ASSOCIATED GRAMMAR SCHOOLS OF VICTORIA

Volleyball Regulations

GENERAL

Any amendment to a rule/regulation implemented by the governing body of the sport will only be applied to AGSV regulations once it has been ratified in accordance with AGSV procedures. Players and coaches are fully expected to conduct themselves within spirit of the game and in accordance with the AGSV Participant Code of Conduct.

FIRSTS MATCHES

(a) All matches will be played at a central venue, subject to availability.
(b) Seven rounds will be played followed by semi finals and finals.

Referees: Two independent referees (central and net) will be provided for Firsts matches (paid by AGSV). Only the team captain is permitted to speak to the Central referee. Referees are required to be aware of and comply with AGSV Child Safe standards.

Duty Group personnel (introduced 2024-25): For all Firsts matches, it is compulsory for each team to assign one (1) scorer (sheet / digital display) and one (1) Line referee for every match.

(c) i. Matches will be conducted as per FIBV/Volleyball Australia rules unless otherwise stated, including misconduct sanctions and delay sanctions.
ii. The net shall be set at a height of 2.43 metres.
iii. Matches will consist of the best of five sets (rally point advantage). The first four sets to 25 points, and the fifth and deciding set to 15 points. Matches will be played to completion with no time limit.
iv. Up to 12 players may listed on the scoresheet, plus the option of up to two players listed as a libero (must wear a different coloured shirt) allowing for up to 14 players to play in a match.
v. Two time-outs per team, per set are allowed. No time-outs may be called during the last five (5) minutes of a timed game.

Substitutions
The Volleyball Australia 12 Sub rule will be played and recorded on the official AGSV scoresheet. This allows each team a maximum of twelve (12) substitutions in any one set. Players starting a set may be replaced by a substitute and may subsequently re-enter the set, twice. i.e. each substitute may enter a set three times (starting shall count as an entry). Players re-entering the set must assume the original position in the service order in relation to other team mates. No change may be made in a player's position in the service order, unless necessitated by an injury requiring an exceptional substitution (i.e. where a player is unable to continue play and substitution cannot be made legally, a team is entitled to make an 'exceptional' substitution).

(d) Players must wear their school's volleyball uniform (shorts must be worn, not track suit pants). The playing shirt must be numbered, with a small number on the front and a large one on the back. Both coaches must confer before the start of play to check that the correct uniform is being worn. Where incorrect uniform is worn, that team will forfeit the first set.

(e) **Warm up:** a 15 minute structured warm up will be performed by each team prior to the commencement of a match (order: general skills, coin toss, serving – receiving, hitting, blocking).

(f) **Late Arrivals**
A team must take the court if four (4) or more players are present. A serve is forfeited, and a point awarded when each missing player's turn to serve occurs.
Where no notice of lateness has been received;
- if a team is not ready to take the court fifteen minutes after the nominated starting time they forfeit the first set.
- if a team cannot start before thirty minutes has elapsed, they forfeit the match.

(g) **Premiership Points**
Premiership points will be on the basis of 2 for a win, 1 point where a match is not played or completed and 0 for a loss.

(h) **SEMI FINALS & Play-off matches** (Round 8):
At the conclusion of Round 7, ladder positions will determine the draw for both Semi finals and Play-off's. Semi finals will be scheduled as follows: 1 v 4, 2 v 3. Play-off's matches will be held for 5 v 6, 7 v 8. Positions 3-8 on the final ladder will be determined by results from Play-off matches. These teams are not required to play on the day of the Grand Final (Round 9).

For the purpose of deciding draws for Semi Finals / Play-off's, ladder positions will be separated by i) premiership points. Where teams are equal on premiership points after Round 7, ladder positions will be separated via the following criteria: ii) by who won the home and away match (head to head). Where teams placed first, second or third on the ladder cannot be separated by i) or ii), calculation iii) will be used to determine who has superior set index (SI) from matches involving these teams. If this fails to separate, the team who is immediately below on the ladder will be included in the calculation. If that fails, the calculation will include the next team down the rung (and so on) until a separation is achieved.

Where teams placed second, third (or below) cannot be separated by i) or ii), the third calculation iii) will include matches played against the team who is immediately above on the ladder. If that fails to separate, the calculation will include the next team above (and so on). Where there are no more teams above, the calculation will include the team immediately below on the ladder (and so on) until a separation is achieved.

(i) **GRAND FINAL** (Round 9):
The two teams who won a Semi Final will contest the Grand Final to decide the Premiership.

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***Coaches feedback on Firsts Referees** (optional)
Please complete where you believe constructive feedback will assist the performances of a referee:
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REPORTING OF RESULTS FROM FIRSTS MATCHES
It is the responsibility of the Frist named team to provide
AGSV General Manager - Competitions (0400 556 801) - with match results for each Firsts matches **by 2:00 pm on Saturday**.

MATCHES OTHER THAN FIRSTS

Volleyball Regulations

Matches will be played at central venues, as allocated and conducted according to Volleyball Victoria rules. This includes the 'contact with the net' rule. Independent referees will be arranged by AGSV.

Net heights:

- 2.35 metres for Seconds/Thirds
- 2.24 metres for Year 9/10
- 2.15 metres for Year 7/8 matches.

Format

Matches will consist of the best of up to five rally point advantage sets, the first four to 25 points, and the fifth and deciding set to 15 points (no ceiling). Year level teams arriving late for games are not to be penalised points for their lateness. Matches will be conducted as per FIBV/Volleyball Australia rules unless otherwise stated.

Timing

Each match will be allocated 65 minutes. 5 minutes for warmup, 60 minutes of match time. Where a match finishes before the allotted time, play is to continue for the remaining time allotted. If 50 minutes of play has lapsed and the score is two sets each, a fifth set to eight (8) points will be played, with the team leading by two points to be declared the winner. If, however four sets have not been completed, the team who is leading based on completed sets shall be declared the winner. When time elapses and the score is one set each and the third set is incomplete, the winner shall be the team leading by two (2) points once the score has reached 15 in the third set.

Scoring

Use designated scoresheet. Before a match commences, **umpires must ensure** at least one and preferably both teams have appointed a scorer (usually the coach).

For all other Regulations, refer Firsts Matches (above).

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