts and leggings may be worn.
- 12.3.1 If no official playing tops are provided, men may choose to wear no top.
- 12.4 The accepted playing uniform for women consists of any combination of the following: bikinis, shorts, leggings, crop tops, tank tops, rash shirt.
- 12.5 Undershirts or undershorts/leggings may be worn underneath the official playing uniform at any time by one or both players as long as the colour for the undergarment worn is the same for both players.
- 12.6 Players and teams may have personal sponsor brands printed on their own clothing which do not conflict with Volleyball New Zealand partners in the following categories:
- Housing Construction
 - Ice Cream Confectionery
 - Accommodation
 - Sunglasses
- 12.7 Teams must present their uniform during registration for approval by the Tournament Director or his/her designated representative. If a team's uniform is not correct or not approved, the team shall not be permitted to participate until this is rectified.
- 12.8 Accessories do not have to match and include: Hats or visors, Armbands, Socks, Sunglasses, Headbands, Watches

13 REFEREES AND DUTY TEAMS

- 13.1 Volleyball New Zealand will endeavour to appoint Referees for Premier Division matches

- 13.2 In all matches where tournament appointed referees are not supplied, teams will be expected to referee and second referee / score (i.e. do "duty")
- 13.3 In elimination formats, "loser-duty" will generally apply. This means that the team that lost the previous match on that court must referee the next match.
- 13.4 Players doing "duty" shall be situated on opposite sides of the court (1st referee and 2nd referee) and shall both be standing.
- 13.5 In the case of tournament appointed referees being present, the "duty" team may still be expected to second referee and/or score.
- 13.6 Duty teams that disregard the above protocol or do not complete their required duties will face a sanction of up to \$200.

14. PRIZEMONEY

- 14.1 Prize money and the breakdown thereof for each event will be published on the Volleyball New Zealand website.
- 14.2 The first \$500 per event of prize money will be tax-free. Prize money over \$500 will be taxed at 20%.
- 14.3 Prize money will be awarded to the top 8 placings per gender and a breakdown will be provided on the Volleyball New Zealand website.
- 14.4 Prize money must be collected and signed for from the Tournament Office before the end of each event. Unclaimed prize money will be defaulted.

15. INCOMPLETE OR CANCELLED EVENTS

- 15.1 The Tournament Director has the right to stop or cancel play, as he/she deems necessary for player safety.
- 15.2 If a tournament is not started or the first round is incomplete and the event cannot be resumed with adequate time to complete the event, the tournament will be declared "cancelled".
- 15.3 Where possible a "cancelled" tournament will be rescheduled to another date. Teams will be notified as soon as possible where a cancellation occurs.
- 15.4 Teams may need to re-enter for any rescheduled tournaments. Those teams that do not re-enter will have their entry fee refunded.
- 15.5 If a tournament is "cancelled" after the first round but before all subsequent rounds are completed, and not rescheduled, then the number of rounds played will determine the ratings, points and prize money made available. These will be allocated in proportion to the number of completed rounds. For example, if half the scheduled matches are played before the tournament is "cancelled" then 50% of ratings, points and prize money will be made available.
- 15.6 In the event of a "cancelled" tournament, Volleyball New Zealand, and/or the Tournament Promoter will not be responsible for any loss incurred by a player due to the cancellation.

16. MATCH BALLS

- 16.1 Volleyball New Zealand reserves the right at any time to identify and/or supply an official brand of match ball for the competition which must be used in all matches. Notification of such a requirement will be given in advance of the competition beginning.
- 16.2 The official game ball is the Mikasa VLS300 or any other ball deemed suitable and communicated by Volleyball New Zealand.

17. PLAYER OBLIGATIONS

- 17.1 The player ensures that they are in good health to participate in beach volleyball competitions and hereby assumes total responsibility for any health problems that may occur.
- 17.2 The player undertakes to take out their own insurances in relation to all and any matters arising from participation in the event (except public liability insurance which is provided by Volleyball New Zealand for up to \$5 million).
- 17.3 The players from the top three ranked teams in each gender must attend the presentation ceremony and media obligations at the conclusion of the event wearing appropriate gear as required by the Tournament Director.
- 17.4 In cases where exceptional circumstances prevent a player or team from attending the presentation ceremony, it will be the team's or the player's responsibility to notify the Tournament Director in advance of the inability to attend and to demonstrate the existence of such exceptional circumstances.
- 17.5 The Technical Committee shall impose sanctions for teams failing to attend the presentation ceremony if the requirements of this clause are not met. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, the withholding of prize money, medals/trophies and other prizes.
- 17.6 The player agrees to be bound by the WADA (World Anti-Drug Agency) and NZ Sport anti-doping policies.
- 17.7 The player agrees to keep Volleyball New Zealand indemnified from any claims, actions, suits and proceedings whatsoever arising out of the actions or omissions of the player.
- 17.8 The player acknowledges that Volleyball New Zealand is not responsible for the safety of the player or his / her property during a tournament or at any other time.
- 17.9 The player acknowledges that nothing in these competition regulations constitutes an agency or employer-employee relationship.
- 17.10 The player hereby authorises and grants Volleyball New Zealand and its appointed agents the right to use their name, voice, likeness and biographical material for the purposes of publicising, promoting and advertising the event and other sanctioned Volleyball New Zealand events, and for filming, televising, broadcasting, webcasting and other related presentations.
- 17.11 The player agrees that all rights granted under paragraph 17.10 above are granted without compensation and hereby waives any right to such compensation.
- 17.12 Volleyball New Zealand accepts no responsibility for any injury caused to players at any events.

- 17.13 By registering as a player and entering an event, the player indicates that they have read, understood and agreed to the contents and terms and conditions of the event regulations and Players Code of Conduct (see Appendix A).

18. COACHING

- 18.1 All coaches are under the direct authority of the Tournament Director during the tournament.
- 18.2 All coaches must register with the Tournament Director to be awarded coaching privileges
- 18.3 All coaches must represent the competition in a positive and professional manner or may be removed by the Tour Director.
- 18.4 Coaches are bound by the Coaches Procedures and Policies in Appendix E.

19. VENUES

- 19.1 In all instances, the tournament site will be under the control of the Tournament Director and, where applicable, a representative of the host venue. Players and their associated coaches, team officials and spectators are expected to treat each venue with respect and in accordance with any host venue guidelines or regulations that may be in place.
- 19.2 If deemed necessary and appropriate, the Technical Committee may impose sanctions against players for any contraventions of host venue guidelines or regulations by players or their associated coaches, team officials or spectators.

20. COMPETITION CHAMPIONS, AWARDS AND MEDALS

- 20.1 NZ Champions (NZ teams only are eligible) – the team with the highest points total from the four G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour events
- 20.2 NZ Open winners - winner of G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour Finals event
- 20.3 NZ Open winner – winner of G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour Finals event
- 20.4 The following awards will be presented by Volleyball New Zealand over the course of the competition;
- 20.3.1 Most Valuable Player (men's and women's)
 - 20.3.2 Young Player of the Year (men's and women's – under 20 years of age)
 - 20.3.3 Players' Player of the Year (men's and women's – as voted by players)
 - 20.3.4 International Player of Year (men's and women's)
 - 20.3.5 Referee of the Year (men's and women's)
- 20.5 Medals will be awarded for first, second and third for each event in each of the Premier and Division 1 competitions

21 MISCONDUCT & DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Disciplinary and Judicial matters

- 21.1 VNZ will not tolerate any anti-social behaviour which contravenes the standards outlined in the following VNZ policies and documents:
- General Code of Conduct
 - Athlete Code of Conduct
 - Bullying Harassment and Intimidation Policy
 - Athlete Protection Policy
 - VNZ Constitution
- 21.2 The Judicial Panel will rule upon any disputes, or protests arising after the conclusion of an event and will act as an avenue of appeal on disputes and protests arising during an event.
- 21.3 The event Judicial Panel will consist of a three-person panel of appointed Volleyball New staff, event staff and a nominated player representative.
- 21.4 If it is felt they have witnessed any conduct contravenes the standards outlined in the above or an alleged breach of these competition regulations has occurred, any protest should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director at the earliest opportunity available.
- 21.5 Once the report is received, the Tournament Director will determine the appropriate process for determining the outcome of the protest. This may include some or all of the following:
- The receipt of the protest will be acknowledged and the team or individual will receive notification of receiving protest and a projected time to investigate the incident or issue and decide on the outcome.
 - The Judicial Panel seeks written report from the person/team the complaint concerns.
 - The Judicial Panel seeks written feedback from the referee(s), duty team, court controller and/or any independent person who may have witnessed the incident
 - The Judicial Panel sits to review all information and formulates a draft written decision which is sent to VNZ for review and finalisation prior to being sent back to complainant and person/team.
 - Sanctions available to the Judicial Panel (and/or Zone Committee): written warning to person/team, suspension of person/team for 1 or 2 weeks, fine for the person/team, and/or escalation to VNZ for further judiciary process.

Technical Disputes

- 21.6 At all events, the Technical Committee will rule on all disputes or protests arising during the tournament which are not strictly related to play. At each tournament the Technical Committee will consist of the Tournament Director, the VNZ Technical Supervisor and the Chief Referee. (It is expected that at some events the role of VNZ Tournament Director, Technical Supervisor, Chief Referee may be filled by the same person)
- 21.7 For all during event matters, protests or disputes that are strictly related to play, the event's Chief Referee decision will be final.

22 MISCELLANEOUS

- 22.1 Matters not provided for in these Competition Regulations and cases of force majeure shall be decided by Volleyball New Zealand. All decisions shall be final.
- 22.2 No person is entitled to bring this competition, Volleyball New Zealand, the game or any related issue into disrepute.

23 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 23.1 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.

24 NON-COMPLIANCE

- 24.1 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:
- 24.1.1 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.
- 24.1.2 If the breach is not rectified within the timeframe prescribed in 24.1.1, 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.
- 24.1.3 If the breach is not remedied within the prescribed timeframe after the issuance of the second notice of breach in 24.1.2, 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.

APPENDICIES

APPENDIX A - RANKINGS POINTS 2023

Division	Placing	Rankings Points	
		Qualifier Events	Tour Finals
Premier Division			
	1	500	550
	2	450	495
	3	400	440
	4	375	412.5
	5	350	385
	6		
	7	325	357.5
	8		
	9	300	330
	10	275	302.5
	11	250	275
	12	225	247.5
Division 1			
1	13	200	220
2	14	180	198
3	15	160	176
4	16	145	159.5
5	17	135	148.5
	18	125	137.5
7	19	115	126.5
	20	105	115.5
9	21	100	110
	22	95	104.5
11	23	90	99
	24	85	93.5
13	25	80	88
	26	75	82.5
15	27	70	77
	28	65	71.5
17	29	60	66
	30	55	60.5
19	31	50	55
	32	45	49.5

APPENDIX B - SANCTIONS AND FINES

Referee duty - Player/team not performing their scheduled referee duty – up to \$200 fine per team

Team uniform – Player/team not meeting requirements of uniform regulations – up to \$200 fine per team

Event expulsion:

- If a player/team is excluded from the remainder of a tournament, he or she shall receive no Ranking Points or prize money for that tournament.
- A player/team excluded from a tournament must show cause to the Judicial Panel as to why they should be allowed to continue their participation in the current season.
- Any player/team excluded from two (2) tournaments throughout the course of the tour shall be ineligible to compete in any remaining events of the season, including the Finals.

APPENDIX C - VOLLEYBALL NZ PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

<https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/media/attachments/2021/10/06/code-of-conduct-integrity.pdf>

APPENDIX D - FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL RULES

https://www.fivb.com/en/beachvolleyball/thegame_bvb_glossary/officialrulesofthegames

APPENDIX E - COACHING PROCEDURE

For the 2023 G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour, a coaching pilot will operate in the Division 1 competition only. See below for the procedural requirements for the pilot aligned to clause 18 of these regulations.

The Coach and his/her Team(s) - There is no limitation to the number of teams an individual can coach at an event. However, any team is limited to only one designated coach at any particular event unless otherwise approved by the Tournament Director.

Registration - A prospective coach must register as a coach by email with the Tournament Director or at the information tent at an event prior to the event beginning.

Appearance - As a professional, the manner in which you present yourself is important. Even while you are not coaching but on site, you should be aware that your appearance is an important consideration with regard to how you are perceived.

Player and Referee Tents - Coaches may use the player tent for shade, relaxation and food. Coaches should always handle themselves in a thoroughly professional manner while in the player tent. It is never appropriate for a coach to be in the referee tent.

Filming & Photography - Coaches are permitted to film matches. Coaching/Drilling players on the court - Coaches can assist in warming up their respective team prior to a match up to the time the referee takes the toss. At that time, all coaching assistance on the court shall cease and coaches must leave the court.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct - All participants (including coaches) are bound by the Volleyball New Zealand Code of Conduct. They must avoid all unsportsmanlike conduct, acts or practices that are, in the opinion of Volleyball New Zealand, detrimental to the sport.

Gambling - A coach found to be in violation with any of the following rules shall be automatically fined \$1,000.00 and shall also be subject to suspension and possible permanent expulsion from the further Volleyball New Zealand events.

- A coach shall not bet money or anything else of value on a formal volleyball competition in which the coach has a team competing.
- A coach shall not offer or give a bribe, gift, payment, reward or anything of value to any other coach or player with the intention of influencing the coach or players efforts in a competition; nor shall a coach solicit, agree to accept a bribe, gift, payment, reward or anything of value offered or given with the intention of influencing the participants efforts in competition.
- A coach must report promptly to Volleyball New Zealand any known or suspected violations by anyone of the rules enumerated in subsections (1) and (2) above.

In match coaching policy – see below for relevant requirements for in-match coaching pilot

- Location - A coach must sit in the players box on the same side of the court on which his/her team is playing. The coach changes sides of the court as the team changes sides of the court.
- Outside of warm-up process noted above, a coach is to remain off the court at all times. A coach is to remain stationary during the match with the following exceptions:
 - o Change side of the court at side changes.
 - o Address or attend his/her team during time-outs or any other extended interruption in play deemed suitable by the referee.
 - o A coach may leave a match in progress to coach another of his/her teams at a different match. A coach in such instances may join the subsequent match in progress.
- Communications and Authority
 - o A coach may not personally call a time-out, but may verbalize or signal to his/her team that they personally call a time-out.
 - o A coach may only communicate (verbally or non-verbally) with his/her team regarding game strategy or any other subject matter at the following times:

- Before the match begins
- Any other extended interruption in play deemed suitable by the referee

Note: coaches are not permitted to communicate strategically with their team during side changes.

- A coach may not address the Tournament Director, Chief Referee, match officials, or opposing players before, during, or after a match while on site with regard to officiating, player conduct, playing conditions or any other subject matter that impacts the competition.
- A coach is not considered a team spokesperson by tournament officials and will not be allowed to take on that role.