

2026 SA VOLLEYBALL SCHOOLS CUP COMPETITION STRUCTURE / ROAD TO FINALS

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General notes:

- Round robin pool play: A team plays all teams in that division/pool.
- Medals:
 - All Divisional competitions will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams awarded medals (10 medals per team).
 - All Honours competitions will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams awarded medals (12 medals per team).
 - The coach of 1st placed Honours' teams will also award a player of their team an MVP plaque.
- Match times:
 - Divisional gold medal matches are untimed best of 3.
 - Honours gold and bronze (where not a semi-final) are untimed best of 5.
 - All other matches are timed.
 - Divisional timed matches are 60 mins of game time. Teams have 10 mins of warm-up prior to the scheduled match time.
 - Honours timed matches are 70 mins of game time. Teams have 10 mins of warm-up prior to the scheduled match time.

DIVISIONAL GIRLS

7 Divisional Girls Div 1

(8 teams)

- Teams split into two pools (4 teams in Pool A and 4 teams in Pool B)
- Round robin pool play in Pool A and B.
- Semi-finals on **FRIDAY**: 1st ranked Pool A team vs 2nd ranked Pool B team.
2nd ranked Pool A team vs 1st ranked Pool B team.
SUNDAY: Winners to Grand Final. Losers to Bronze Medal Match.
- **FRIDAY**: 3rd ranked Pool A team and 4th ranked Pool B team compete in 5th place qualifier. 4th ranked Pool A team and 3rd ranked Pool B team compete in 5th place qualifier.
SUNDAY: Winners play the 5th place playoff. Losers play 7th place playoff.

7 Divisional Girls Div 2

(6 teams)

- Round robin pool play
- Semi-finals: 1st vs 4th ranked team, 2nd vs 3rd ranked team. Winners to Gold match. Losers to Bronze match.
- 6th and 5th rank teams compete in 5th place playoff.

8 Divisional Girls

(11 teams)

- Teams split into two pools (6 teams in Pool A and 5 teams in Pool B)
- Round robin pool play in Pool A and B
- Semi-finals: 1st ranked Pool A team vs 2nd ranked Pool B team.
2nd ranked Pool A team vs 1st ranked Pool B team. Winners to Grand Final. Losers to Bronze Medal Match.
- 3rd ranked Pool A team and 3rd ranked Pool B team compete in 5th place playoff.
- 4th ranked Pool A team and 4th ranked Pool B team compete in 7th place playoff.
- 5th ranked Pool A team and 5th ranked Pool B team compete in 9th place playoff. Loser plays 10th place playoff
- 6th ranked Pool A team plays loser of 9th place playoff.

9 Divisional Girls Div 1

(6 teams)

- Round robin pool play
- Semi-finals: 1st vs 4th ranked team, 2nd vs 3rd ranked team. Winners to Gold match. Losers to Bronze match.
- 6th and 5th rank teams compete in 5th place playoff.

9 Divisional Girls Div 2

(8 teams)

- Teams split into two pools (4 teams in Pool A and 4 teams in Pool B)
- Round robin pool play in Pool A and B.
- Semi-finals on **FRIDAY**: 1st ranked Pool A team vs 2nd ranked Pool B team.
2nd ranked Pool A team vs 1st ranked Pool B team.
SUNDAY: Winners to Grand Final. Losers to Bronze Medal Match.
- **FRIDAY**: 3rd ranked Pool A team and 4th ranked Pool B team compete in 5th place qualifier. 4th ranked Pool A team and 3rd ranked Pool B team compete in 5th place qualifier.
SUNDAY: Winners play the 5th place playoff. Losers play 7th place playoff.

10 Divisional Girls

(7 teams)

- Round robin pool play
- Semi-final: 2nd ranked team vs 3rd ranked team. Winner to Grand Final. Loser to Bronze match.
- Bronze qualifier: 4th ranked team vs 5th ranked team. Winner to Bronze match.
- 6th place playoff: 6th ranked team vs 7th ranked team.

11 Divisional Girls

(3 teams)

- Round robin pool play
- Semi-final: 2nd ranked team vs 3rd ranked team.
Winner to Grand Final vs 1st ranked team.

12 Divisional Girls

(8 teams)

- Teams split into two pools (4 teams in Pool A and 4 teams in Pool B)
- Round robin pool play in Pool A and B.
- Semi-finals on **FRIDAY**: 1st ranked Pool A team vs 2nd ranked Pool B team.
2nd ranked Pool A team vs 1st ranked Pool B team.
SUNDAY: Winners to Grand Final. Losers to Bronze Medal Match.
- **FRIDAY**: 3rd ranked Pool A team and 4th ranked Pool B team compete in 5th place qualifier. 4th ranked Pool A team and 3rd ranked Pool B team compete in 5th place qualifier.
SUNDAY: Winners play the 5th place playoff. Losers play 7th place playoff.

DIVISIONAL BOYS

7 Divisional Boys

(9 teams)

- Teams split into two pools (5 teams in Pool A, 4 teams in Pool B).
- Round robin pool play in each pool
- Semi-finals on **FRIDAY**: 1st ranked Pool A team vs 2nd ranked Pool B team.
2nd ranked Pool A team vs 1st ranked Pool B team.
 - o **SUNDAY**: Winners to Grand Final. Losers to Bronze Medal Match.
- **FRIDAY**: 3rd ranked Pool A team and 4th ranked Pool B team compete in Playoff Qualifier.
 - o **SUNDAY**: Winner to 5th place playoff. Loser to 7th place playoff.
- **FRIDAY**: 4th ranked Pool A team and 3rd ranked Pool B team compete in Playoff Qualifier.
 - o **SUNDAY**: Winner to 5th place playoff. Loser to 7th place playoff.
- **SUNDAY**: Loser of 7th place playoff competes with 5th ranked Pool A team in 8th place playoff.

8 Divisional Boys

(9 teams)

- Teams split into two pools (5 teams in Pool A, 4 teams in Pool B).
- Round robin pool play in each pool
- Semi-finals on **FRIDAY**: 1st ranked Pool A team vs 2nd ranked Pool B team.
2nd ranked Pool A team vs 1st ranked Pool B team.
 - o **SUNDAY**: Winners to Grand Final. Losers to Bronze Medal Match.
- **FRIDAY**: 3rd ranked Pool A team and 4th ranked Pool B team compete in Playoff Qualifier.
 - o **SUNDAY**: Winner to 5th place playoff. Loser to 7th place playoff.
- **FRIDAY**: 4th ranked Pool A team and 3rd ranked Pool B team compete in Playoff Qualifier.
 - o **SUNDAY**: Winner to 5th place playoff. Loser to 7th place playoff.
- **SUNDAY**: Loser of 7th place playoff competes with 5th ranked Pool A team in 8th place playoff.

9 Divisional Boys Div 1

(8 teams)

- Teams split into two pools (4 teams in Pool A and 4 teams in Pool B)
- Round robin pool play in Pool A and B.
- Semi-finals on **FRIDAY**: 1st ranked Pool A team vs 2nd ranked Pool B team.
2nd ranked Pool A team vs 1st ranked Pool B team.
SUNDAY: Winners to Grand Final. Losers to Bronze Medal Match.
- **FRIDAY**: 3rd ranked Pool A team and 4th ranked Pool B team compete in 5th place qualifier. 4th ranked Pool A team and 3rd ranked Pool B team compete in 5th place qualifier.
SUNDAY: Winners play the 5th place playoff. Losers play 7th place playoff.

9 Divisional Boys Div 2

(7 teams)

- Round robin pool play
- Semi-final: 2nd ranked team vs 3rd ranked team. Winner to Grand Final. Loser to Bronze match.
- Bronze qualifier: 4th ranked team vs 5th ranked team. Winner to Bronze match.
- 6th place playoff: 6th ranked team vs 7th ranked team.

10-11 Divisional Boys

(11 teams)

- Teams split into two pools (6 teams in Pool A and 5 teams in Pool B)
- Round robin pool play in Pool A and B
- Semi-finals: 1st ranked Pool A team vs 2nd ranked Pool B team.
2nd ranked Pool A team vs 1st ranked Pool B team. Winners to Grand Final. Losers to Bronze Medal Match.
- 3rd ranked Pool A team and 3rd ranked Pool B team compete in 5th place playoff.
- 4th ranked Pool A team and 4th ranked Pool B team compete in 7th place playoff.
- 5th ranked Pool A team and 5th ranked Pool B team compete in 9th place playoff. Loser plays 10th place playoff
- 6th ranked Pool A team plays loser of 9th place playoff.

12 Divisional Boys Division 1

(12 teams)

- Teams split into two pools (6 and 6 teams in the pools)
- Round robin pool play in Pool A and B
- Semi-finals: 1st ranked Pool A team vs 2nd ranked Pool B team.
2nd ranked Pool A team vs 1st ranked Pool B team. Winners to Grand Final. Losers to Bronze Medal Match.
- 3rd ranked Pool A team and 3rd ranked Pool B team compete in 5th place playoff.
- 4th ranked Pool A team and 4th ranked Pool B team compete in 7th place playoff.
- 5th ranked Pool A team and 5th ranked Pool B team compete in 9th place playoff.
- 6th ranked Pool A team and 6th ranked Pool B team in 11th place playoff.

12 Divisional Boys Division 2

(12 teams)

- Teams split into two pools (6 and 6 teams in the pools)
- Round robin pool play in Pool A and B
- Semi-finals: 1st ranked Pool A team vs 2nd ranked Pool B team.
2nd ranked Pool A team vs 1st ranked Pool B team. Winners to Grand Final. Losers to Bronze Medal Match.
- 3rd ranked Pool A team and 3rd ranked Pool B team compete in 5th place playoff.
- 4th ranked Pool A team and 4th ranked Pool B team compete in 7th place playoff.
- 5th ranked Pool A team and 5th ranked Pool B team compete in 9th place playoff.
- 6th ranked Pool A team and 6th ranked Pool B team in 11th place playoff.

HONOURS GIRLS

8 Honours Girls

(5 teams)

- Round robin pool play
- 1st ranked team directly in Grand Final
- 2nd and 3rd place teams compete in semi-final. Winner to Grand Final. Loser to Bronze Medal Match.
- 4th and 5th place teams compete in 4th place playoff. Winner to Bronze Medal Match.

9 Honours Girls

(6 teams)

- Round robin pool play
- Semi-finals: 1st vs 4th ranked team, 2nd vs 3rd ranked team. Winners to Gold match. Losers to Bronze match.
- 6th and 5th rank teams compete in 5th place playoff.

10 Honours Girls

(4 teams)

- Combined with 11 Honours Girls for Thursday and Friday games
- Round robin pool play
- Semi-finals on **SUNDAY**: 1st ranked team vs 4th ranked team, 2nd ranked team vs 3rd ranked team. Winners to Grand Final. Losers to 3rd place match.

11 Honours Girls

(2 teams)

- Combined with 10 Honours Girls for Thursday and Friday games
- Round robin pool play
- Grand Final with both 11 Honours Girls teams on the Sunday

Open Honours Girls

(7 teams)

- Round robin pool play
- Semi-final: 2nd ranked team vs 3rd ranked team. Winner to Grand Final. Loser to Bronze match.
- Bronze qualifier: 4th ranked team vs 5th ranked team. Winner to Bronze match.
- 6th place playoff: 6th ranked team vs 7th ranked team.

HONOURS BOYS

8 Honours Boys

(4 teams)

- Round robin pool play
- Semi-finals on **FRIDAY**: 1st ranked team vs 4th ranked team, 2nd ranked team vs 3rd ranked team. Winners to Grand Final. Losers to 3rd place match.

9 Honours Boys

(4 teams)

- Round robin pool play
- Semi-finals on **FRIDAY**: 1st ranked team vs 4th ranked team, 2nd ranked team vs 3rd ranked team. Winners to Grand Final. Losers to 3rd place match.

10 Honours Boys

(5 teams)

- Round robin pool play: combined with 11 Honours Boys for Thursday and Friday
- 1st ranked team directly in Grand Final
- 2nd and 3rd place teams compete in semi-final. Winner to Grand Final. Loser to Bronze Medal Match.
- 4th and 5th place teams compete in playoff. Winner to Bronze Medal Match.

11 Honours Boys (2 teams)

- Round robin pool play: combined with 10 Honours Boys for Thursday and Friday
- Round robin pool play
- Grand Final with both 11 Honour Boys teams on the Sunday

Open Honours Boys

(7 teams)

- Round robin pool play
- Semi-final: 2nd ranked team vs 3rd ranked team. Winner to Grand Final. Loser to Bronze match.
- Bronze qualifier: 4th ranked team vs 5th ranked team. Winner to Bronze match.
- 6th place playoff: 6th ranked team vs 7th ranked team.