



**New Zealand Secondary School Beach Volleyball Championships 2024
Regulations**



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1 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 Players must be under 19 as of 1 January 2024.
- 1.2 Players must be a “full-time” (80%) student enrolled at the school the player is competing for and be a registered member of Volleyball New Zealand.
- 1.3 Teams and Players must comply with the eligibility criteria as set down by School Sport NZ and adopted by Volleyball New Zealand:
 - The period of which a student is new-to-school is two years prior to the first day of the Event.
 - Birthdates of players competing in the Event and in all qualifying matches must be declared on the official team list. This form must be signed by the principal of the school, acknowledging that all team members meet the eligibility requirements
- 1.4 Changes to the team list made after submission must be signed by the principal to confirm the changes.
- 1.5 Both team members must be from the same school.

2 AGE GROUP CRITERIA

- 2.1 If a year 11 wants to play in the year 12-13 grade, their partner must be in year 12-13.
- 2.2 A year 12 player with a year 11 partner is not allowed to play in the year 11 grade.

3 COMPETITION FORMAT

- 3.1 The competition will be divided into three sections: Pool Play, Playoffs, Finals
- 3.2 32 teams will be allotted per Division in eight pools of four teams each. This is subject to change due to number of entries.
- 3.3. All Pool Play will be best of 3 sets with rally points 15, 15, 12 and winning by 2-point advantage. End switch for every 5 points.
- 3.4 Play-offs and Finals will be best of 3 sets with rally points 21, 21, 15 and winning by 2-point advantage. End switch for every 7 points.
- 3.5 The Tournament Director has the discretion to determine match length in accordance with the number of entries, weather conditions and time available.
- 3.6 The rules will be the Official FIVB Beach Volleyball Rules 2021-2024 with any VNZ modifications as advised by the Tournament Director.

4 TEAM UNIFORMS

- 4.1 Schools are responsible for ensuring their players are wearing matching uniforms that identify the school (logo, crest or name).
- 4.2 Entire beach uniform (top and bottom) must be worn for the duration of the match.
- 4.3 Players must play barefoot or in suitable sand socks.

4.4 Compression clothing and eyewear may be worn.

5. NET HEIGHTS

5.1 Year 11 (16 years and under)

- Male: 2.43 m
- Female: 2.24 m

5.2 Year 12 -13

- Male: 2.43 m
- Female: 2.24 m

6. MATCH BALLS

6.1.1 Only the official VNZ Mikasa match ball VLS300 will be used for matches. One ball will be provided per court.

7. MATCH PROTOCOLS

7.1 Teams must be present in the court at the time specified on the draw. If matches run late, then teams immediately proceed to warm-up after the previous match ends.

7.2.1 Team will have a minimum 5 minutes warming up with balls on their side of the court.

7.2.2 Teams will then have 5 minutes warm up together at the net.

7.2.3 At the Tournament Director's discretion, matches may be moved to a court differing from that scheduled in the Draw.

8. DEFAULTS

8.1 Any team which is not ready to take the court (2 players) at the scheduled start time of the match, or 10 minutes after the completion of the previous match (if behind schedule) will lose the first set by default.

8.2.1 If teams do not arrive in the next 5 minutes to play the second set, after the commencement of the match, the match is forfeited.

8.2.2 Extenuating circumstances will be considered by the Tournament Director, to delay or reschedule a match if circumstances warrant.

8.2.3 ALL Defaults must be handled in conjunction with a tournament official. Duty teams cannot decide on a default without informing the tournament office.

9. COACHING

9.1 Coaching of any kind by anyone is not permitted from the first serve of the set until the end of each set. Coaches may approach the players after each set, but not during the set.

9.2 Coaches must sit at the side (middle of the court), or switch ends every five points (every 15 points per set) or seven points (every 21 points per set) with their players.

9.3 Timeouts cannot be called by anyone other than the team captain.

10. PROTESTS

10.1 Should any team wish to make an official protest, the Team Captain must immediately notify the 1st Referee.

10.2.1 The match will be frozen.

10.2.2 The Court Controller will be notified, and the Tournament Director or Referee Delegate called.

10.2.2 If the protest cannot be resolved by the Referee Delegate/Tournament Director, the Disputes Committee will be formed to consider the Protest. The Disputes Committee may consist of any two of:

- 1) Tournament Director
- 2) Nominated VNZ Events staff
- 3) Chief Referee
- 4) VNZ Chief Executive Officer

10.2.3 A fee of \$50 is required up front; any protest that is not upheld will be subject to a loss of \$50.

10.2.4 The Disputes Committee decision is final.

11 DUTY PROCESS

11.1 Each team is required to provide a first Referee and a second Referee/Scorer to deliver referee duty as scheduled in the draw

11.2 Failure to properly complete duty will result in a \$20 fine per instance

11.3 Teams must supply own whistles.

11.4 Referees and team captain must make sure all information in the scoresheet is complete and accurate before submitting it to Volleyball NZ Court Controllers.

12 TEAM OBLIGATIONS

12.1 The team 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.

12.2 The team 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).

12.3 The teams from the top three ranked teams in each gender must attend the presentation ceremony and any media obligations at the conclusion of the event.

12.4 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.

- 12.5 The team 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.
- 12.6 The team 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.
- 12.7 The team acknowledges that nothing in these competition regulations constitutes an agency or employer-employee relationship.
- 12.8 The team 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.
- 12.9 The team agrees that all rights granted under paragraph 17.10 above are granted without compensation and hereby waives any right to such compensation.
- 12.10 Volleyball New Zealand accepts no responsibility for any injury caused to players at any events.
- 12.11 By registering as a team and entering an event, the team 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).

13 MISCELLANEOUS

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 No person is entitled to bring this competition, Volleyball New Zealand, the game or any related issue into disrepute.

14 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 14.1 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.

15 NON-COMPLIANCE

15.1 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:

15.1.1 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.

15.1.2 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.

15.1.3 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 – TOURNAMENT STAFFING

VNZ and Volleyball Bay of Plenty Staffing to be confirmed shortly.

APPENDIX B - VOLLEYBALL NZ PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

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

APPENDIX C - FIVB BEACH VOLLEYBALL RULES

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