

Team specific information (rules etc)

Your team's responsibilities:

1. EVERY TEAM MUST SEND ONE (two max) REPRESENTATIVES to the '**Captains Meeting**' at the Tournament Office (Marquee) at **8.30am on Saturday & Sunday**. This is when you will register your team for the day and collect your playing schedule.
2. All teams *must* complete a **team player list**. Please bring your completed list to the Captains Meeting on Saturday (or prior) to the tournament. Once the list is submitted, additions may only be made at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. **NO TEAM MAY TAKE PART UNTIL THEIR TEAM LIST HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.**
3. Matches will **start at 9.30am** prompt on both days. Teams are expected to participate on both days. Sunday's playing schedule will be given out on Sunday at the Captains Meeting at 8.30am
4. You *must* provide **officials** for each game you are assigned, including:
 - a. Referee (plus whistle)
 - b. Second referee (plus whistle)
 - c. Scorer (plus pen)
 - d. Lines persons (2 min)
5. Any team not participating in all their matches or refereeing commitments may be barred from future tournaments.
6. Teams **MUST** be **ready to play** at the end of the previous match. Any team not on court within 5 minutes may forfeit the match. However teams have **NO** right to claim matches themselves – this decision can only be made by a member of the tournament committee.
7. The **winning team** is responsible for *checking* and returning the score sheet - to the Tournament Office. Match results will be displayed on boards outside the Tournament Office as soon as we can process them.

Tournament Rules

1. **FIVB playing rules** will apply.
2. No player can officially play for more than one team in the tournament. However to ensure that teams do not have to withdraw completely on the weekend due to injured players etc we try to be a bit flexible with this rule. Some of our tournament staff are happy to fill in for the odd game (but they are not allowed to play for the one team the entire weekend). Or failing that, you may be able to borrow a player from another team, but we insist that it isn't someone playing in the same division. He/she would need to be playing in a different division. Also, their availability is not allowed to impinge on or affect your team's schedule of matches. So if they are still playing on a different court when your team is about to start you would have to find someone else, ie you will not be allowed to delay the start of your match.

Please make sure you get the agreement of Kate or Ron in the tournament office regards this point. Any dispute regarding player eligibility will be decided finally by the tournament committee who reserve the right to amend rulings, should exceptional circumstances occur. Teams are expected to play within the spirit of the rules.

3. Teams must have **6 players on court** at all times. In Mixed Divisions there must be at least **3 women on court** at all times. Teams not adhering to these rules may be allowed to play matches at the organisers' discretion, but they will forfeit the match 0-25, 0-25.

4. In Women's Divisions, only females may play. There is no rule that allows boys to be counted as women in Mixed Divisions. Females are however permitted to play in the Men's competition.
5. The number of sets played will vary from division to division and from day to day.

2 set matches:	both sets are first to 25 – the 2 clear points rule will not apply*
Best of 3 set matches:	first 2 sets to 25, with 2 clear pts. third set to 15, with 2 clear pts (capped at 17)

Ranking and points

A match **win** = 2 tournament points.

Where there is a **draw** of one set each (2 set matches only), the winner will be the team with the highest number of points overall. If still a draw, one tournament point will be given to each team. **The exception to this rule is if the game is a knock out (eg quarter or semi-final). For these games play must continue for one point only and the team to gain that extra point (26 points in total) is the winner.*

Final ranking order decided by:

1. The number of tournament points gained. If there is still a tie:
2. Highest number of sets for then:
3. Lowest number of sets against then:
4. Highest fraction of points for, divided by, points against. If there is still a tie:
5. An additional set may be played to 9 points only. In some circumstances this may not be possible and the Tournament Committee reserve the right to toss a coin or devise some other method of selecting winning teams.

Trophies and presentations

1. Trophies and player medals will be presented to:
 - Divisional winners and runners-up
 - Plate competition winners and runners-up
2. The **presentation** of trophies will be made outside the Tournament Office immediately after the Division 1 Finals (approx 4.30 pm)

Have a great weekend!

Please pass this information on to **ALL** your team members so that they know as much about the Tournament as you do.