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New Zealand Inter- Provincial Beach Volleyball Championships 2024 Tournament Manual



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Championship Regulations

1. Player Eligibility

- Players must have New Zealand citizenship. New Zealand citizenship means the person holds or has issued in their name, at least one of the following documents:
 - A NZ Passport
 - A NZ Certificate of Citizenship
 - A NZ Birth Certificate
 - A NZ Resident Visa

2. Age Group Criteria

- Under 17 Grades
 - Players cannot turn 17 in 2024 – Born 2008 or later
- Under 19 Grades
 - Players cannot turn 19 in 2024 – Born 2006 or later

Players are expected to play in their age group.

Exceptions should only occur if all the following stakeholders see that playing in a higher age group is in the best interest of the athlete's long term holistic development:

The player, their parents/guardians, and all relevant coaching staff.

3. Association Player (AP)

- Player's may only represent one Association. A players Association is defined by the following:

Firstly

- the Association their Secondary School is affiliated to;

Secondly

- If the player does not attend a Secondary School, the Association that the athlete resides in, per their residential address, e.g. *the Association of an athlete's University or Tertiary Institution*

4. Exemption Player (EP)

- Each Association may register one (1) Exemption Player (EP) per age group.
- 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 the above Players Association section.

5. International Teams (IT)

- An International Team is made up of 2 players who does not have New Zealand citizenship (as defined in the Player Eligibility section above).

6. Right of Entry

- Each Association is responsible for ensuring that all players participating in the Championships have met the necessary player rules and regulations stipulated in Inter-Provincial Beach Volleyball Championships Event Manual.
- Each of VNZ's 15 Associations are allowed a maximum of six (6) teams per gender, per age group:

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*

- Where an Association enters two (2) or more teams, the Association is required to attest to the rankings of the teams on the final Team List submission.

7. Team Registrations:

- Association Registration
 - This is a single registration from an association of all teams that they have included in their squad. This is the preferred method of entry.

8. Team Composition

A team is made up of 2 players. After the team list due date (December 18th 2023), these teams will only be allowed to be changed under exceptional circumstances and at the decision of the Tournament Director.

9. Uniforms

- Playing tops should be numbered, 1 & 2.
- The team must wear the same uniform when playing. The pair must decide if they will play in either singlet uniform, crop top uniform, shorts, bikini bottoms right before their game. This may be changed per game.
- Shorts and bottoms must be the same design or at least same in colour/shade.
- Uniform design is at the discretion of the association, Volleyball NZ would prefer that teams are in “association colours”.

Even if an association chooses not to provide the uniform for their teams, they are still responsible for uniforms to be matching, appropriate and comfortable.

10. Net Height

- Under 17 & Under 19
 - Male: 2.43m
 - Female: 2.24m

11. Match Ball

- Only the official VNZ match ball (Mikasa VLS300) will be used for matches.
- Two match ball per court will be provided.

12. Set Format

- All matches will be best of 3 sets (2 sets to 21, 1 set to 15) with a 2-point advantage in all sets.
- Adjustments to match length may be used by the organisers to meet draw requirements.
- End switch every 7 points in sets to 21 and every 5 points in sets to 15.

13. Match Protocol

- Teams must be present in the court at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their match.

- Teams will have minimum 5 minutes warm up with balls on their side of the court
- Teams will then have 5 minutes warm up together at the net
- At the Organiser's discretion, matches may be moved to a court differing from that scheduled in the Draw.

14.Coaching

- Coaching is allowed and encouraged before and after the game.
- However coaching during the game can only happen
 - Between each set
 - During timeouts (including medical)
- Encouragement to players is allowed at anytime given coaching instruction is not used
- If referees feel coaching is happening outside of these coaching opportunities(times) . Please contact the ref delegate to supervise
- Please be aware timeouts can only be called by team captain.

15.Match/Set Defaults

- 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.
- If 15 minutes after the commencement of the match, the team has not yet arrived, the match is forfeited.
- Extenuating circumstances will be considered by the Tournament Director, to delay or reschedule a match if circumstances warrant.
- ALL Defaults must be handled in conjunction with a tournament official. Duty teams cannot decide on a default without informing the tournament office.

16.Official Protest

- Should any team wish to make an official protest, the Team Captain must immediately notify the 1st Referee.
- The match will be frozen.
- The Court Controller notified, and the Tournament Director or Referee Delegate called.
- A fee of \$50 is required up front; any protest that is not upheld will be subject to a loss of \$50.

- 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:
 - Tournament Director
 - Tournament Controllers
 - Independent
- The Disputes Committee decision is final.

17.Duty

- Each team is required to provide:
 - A first referee and a 2nd referee/scorer
- All
 - Failure to properly complete duty will result to a \$20 fine.
 - Teams must supply own whistles.

18. Adult Duty Responsibilities

- For all matches the duty team should be aware of the whereabouts of the Associations head of delegation(s). The head of delegations should be the first point of contact if a duty team feels out of their depth and attempt to find a solution. If a solution can't be found, they should support the duty team and if required inform the tournament staff.

19.Pool Rankings

Rankings will be determined as follows, in order of priority

- Number of Victories: Teams will be classified in descending order by the number of matches won.
- If there is a tie between just two teams, the set quotient will be looked at first, then the point quotient if still tied at set quotient.
- Set quotient: In the case of equality in 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
- Point's quotient: In the case that the set quotient is the same for both teams, 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 which involve the 2 of the tied teams.
- When the tie still exists in Set quotient and is between 2 or more teams, a new classification of these teams point quotient will be made to include all pool matches.
- If the Point's quotient is still a tie, the team that beat the other in their last game will have a higher rank than the other.

20. Player and Coach Behaviour

- Players and coaches are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and appropriate behaviour at all times.