



2023 Australian Masters Games Beach Volleyball

Rules and Regulations

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1. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

1.1 Game Format

The tournament will be played under the official FIVB Rules as amended by these Australian Volleyball Masters Tournament Rules. All players/coaches are deemed to have and read and understood both sets of rules.

All Minor Round, Preliminary and Consolation Final games will be timed and Grand Finals will be untimed. There will be no drawn games.

All matches are the best of 3 sets, the match will be won by the team that wins two sets. The first two sets will be played to a minimum of 21 points (with a 2-point advantage), changing ends after every 7 points. The 3rd set, if required, will be played to a minimum of 15 points (with a 2-point advantage) changing ends every 5 points. For timed games, if it is a deciding set, the team with at least a 1-point advantage at the end of the time limit will be awarded the match or the match will continue until a team gains a 1-point advantage (Golden Point).

The venues and equipment used in the competition may not fully comply with FIVB rules and regulations. All players who choose to participate in the competition thereby accept that the venues and equipment may not be fully compliant and therefore choose to play at their own risk.

There shall be no technical time outs during matches.

FIVB Rules 2021-2024

The FIVB rule book can be downloaded directly from the website link:

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

1.2 Mixed Competition Specific Rules

For mixed pairs, there must be always one (1) player of each gender on the court.

For mixed fours, there must be always two (2) players of each gender on the court.

*Please find the Referee Delegate/ Tournament Director if any further rule clarification is needed.

1.3 Four Competition Specific Rules

The block does not count as a hit in fours.

1.4 Uniform Requirements

Playing Tops must be matching. Shorts should be of the same colour (does not need to be exactly identical in style or shade) but should look uniform between team members.

1.5 Competition Points

Competition points towards the qualification of the finals shall be awarded for each match as follows:

- 3 points for a win

- 1 point for a loss
- 0 point for a forfeit
- -1-point penalty for not supplying required duty personnel

If teams in the same pool finish pool play with equal points, their positions will be determined by games won percentage, then by sets won percentage, then points won percentage. Percentages will be calculated by the formula: wins (games, sets or points) – losses (games, sets or points) / total played (games, sets, or points).

1.6 Net Heights

DIVISION	NET HEIGHT
Men 30+, 40+	2.43m
Men 45+, 50+, 55+ 60+	2.35m**
Women 30+, 40+	2.24m
Women 45+, 50+, 55+ 60+	2.15m**
Mixed All ages	2.35m

** Where minor round games combine age grades, the net will be set to the higher of the two heights. If both teams qualify for a lower net height, referees may lower the net to the age specific height upon request from the teams. Age finals will be played at the age specified height unless both teams agree on a higher net height.

1.7 Match Protocol

The pre match protocol for this competition will be as follows below.

At each interval the teams will be required to exit their court through the end line and change courts around the outside of the net posts in an anticlockwise direction.

First Referee and Second Referee

T – 5 Min	Official Protocol commences Players start on court warm-up
T – 5 Min	Check the net height
T – 4 Min	Summon captains for the coin toss
T – 3 Min	Warm up at the net commences Monitor spiking at all times Check all match equipment
T – 2 Min	Warm up at net finishes
T – 1 Min	Serving Teams clear the court
T – 30 Sec	Teams enter the court
T – 00	First whistle to authorise serve

The Toss

The winning captain of the toss has the following options:

1. To serve,
2. To receive the serve,
3. To choose the side of the court.

1.8 Duty Team Information

Duty People Required:

- 1st referee & 2nd referee/scorer

Duty teams must:

- Ensure games start on time
- Arrive at least 10 minutes before the game is scheduled to start
- Supply Own Whistle
- Ensure captain sign score sheet before the match and that the captain also signs after the match.
- The score sheet will not be accepted until all of the above things have been completed.

1.9 Captain

At the end of a rally after the 1st referee has made a decision the captain may request an explanation for the interpretation of the judgment. The 1st referee must honour the request.

If the captain is not satisfied with a decision and the 1st referee has already clearly stated the reason for the decision the game captain may make a formal protest by immediately informing the 2nd referee (while the ball is out of play). The 2nd referee must immediately inform the 1st referee who will stop the game and consult the Referee Delegate. The Referee Delegate will resolve the protest on the spot.

When in the 1st referee's opinion the captain's behaviour in relation to questioning decisions has become inappropriate the referee should warn the game captain with no penalty. If the behaviour continues beyond the limit of reasonable expression of disagreement, the game captain should be sanctioned for rude conduct with a yellow card (point and service to the opponents).

1.10 Time-Outs

Only one time-out is allowed per team per set. However, NO time-out will be allowed in the last 5 minutes of playing time.

1.11 Teams late on court

After the referee has called the teams for the start of a game, if all players are not present, the following applies:

1. The first set will be forfeited after 5 minutes if the minimum player requirement is not available to play when the referee has called the start of the game, the team will forfeit the first set by a score of 21-0.
2. If the minimum player requirement is not met after 15 minutes after the match begins, the team will forfeit both sets 21-0.

1.12 Rotational Faults

The 1st referee should whistle for service when he is sure that the teams are ready to play and that the server is in possession of the ball.

A rotational fault is committed when the SERVICE is not made according to the rotational order. It leads to the following consequences:

1. the team is sanctioned with a point and service to the opponent;
2. the players' rotational order is rectified.
3. Additionally, the scorer should determine the exact moment when the fault was committed and all points scored subsequently by the team at fault must be cancelled. The opponent's points remain valid.
4. If that moment cannot be determined, no point(s) cancellation takes place, and a point and service to the opponent is the only sanction.

2. DISPUTES

2.1 On The Spot Protest Resolution

A formal protest may only be lodged by the captain who believes that match officials have made an error under the FIVB Official Rules as amended by any Australian Volleyball Masters Tournament Rules that will affect the outcome of the match.

If a protest is upheld, the match is replayed from the stage immediately before the error occurred. In the format of the Australian Volleyball Masters Tournament there is no scope for replaying matches later due to a protest made after the match is upheld. **Therefore a system of "On the Spot" Protest resolution has been adopted.**

If a captain wishes to lodge a formal protest, they should immediately inform the referee (while the ball is out of play).

The 1st referee will stop the game and immediately consult the Referee Delegate / Tournament Director.

The Referee Delegate will resolve the protest. No appeals after the game will be considered.

2.2 Examination of the Protest

In the case of a protest concerning a referee's decision, the Referee Delegate / Tournament Director listens to the 1st referee who makes a report on the well-founded reasons of their decision concerning the application of the regulations.

According to the regulations in force, the Referee Delegate decides to:

1. Reject the protest; or
2. Accept the protest and the decision is overruled.

If the case is not stated in the regulations, the Referee Delegate makes the decision.

If the protest has been rejected, the game is resumed after having applied the referee's decision or with the same position and the same score. The appropriate sanction is then applied.

The first protest is rejected with a "Penalty" sanction (Yellow card), personal sanction against the captain.

If a second protest by the same captain is rejected in the same match then the 1st referee will sanction the captain with disqualification (Red and yellow card held together), personal sanction against the captain for the match.

2.3 To resume the game

The Referee Delegate's decision is communicated to referees, scorer, coaches and game captains.

If the protest has been rejected, the game is resumed after having applied the referee's decision or with the same positions and same score, the appropriate sanction is then applied. If the Referee Delegate accepts the protest, the decision of the match referee or the scorer is overruled.

The game is resumed with the new positions and / or new scores.

3. COMPETITION VENUE

Venue: Glenelg Beach
Address: S Esplanade, Glenelg SA 5045

Venue: Qahwa Café Roasters and Espresso Bar
Address: The Foreshore, Bridge Terrace, Victor Harbor SA 5211

4. INJURIES AND INSURANCE

First Aid will be available to players at the venue.

All personal accidents or injuries should be reported to the Tournament Director on duty at the venue. The Tournament Director will complete an Injury Report Form for the injured participant that can be used for any Insurance Claims. Please ensure that the player's name is also on the scoresheet as this will be needed as proof of participation.

Players must provide their own strapping etc.

The Volleyball Australia 2023/2024 National Insurance Program should cover all players that are current members of their state volleyball association.

Participants require affiliation with Volleyball SA to compete. The "casual" membership is free and can be accessed here - [Sign Up \(volleyballsa.com.au\)](https://volleyballsa.com.au).

Please note, participants on the free "casual" membership are not covered by insurance. We **highly recommend** that participants sign up for the Volleyball SA "Recreational" membership (\$20) to be covered by Personal Accident Insurance available at www.volleyballsa.com.au/membership/join.

For serious injuries please visit the closest **Hospital**:

Glenelg Community Hospital Inc.

Address: 5 Farrell St, Glenelg South SA 5045
Phone: 08 8294 5555

Southern Fleurieu Health Service

Address: 50 Harbour View Terrace, Victor Harbour SA 5211
Phone: 08 8552 0500

Royal Adelaide Hospital

Address: Port Rd, Adelaide SA 5000
Phone: 08 7074 0000

Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Address: Woodville Rd, Woodville South SA 5011
Phone: 08 8222 6000