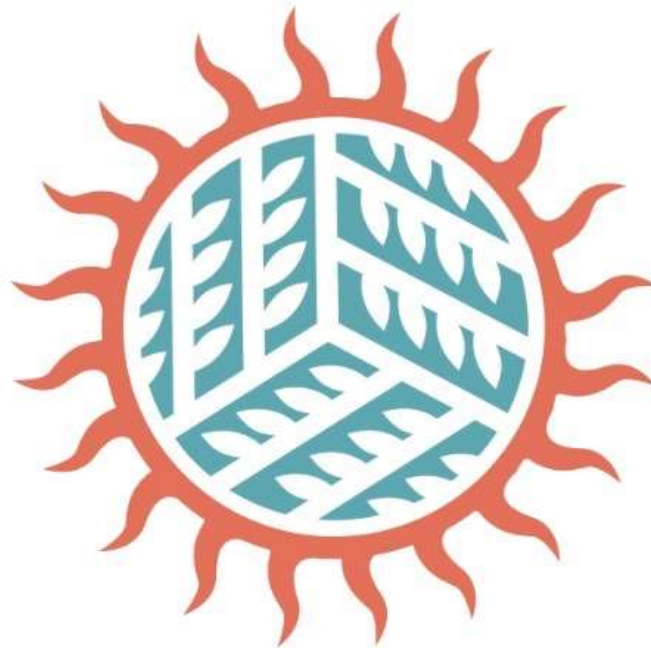




VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND
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NATIONAL BEACH TOUR

VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND

PLAYER'S HANDBOOK

Introduction

This is the 2019 Volleyball New Zealand Beach Series Players Handbook. It is written in such a way that Players are able to understand their obligations as members of Volleyball New Zealand and its beach events.

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BEFORE THE EVENT

VNZ National Beach Tour Calendar

This can be found at the VNZ Website:

<https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/beach-volleyball/2019-national-beach-volleyball-tour>

Tournament Entry Procedure

Completed online at the VNZ Website. Entries close Monday 11:59pm before each event.

Player Entry Requirements

Entry, Entry Fee and Membership Fees paid by Entry Deadline

Entry Fees and Deadlines

National Beach Tour Entry Fee \$40.00 per player

Late Entry Fee \$20.00 per player

Late entries are being phased out. They are unlikely to be accepted.

Exceptional circumstances

Late registrations may be accepted up to 5.00pm on the day prior to the event, and at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Late Entry Fees will apply!

Domestic Player Eligibility

We have aligned the Domestic Player Eligibility with the indoor regulations so please note this is different from previous beach seasons.

New Zealand Domestic Player (NZDP) means the person holds or has issued in their name, at least one of the following documents:

- A NZ Passport
- A NZ Birth Certificate
- A New Zealand Certificate of Citizenship
- A NZ Residence Visa
- A NZ Working Visa
- A NZ Study Visa

Annual Volleyball New Zealand Membership Fees

All Domestic Players must also be Volleyball New Zealand Members:

Adult Member	\$40.00
School Member	\$15.00
Junior Sec. School	\$ 5.00

Ranking Policy

There are six levels of sanctioned Beach Volleyball events in the NZ National Beach Series Calendar:

Challengers, Grand Slams, National Closed Champs, National Tour

Points are allocated using the following table:

	National Tour & Champs	Grand Slam	Challenger (3 star)	Satellite (2 star)	U18	U16 (1 star)
1st	100	70	40	13	10	6
2nd	92	58	34	11	9	5
3rd	78	48	30	10	8	4
3rd=	74	45	27	9	7	3
4th	70	42	24	8	7	3
5th	54	36	22	7	6	2
5th=	51	34	21	6	5	2
5th= (4)	44	30	18	6	5	2
6th	48	32	20	6	5	2
7th	40	28	16	6	5	2
7th=	37	26	15	5	4	1
8th	34	24	14	5	4	1
9th	30	22	12	4	3	1
9th=	29	20	11	3	2	1
9th= (4)	26	17	9	3	2	1
10th	28	18	10	3	2	1
11th	24	16	8	3	2	0
11th=	23	15	7	2	1	0
12th	22	14	6	2	1	0
13th	20	12	6	1	0	0
13th=	19	11	5	1	0	0
13th= (4)	17	9	4	1	0	0
14th	18	10	5	1	0	0
15th	16	8	4	1	0	0
15th=	15	7	3	1	0	0
16th	14	6	2	1	0	0
17th	12	4	1	0	0	0
17th=	11	4	1	0	0	0
17= (4)	10	4	1	0	0	0
18th	10	4	1	0	0	0
19th	8	4	0	0	0	0
19th=	8	3	0	0	0	0
20th	7	2	0	0	0	0
21st	6	2	0	0	0	0
21st=	6	2	0	0	0	0
21st= (4)	5	2	0	0	0	0
22nd	5	2	0	0	0	0
23rd	4	1	0	0	0	0
24th	3	1	0	0	0	0

Seeding Policy and Seeding Points

The VNZ Ranking System determines the seeding that a player and teams receive for a tournament.

Seeding is utilised:

Where entries are limited.

To determine positions in the draw.

Individual Player Event Seeding Calculations

Seedings are utilised:

1. Where there is a limit to total entries, to determine which teams will gain entry into a tournament.
2. Where there is a main draw and qualifier at an event, who will gain direct entry to the main draw and who will be required to play in the qualifier.
3. In determining where in the draw a team will be placed.

Seedings for Volleyball NZ National Beach Tour (note, due to the current National Tour currently having 3 events, the NZ Beach Champs has been included to make a more robust seeding policy)

1 st Tournament NZ Beach Champs	100% Current season (Best 5 results)
2 nd Tournament Mt Maunganui Open	20% Previous NZL Beach Tour Average 40% National Champs Result – Tournament 1 40% NZL Beach Tour Ranking current season (non national tour best 5 events)
3 rd Tournament Waikato Open	80% National Tour Results – Tournament 1 & 2 20% NZL Beach Tour Ranking current season (non national tour best 5 events)
4 th Tournament New Zealand Open	100% National Tour Results for current season

Players' Representatives

Two Players' Representatives (one male, one female) will be elected by the players before the commencement of the Volleyball NZ Regional Series.

Players concerns will only be addressed by the Volleyball NZ if notified through a Player Representative.

Communication pathway

Player - Player Representative – Volleyball NZ

Wild Card Allocation Policy

Volleyball NZ reserves the rights to allocate up to 4 Domestic Wildcards per sanctioned event. Teams requesting wildcards must enter the tournament following the normal procedure and email the Tournament organisers to request the wildcard.

Tournament organisers will then liaise with Volleyball NZ who will make the final decision on wildcards (Note. Volleyball NZ is likely to give consideration to the NZ Junior Programme as a determining factor for wildcards).

VNZ National Tour – Team Allocation Criteria

International teams are classified as teams without NZ passports and not meeting the domestic player criteria above.

Each tournament on the national tour will be allowed up to 4 spots in the main draw to be filled by international teams. If tournament organisers want to limit the number of international teams to less than 4 they must seek VNZ approval. Regardless of the number of international spots available in the main draw. If the number of international teams entered exceeds the allocation an international qualifier can be held.

DURING THE EVENT

Technical Meeting

The Technical Meeting will be held prior to the commencement of each Tour event. The timing of the technical meeting for National tour events will be posted on the Volleyball NZ website.

Tournament regulations, rules and relevant information will be presented at this meeting.

Players Representatives will be invited to contribute at the Technical Meeting.

Competition and Match Conditions

Rules of the Game

Players competing in the National Beach Tour are required to know the FIVB rules of beach volleyball and adhere to them.

Warm Up

Toss will be taken at 7 minutes before the official start time of the match.

Official warm up: Teams are allocated 5 minute on the net

Between Match Protocol

Pre-match timing	Activity	Notes
10 minutes prior	Previous match finishes	Previous teams leave court, court raked
7 minutes prior	Toss is taken	
	Score sheet signed	
6 minutes prior	Official warm up starts	5 minutes
1 minute prior	1 minute for teams to be match ready	Official warm up ends
0 minutes	1st service	Match commences

Please note that if a game finishes late then this protocol will mean the next match finishes 10min after (hint, the previous duty team should tell the new duty team the end time of the previous game).

Break between Two Matches

A Minimum break between two consecutive matches should be not less than 20 minutes. The Tournament Director will notify the players and officials the confirmed duration of the break.

Match Start Times

Matches may not be scheduled to start earlier than 8.00am

Matches start times at the end of the day must allow for enough light so match can be completed.

Duty Team Sanctions

Duty teams that disregard the above protocol or don't do their duties will face a Volleyball NZ sanction of up to \$200.

Rules for Pool Ranking

The following points awarded per match to each team:

Match won	2 points
Match lost	1 point
Match forfeited	0 points (21-0; 21-0)

In the case of a tie in the pools (match points) at the end of the round robin, the following rules will apply:

- Between two teams: The winner of the head to head match is ranked higher.
- Between three teams: Teams are ranked by the rally points ratios in the matches between the three tied teams.
- If a tie still exists then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally points ratio between all teams in the pool.
- If a tie still exists then the teams still tied are determined by the tournament seeding established at the Main Draw Technical Meeting (the highest seed of the tied teams is the top ranked team).

Protests

On the occasion of a protest in relation to any aspect of the game (from within the 10 minutes pre-match preparation time to the last whistle of the game by the referee, a player or team may instigate a protest to the tournament director. ALL protests must be undertaken IMMEDIATELY that an organisational, safety or game related technical infringement occurs. ALL protests carry a \$50.00 deposit, which upon a successful protest will be returned to the athlete/team. The protest deposit is forfeited in the case of a failed protest.

Protests will not be accepted after a reasonable time frame post incident has elapsed.

Coaching

No coaching during matches on National Beach Tour or at the National Champs

At all other events coaching is allowed in any game stoppage (time-out, technical time-out and between sets). Coaches can't call time-outs, or communicate with any players during the game (no age restrictions).

Player Responsibilities at Events

Referee Duty (expectations of the team)

All teams that compete in an national beach tour event will be responsible for completing refereeing duties at the tournament.

- Must comprise of a 1st referee and 2nd referee/scorer.
- Must conduct themselves appropriately.
- Be responsible for the positive image the game projects to the general public.
- 1st referees must be standing for the duration of the match.
- Referees must be reasonably presented
- Cell phones are not permitted during duties

Uniform and Accessory Regulations

Players must adhere to the following uniform regulations. It is essential that these are followed as appearance contributes greatly to the image of our sport.

All teams must have matching (Colour) uniforms (top and bottoms) during every match they play, we do not require the type of garment to be identical. So one player could be wearing a Navy Bikini and the partner wearing a Navy Singlet and Shorts.

We will also allow male players to play without a top (though we recommend wearing a top for sun protection)

Hats and Sunglasses don't need to match (and we strongly recommend athletes to wear these).

Failure to comply may result in a \$200 sanction. The situation must be rectified and the fine paid before taking the court for your next game, or before the subsequent tournament (if infringement takes place in last game of tournament).

Athlete Medical Facilities

Players are responsible for their own medical requirements.

A medical kit will be available in the Tournament Office.

Physiotherapists may be available for treatment throughout Tour Events.

Player Commitment to Tour Sponsors

VNZ is committed to building the image of the Tour athletes and to work in partnership with athletes to provide a better product year for year.

To support this campaign VNZ and the Promoters will endeavour to promote the profiles of as many athletes as possible.

Conflicting sponsors with VNZ and Tour sponsors shall be notified and may be permitted regulations for use of branding and logos are met.

Sponsorship guidelines

Volleyball New Zealand encourages players to approach sponsors and to become self-reliant.

The following rules apply to all players approaching a sponsor. In return for the sponsor's investment, you may offer the sponsor:

Personal branding opportunities of all personal clothing, umbrellas, towels, balls and cars.

You may NOT offer to display their banners.

When appearing on centre court you will MUST wear the official apparel

During television interviews you MUST wear the official tour apparel if requested by the Series Director.

Code of Conduct

To observe and comply with each and every term and condition of this agreement, the Constitution of VNZ (as amended from time to time), including, but not limited to, the VNZ Anti-Doping Policy which is aligned to the Drug Policy of the Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ).

Comply with each and all of the directions given by the Series Committee, Tournament Director and delegated staff and be aware of such directions that may apply not only to conduct (both on and off the playing court), but also to regulated clothing and any facilities that may be used whilst a participant in all events.

To conduct myself in a proper manner so as not to bring VNZ, the National Tour or myself into disrepute or censure and to the absolute satisfaction of any Tournament Administrators.

Not to make, comment, issue, authorize, offer or endorse any public criticism having or designed to have any prejudicial effect on VNZ interest or the National Tour, partners and sponsors.

Provide 'support and be of service' to VNZ and or the promoter for any promotional activities or events that they may undertake.

Allow name, image, voice, person or performance in my team to be used by Volleyball NZ and or the promoter for promotion and advertising purposes.

The Athlete declares to be fully aware of the FIVB Rules of the games competition regulations as per the Handbook and should the athlete violate the rules in future, the Series Committee or Volleyball New Zealand have the right to take disciplinary action upon the athlete as deemed necessary by implementing a sanction or fine that shall be deducted from any prize money and/or Bonus Pool earned by the athlete during the events or paid to the Technical Director before the following

event. The Series Committee will in all cases hear the concerned athlete prior to taking any disciplinary measure.

Drug Free Compliance

Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) has established a Medical Code which amongst other things, provides for the prohibition of doping, establishes lists of classes of prohibited medications and procedures, obligates competitors to submit themselves to medical examination, prohibits the trafficking of prohibited drugs and makes provision for sanctions to be applied in the event of a violation of the Medical Code.

I agree to comply with the Medical Code of DFSNZ.
(<http://www.drugfreesport.org.nz/>)

I will not use, attempt to use, have in my possession, attempt to have in my possession, traffic or attempt to traffic a drug dependence.

As Volleyball in New Zealand is a smoke free sport, I will not smoke during the tour. I will discuss with the Series Committee dispensation and accept reasonable resolution.

Alcohol Regulations

Volleyball New Zealand does not permit players to drink alcohol while at the venue and still actively involved in the tournament on a given day.

Volleyball New Zealand will enforce local council bylaws that prohibit the consumption of alcohol at National Beach Tour venues.

Consumption of alcohol within permitted area's (for example Mairangi Bay licenced café) will only be allowed by players once they have finished their competition and duties for the day and drinking should not be done in a way that puts the integrity of our sport at risk.

Sanctions

Sanctions will be imposed by VNZ on direction from the Series Committee for:

Late or no arrival for Technical Meeting – completed roll call before meeting.

Late or non-arrival for match duties

Non-compliant uniform

Anti-social, abusive or unsporting behaviour

Unethical behaviour (including misrepresenting sponsors)

Sanctions imposed may consist of

Up to \$200 fine (must be paid prior to subsequent match)

Suspension of the player or team, for match, event, or series.

AFTER THE EVENT

Prize money and Withholding Tax

There is a general expectation that prize money is one measure of a tournament's overall attractiveness. As a consequence, tournament organisers must, along with the other criteria for tournament organisation, strive to provide monetary performance based rewards to athletes. More specifically there is an overriding expectation that prize money is available at the 'Competitive/Elite' spectrum of events.

Prize Money Allocation

Final Placing Percentage of Purse

1st 32%

2nd 24%

3rd = 14%

5th = 8%

Event Prize Money/Rewards

In the event that prize money/reward is offered for performance at an event players will receive this at the conclusion of the event.

Prize money will be determined by entries (see example below).

No of teams	Prize money to
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10-12 teams	6 teams
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8-9 teams	4 teams
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6-7 teams	3 teams
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less than 6 teams	2 teams
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Any unpaid money will be accumulated into the total bonus pool.

Men and women will receive equal prize money, except where entries are as per the above formula.

Withholding Tax (National Tour only)

Withholding Tax is as follows:

a. New Zealand Residents

The first \$500 per event of New Zealand resident's prize money will be tax-free.

Prize money over \$500 will be taxed at 20% if an IRD number is provided, otherwise it will be taxed at 39%.

b. Non New Zealand Residents

Twenty per cent (20%) will be deducted from all prize money paid out to non-New Zealand residents.