

2023 VNZ Club Championships: Communication #1

24 July 2023

Te Pae Tata/Mission: Unlocking of the ihihi of volleyball for all

Te Pae Tawhiti/Vision: Whanau thriving through volleyball

Nga Uara/Our Values:

- *Manaakitanga – we give, we care, we respect*
- *Mahi Tahi – we listen, we connect, we inspire*
- *He Tangata – we embrace diversity, we promote equity*



GENERAL INFORMATION

VNZ Club Championships

Playing Date: 4 October (Wednesday) to 7 October (Saturday) 2023
Venues: Mercury Arena (Division 1 and 2) formerly known as Trustpower Baypark Arena
Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre (Division 2)
Team Sign-in: 3 October (Tuesday) 5:30pm, 2nd floor TPBA – All teams are required to attend
Technical Meeting: 3 October (Tuesday) 7:00pm, 2nd floor TPBA – All teams are required to attend

Registration Date: 1 August – 1 September
Registration Link will be available in the Club Champs Webpage: [Click Here](#)

Team list registration: 1 Sept. - 22 Sept.
Player Loan window: 16 Sept - 25 September (Monday)

Last day to withdraw without penalty: 17 Sept. (Sunday)
Withdraw before 22 Sept: 50% refund
Withdraw after draws are done: 20% refund or \$800 charge to club
Withdraw after 22 Sept: No refund

Registration Fee:

Division 1 - \$1,430.00 (\$300 discount if you have a National Referee)
Division 2 - \$1,100.00 (Regional Referee required)
Division 3 - \$1,100.00 (Regional Referee required)

All players must be registered VNZ members. Re-register or sign-up here: <https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/membership>
Players with outstanding fees with VNZ are ineligible to play.

Club Champs Webpage: <https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/events/indoor/club-championships>

TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS

Division 1

- All teams register via VNZ website to join Club Champs to show commitment to the tournament.
- All teams must have participated in Zone League.
- All teams must be affiliated to their Regional Volleyball Association.
- All teams should be an incorporated society, a private club for profit or non-profit, or a club with long-standing history.
- All teams must have a National Referee as their first referee.

Division 2

- All teams register via VNZ website to join Club Champs to show commitment to the tournament.
- All teams must participate in Zone League.
- All teams must be affiliated to their Regional Volleyball Association.
- All teams must have at least a Regional Referee as their first referee.

Division 3

- All teams register via VNZ website to join Club Champs to show commitment to the tournament.
- Teams may or may not participate in Zone League.
- Teams must be affiliated to their Regional Volleyball Association.
- All teams must have at least a Regional Referee as their first referee.

TOURNAMENT INFO

All teams register in the tournament. Once VNZ receives the Zone Seedings, teams will be placed in their respective divisions depending on the seedings. All teams that do not participate in Zone league will be seeded at the bottom of the Zone seeding. All teams that do not participate in Zone League will automatically be placed in Division 3 unless their Zone still has an open spot in Division 2. If your team would like to remain in Division 3, indicate it in the registration form.

All players must have played and taken court at least one match with their team during Zone League to participate in Club Championships, unless the player is a loan player.

Division 1

- 12 teams
- Venue: Mercury Arena
- Best of 5 matches
- 6 substitutions
- 2 Liberos required if team has 13-14 players

Division 2

- 16 teams
- Venue: Mercury Arena
- Best of 5 matches
- 12 substitutions
- 2 Liberos required if team has 13-14 players

Division 3

- 12 teams (soft cap)
- Venue: Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre & Otumoetai College
- Best of 5 matches for 12 teams or less per gender
- If more than 12 teams, tournament format may change, possible additional venue
- 12 substitutions
- 2 Liberos required if team has 13-14 players

INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS & ITC

The Club Championship is recognised by FIVB as NZ's top Club Competition. FIVB requires all international players and players whose Federation of Origin is not New Zealand need to apply for an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) for Division 1 and 2.

International Player (IP)

- All players on tourist visa, visitor visa or working holiday visas are considered IP.
- IP players must play 4 Zone League matches with the same Club they are going to play for in Club Champs.
- IP players must apply for an FIVB International Transfer Certificate (ITC). This will be available mid-August.
- The club must start the transfer by logging in their FIVB VIS profile to start the transfer. If the club does not have an FIVB login, contact VNZ to create an account.
- For more information and assistance, contact me.

Domestic Player (DP), Federation of Origin is not NZ

- All players who are NZ Citizens, hold a resident visa, work visa or student visa are considered as DP
- DP players whose Federation of Origin is not NZ, must apply for an ITC annually.
- If a player has played formal volleyball (eg. School tournament, University games, Club games, etc) from the age of 18 in another country or has been registered as an FIVB player by another country, then the player has to apply for an ITC.

CLUB TRANSFER

For Domestic Club Transfers, please fill this [FORM](#). Players transferring between clubs must complete the form.

How it works:

1. Player fills in the Club Transfer Form.
2. The previous club admin will receive an email (check inbox or junk mail) to approve the transfer.
3. If it is approved, the Association of the previous club will receive an email to approve or reject the transfer.
4. If the transfer is rejected by the club or the association, the player will receive an email and must contact the club to enquire why it was not approved and the player has to fill in the form again to initiate the transfer.

Players can only transfer once in a club season and cannot play for 2 clubs without an exemption from VNZ. This must be done before the start of Zone League if players are participating in Zone League or before Club Championships if players are only participating in Club Champs. Once the player has played a match with the team, they are not allowed to transfer to another club.

Players are not allowed to transfer if they have outstanding fees or unfulfilled responsibilities with their Club.

LOAN FORM

Following the conclusion of Zone League, each Division 1 team may loan 1 player from a non-qualified Division 1 team within the loan window in September. Division 2 teams may loan 1 player from a non-qualified Division 1 and 2 team.

Loans are only granted at the discretion of the loaning club. Clubs, Associations and Players are not allowed to charge Transfer and Loan Fees.

If you have any questions regarding anything mentioned above, please contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely,



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