



2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The South Australian Volleyball Schools Cup is the largest indoor volleyball sporting event in the South Australia. The event is the responsibility of the Volleyball SA and is organised by Volleyball SA.

These Regulations have been developed to provide an event that is professionally delivered and fair to all who participate, and to provide an environment that encourages ever increased levels of competition, which the Committee believes to be the prime ingredients in maximising the enjoyment of everyone involved.

1.2 The following abbreviations have been used in these regulations:

VSA	Volleyball South Australia
VA	Volleyball Australia
SAVSC	South Australian Volleyball Schools Cup
AVSC	Australian Volleyball Schools Cup
Tournament Director	Technical Delegate (Competition)
Chief Referee	Technical Delegate (Referees)

2. DIVISIONS & ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Competitions

- 2.1.1 The SAVSC shall be conducted in separate competitions for boys and girls.
- 2.1.2 Only female students may play in girl's competitions.
- 2.1.3 Male or female players may play in boy's competitions, subject to Regulation 3.1.2.

2.2 Honours Competition

The following age groups/year levels are offered in the Honours competition:

Year Level	Eligibility
Open	Cannot turn 20 or older in the year of the event. Must also be in year 12 or below.
Year 11	Must be in year 11 or below
Year 10	Must be in year 10 or below
Year 9	Must be in year 9 or below
Year 8	Must be in year 8 or below

(NOTE: The Year 7 Honours Divisions is no longer offered at SAVSC in alignment with AVSC).

2.2.1 A minimum of 8 players must be nominated for entry into an Honours division. The organisers reserve the right to apply non-compliance fines if teams commence the tournament with less players than that which is indicated above.

2.2.2 Teams in the Honours competition must field a minimum of six players for any match. Teams that do not field the minimum player requirements of their division, will forfeit the respective match where insufficient players are fielded.

2.2.3 The Control Committee reserves the right to merge Divisions or create additional Divisions, subject to nominations.

2.3 Divisional Competition

The divisional competition is school year level based – the following year levels and divisions are offered:

Year Level	Eligibility
Year 12	Must be in year 12 or below
Year 11	Must be in year 11 or below
Year 10	Must be in year 10 or below
Year 9	Must be in year 9 or below
Year 8	Must be in year 8 or below
Year 7	Must be in year 7 or below

2.3.1 A minimum of 7 players must be nominated for entry into a year level division. The organisers reserve the right to apply non-compliance fines if teams commence the tournament with less players than that which is indicated above.

2.3.2 A Divisional competition match will be deemed a forfeit if a minimum of five players are not fielded by a team. Teams in the Division competition must field a minimum of five players for any match. Teams that do not field the minimum player requirements of their division, will forfeit the respective match where insufficient players are fielded.

2.3.3 The Control Committee reserves the right to merge Divisions or create additional Divisions, subject to nominations.

3 TEAM ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Teams

- 3.1.1 Team nominations will only be accepted from schools listed on the state list of registered schools.
- 3.1.2 The SAVSC is not mixed, however VSA reserves the right to accept into a boys division, any teams that contain female players. A request for such allowance must be made on the 'Request for Exemption' form available on the VSA website and to be signed off by your Principal. This form must be sent to VSA at the time of your nomination. The Tournament director will confirm in writing the outcome of the request.
- 3.1.3 VSA may consider requests for combined teams composed of players from multiple schools. To be eligible, the schools must submit a formal application using the 'SAVSC Request to Combine Schools' form on the VSA website, no later than two weeks before the official nomination deadline. Each request will be considered on its own merit, which includes but is not limited to the date the request is made, number of players at each school, and the size and geographical location of the schools. The Tournament director will confirm in writing the outcome of the request.

3.2 International and Interstate Teams

- 3.2.1 School teams from countries other than Australia and other states may be accepted into the event subject to the following conditions:
 - a) must be ratified by their National Federation;
 - b) provide a letter of endorsement from their National Federation to compete in the 2026 SAVSC;
 - c) Schools from other countries do not have to be registered members of the Australian Volleyball Federation;

- d) are ineligible to win the Champion School Trophy.
- e) A maximum of 3 international & 3 interstate teams will be accepted into Honours Divisions. Multiple Honours teams from any one country will be ranked by their National Federation and accepted on this basis only. There is no limit on the number of international teams accepted into other divisions.

4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

4.1 General

- 4.1.1 Each player must be a registered and financial member of VA via their relevant State Volleyball Association. Their VSA registration number shall be included upon nomination.

Age Group/Division	Membership type
All divisions	Full Adult/Junior

Members turning 18 in the VSA membership period (March to March of the following year) will require a Full Adult membership.

All players also must be FULL ADULT or JUNIOR members to participate in the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup, **excluding regional players, subject to paragraph 4.1.2.**

- 4.1.2 **Students representing a regional school, i.e. over 50km away from Adelaide GPO, can hold a regional membership instead of a full membership.**
- 4.1.3 Subject to clause 3.1.2, each player shall conform to the age and gender requirements of the team for which they are nominated.
- 4.1.4 For dual enrolment students, we recognise the school where the student’s majority of enrolment time is conducted.
- 4.1.5 Each player must be a bonafide student. A bonafide student is one who is enrolled in a school where by they can comply with that State/Territory Education requirement for certification.
- 4.1.6 Any student who has been enrolled, and in attendance, at the school for the duration of the current school year, is eligible.
- 4.1.7 The School Principal countersigns as verification that each student listed on the entry form is a bonafide student of the school and complies with the age requirements for that team.
- 4.1.8 Up to 10 players can be nominated on a Divisional team list. Up to 12 players can be nominated on a Honours team list.
- 4.1.9 **Medalling teams are provided with 10 medals (divisional) or 12 medals (honours). Cost of any additional requested medals will be on-charged to the school, including any delivery fees.**
- 4.1.10 A player must play in 50% of minor round games to qualify for finals.

4.1 International Players

- 4.2.1 An International student is defined as one of the following;
- Exchange Program Student (e.g. Rotary, IFS or other recognised exchange programs)
 - International fee- paying students
 - Student Visa holders
- 4.2.2 Teams/ Schools are only required to apply for an exemption request for these students to participate in an Honours division.

4.3 Player Exemptions

- 4.3.1 Schools submit a ‘Request for Exemption’ and send to madeeha.s@volleyballsa.com.au. Applications for exemption close **Monday 27th July 2026.**

4.3.2 VA's fulltime scholarship holders (Volleyroos) are ineligible to compete at the SAVSC event.

Any school with VA's Centre of Excellence (COE) athletes registered with the Australian Institute of Sport, are permitted to participate for the school they are currently enrolled in without restriction. COE players are permitted play for their school of origin on the basis that Principals from both schools provide written formal agreement along with a signed exemption. These documents must be submitted by **Monday 27th July 2026**.

4.4. Playing for two Teams from the same school

4.4.1. A player can only play for one team during the tournament. Under special circumstances (injury/sickness) a team may, on written application to the Tournament Director, request a player(s) move to a higher division or age group. Any players unable to play, must confirm their absence through their coach / coordinator. These would be directed to the Tournament Director at madeeha.s@volleyballsa.com.au. The application and absence notice must be supplied at least 60 minutes prior to the estimated match start time. The tournament director will inform the affected team of the outcome of the application. Once a player has moved, they can no longer play for their original team. Normal eligibility rules apply.

If injury/sickness occurs within 60 minutes of the estimated match start time, a written application must still take place. The Tournament Director will be informed by the VSA Staff member on site and a decision will be made on the spot by the Tournament Director.

4.5 Sanctions

4.5.1 Sanctions for non-compliance of team eligibility (refer 3) and player eligibility (refer 4) will be considered by the Tournament Director at the event.

4.5.2 The Officials of the teams in breach need to show cause to the Tournament Director, as to why a sanction should not be imposed on that team.

4.5.3 Depending on severity of breach, levels of sanctions may vary from warnings, forfeiture of competition points, fines and/or expulsion from event, with a review of future inclusion in subsequent events.

4.5.4 Officials can appeal the decision to the Control Committee in writing within 1 hour of the receipt of the decision.

4.5.5 The Control Committee shall be final.

5. ENTRY PROCESS

5.1 Nomination

5.1.1 Schools nominate teams to the event online at [Nominate \(volleyballsa.com.au\)](https://volleyballsa.com.au) and follow the link to the nomination page. Your school will be invoiced for your nominations after the nomination closing date.

5.1.2 Nominations close on **Friday 19th June 2026** (Closing Date).

5.1.3 The policies of VSA and VA are integral to the framework of the event. Nomination of teams for the event is deemed acceptance of and adherence to these policies. Policies include:

- VA Photography Filming Guidelines
- VA Member Protection Policy, Anti-doping Policy, Blood Spill Policy, Privacy Policy
- VSA Working with Children Policy

- Protocols for treatment of misconduct by Students, Parents, Spectators and Officials
- Risk Management policies.

- 5.1.4 Teams nominating after **Friday 19th June 2026** risk not being accepted into the tournament should planning have proceeded to such an extent that inclusion of additional teams is impractical.
- 5.1.5 The acceptance of any team that nominates later than **Friday 19th June 2026** will be subject to terms and conditions set by VSA at that time and will require the payment of a \$65.00 late fee (includes GST). The late nomination fee **MUST** be sent to VSA at the time of nominating for the nomination to be considered.
- 5.1.6 Placement of teams into Divisions is at the discretion of VSA.

5.2 Acknowledgement of Nomination

- 5.2.1 Upon receipt of a school's nomination VSA will send an email to the school confirming the schools' nominations.

5.3 Payment of Fees

- 5.3.1 All fees, as per the invoice issued in 5.1.1, must be paid by the date on the VSA Tax invoice.
- 5.3.2 A late fee of \$65.00 (includes GST) will apply to school's who do not pay by the due date.

5.4 Withdrawal of Teams

- 5.4.1 Any team withdrawing after **Tuesday 23rd June 2026**, will forfeit \$100 of their entry fee.
- 5.4.2 Any team withdrawing after **Friday 26th June 2026**, will forfeit their entire entry fee.
- 5.4.3 Teams who withdraw during the tournament or fail to complete their scheduled matches will incur a fee of up to \$100.00 per forfeiture. Where teams can prove they have been prevented from playing due to circumstances beyond their control, no fine will be applied.

6 MATCH CONDUCT

6.1 Rules of the Games

- 6.1.1 Except where explicitly stated, or limited by the venue playing conditions, the Rules of the Game of Volleyball (FIVB) shall apply. Except where stated below.
- 6.1.2 Net Heights

Honours Tournament	Boys	Girls
Open	2.43	2.24
Year 11	2.43	2.24
Year 10	2.35	2.15
Year 9	2.35	2.15
Year 8	2.24	2.10

Divisional Tournament	Boys	Girls
Year 12/13 - Div 1 or 2	2.35	2.15
Year 11 - Div 1 or 2	2.35	2.15
Year 10 - Div 1 or 2	2.35	2.15
Year 9 - Div 1 or 2	2.24	2.10
Year 8 - Div 1 or 2	2.15	2.10
Year 7 - Div 1 or 2	2.15	2.10

- 6.1.2.1 In combined divisions, the net height during matches defaults to the higher division's net height. However, when teams from the same division compete against each other, they play at their original net height. During finals, each division competes using their respective net height.

For example, consider Year 11 Honours Girls and Year 10 Honours Girls, each with two teams. When the two Year 10 Honours Girls teams face off, the net height will be 2.15 meters. For all other games, the height will be 2.24 meters, which corresponds to the Year 11 Honours Girls' net height.

6.1.3 Substitution Rule

- 6.1.3.1 The 12-Substitution rule shall apply. See attachment 1.

6.1.4 Multiple Penalty Rule

- 6.1.4.1 A player or coach who receives more than one penalty in the course of the tournament shall be automatically liable to a one-match suspension for each incident after the first one. A penalty is defined in the Rules of the Game by the Misconduct Sanction Scale.
- 6.1.4.2 As further infringements (up the scale) automatically incur sanctions within the context of the game, they are not included in the cumulative tally, however the Control Committee reserves the right to impose further sanctions should they feel the circumstances warrant them.
- 6.1.4.3 Any player or coach who incurs two or more penalties will be automatically stood down from the requisite number of matches, immediately following the match in which the second or subsequent infringements occur.
- 6.1.4.4 If the matter escapes the attention of a member of the Control Committee, the sanction shall apply immediately from the time that it does come to their attention.

6.1.5 Per Set

- 6.1.5.1 The Libero per Set rule shall apply. See attachment 1
- 6.1.5.1 The Libero player in each set must be designated by the wearing of a contrasting bib or shirt.

6.1.6 Comp points, set %, points %.

- 6.1.6.1 Win/Loss points will be awarded to teams. 3 points for a win, 2 points for draw, 1 point for a loss and 0 points for a forfeit.
- 6.1.6.2 Teams will progress in their pools by:
Win/Loss Points
Set ratio (sets won x 100% / sets won + sets lost)
Point ratio (points won x 100% / points won + points lost)

6.1.7 Playing Area

- 6.1.7.1 The playing area is limited by the nearest obstruction, or adjacent court boundary (court line).
- 6.1.7.2 If the ball leaves the vertical projection of the playing area, it shall immediately become dead and called out by the match referee or second referee, as per the rules of the game. Any ball which is retrieved from outside the playing area is no longer in play or playable. Should any one of the referee, second referee, or lines people declare the ball out, the rally shall be immediately halted and awarded to the team not at fault. In the interest of player safety, as with such matters it is urged that all match officials halt the rally accordingly if there is any doubt.

6.1.8 Blood

- 6.1.8.1 In keeping with modern sports practice, matches cannot proceed if there is a player with visible blood, or blood on balls, equipment, the court or clothing. Should bleeding occur, the player must be removed from the game and cannot take their place on the court until there is no more evidence of blood.

- 6.1.8.2 Matches shall be halted until such time as all blood has been removed from playing equipment.

6.1.9 Contact with the Net

Net Touch rule for all Divisions

- 6.1.9.1 Contact with the net by a player between the antennae, during the action of playing the ball, is a fault. The action of playing the ball includes (among others) take-off, hit (or attempt) and landing.
- 6.1.9.2 Players may touch the post, ropes, or any other object outside the antennae, including the net itself, provided that it does not interfere with play.
- 6.1.9.3 When the ball is driven into the net, causing it to touch an opponent, no fault is committed.

Player's Faults at the Net

- 6.1.9.4 A player touches the ball or an opponent in the opponent's space before or during the opponent's attack hit.
- 6.1.9.5 A player interferes with the opponent's play while penetrating into the opponent's space under the net.
- 6.1.9.6 A player's foot (feet) penetrates completely into the opponent's court.
- 6.1.9.7 A player interferes with the opponent's play by (amongst others):
- touching the net between the antennae or the antenna itself during his/her action of playing the ball
 - using the net between the antennae as a support or stabilizing aid
 - creating an unfair advantage over the opponent by touching the net
 - making actions which hinder an opponent's legitimate attempt to play the ball
 - catching/ holding on to the net

6.2 Matches + Times

6.2.1 Draw

- 6.2.1.1 A Final tournament draw will be posted on the VSA website on **Monday 3rd August 2026**.

6.2.2 Number of Matches

- 6.2.2.1 Each team is guaranteed at least two matches per day on Thursday and Friday.
- 6.2.2.2 All teams shall have maximum number of games possible within the tournament.

6.2.3 Match Start Times

- 6.2.3.1 Matches are to start at the scheduled time or 10 minutes after the preceding match. A match may start before the scheduled start time, only with mutual agreement by officials from both teams and tournament staff. **If a team is 5 minutes late it shall forfeit the first set. If it is another 5 minutes late it shall forfeit the second set. If it is another 5 minutes late it shall forfeit the third set.** Teams forfeiting an entire match shall be penalised in accordance with Appendix 1.
- 6.2.3.2 The Tournament Director has the authority to approve the delay of a start time due to exceptional circumstances, and this decision shall be final.
- 6.2.3.3 Matches commence each day at 9am (Warm up for 9am game begins at 8:50am).
- 6.2.3.4 Matches on Thursday will be scheduled to finish by 5pm.

6.2.4 Match Warm Ups

6.2.4.1 In all divisions, teams shall be given a minimum of 10 minutes warm up on the match court. This will consist of 4 minutes general warm up, 4 minutes spiking together, and 1 minute serving and 1 minute match preparation time before whistle due to be blown for serve. Other combinations of time allocation may be used with mutual agreement of the coaches, but time may not be increased.

6.2.5 Match Duration

6.2.5.1 In all Honours Division matches, best of 5 sets shall be used - sets 1-4 are played to 25 points and set 5 is to 15. There will be a time limit of 70 minutes playing time in Honour divisions plus a 10-minute warm up time prior to the match.

6.2.5.2 In all Divisional matches, best of 5 sets shall be used - sets 1-4 are played to 25 points and set 5 is to 15 points. There will be a time limit of 60 minutes playing time in divisional plus a 10-minute warm up time prior to the match.

6.2.5.3 No time outs in timed matches are permitted in the last 5 minutes of a timed match.

6.2.6 Incomplete Sets:

6.2.6.1 For a set to be deemed complete at full time, 1 team will have reached a minimum of 13 points with a 2-point advantage. If this score has not been reached, the winning team will be awarded on complete sets. If sets are equal, the team with the greater total points (combination of complete and incomplete sets) will win the game. If the points are equal, the game will be deemed a draw.

6.2.7 Finals:

6.2.7.1 Gold & third place playoff matches for positions in all Honours divisions will play un-timed best of 5 sets (where 1st and 3rd place teams are winners of the respective matches).
(Example: When a division features a semi-final match, and the team that loses is considered the third-ranked team, this match is a timed match because it falls under the category of semi-final matches).

6.2.7.2 Gold playoff matches for all other divisions will play un-timed best of 3 sets. **To win a divisional untimed gold match, a team must win 2 out of 3 sets. A set is won by the team which first reaches 25 points with a 2-point advantage, except in the 3rd and deciding set where it is 15 points with a 2-point advantage. There is no point limit in any set. In the deciding set (3rd) the teams change ends at eight (8) points.**

6.2.7.3 A player must play in 50% of minor round matches to be eligible for finals matches. Final matches include semi-finals and medal playoff matches.

6.2.8 Rescheduled Matches

6.2.8.1 The Tournament Director has the right to reschedule forfeited matches upon application from a team if the team can demonstrate that they have been disadvantaged due to circumstances beyond their control. The rescheduled match shall not take place within 2 hours of another commitment of the team that was in attendance (This concession shall not apply to the forfeiting team).

6.2.8.2 If matches are delayed, for any reason, the Tournament Director is authorised to reschedule/relocate such matches. Unless otherwise advised, teams should always be prepared to play at the scheduled time.

6.3 **Protests**

6.3.1 Protests will be decided in the first instance by a Referee Supervisor. If not resolved, the Chief Referee will be asked for a ruling. Resolution will be immediate and the match will

resume as directed by the mediator. The match will not be replayed. If a protest is upheld the match will resume immediately. If the protest is rejected the coach will be sanctioned with a red card (Penalty) and the game will resume immediately.

- 6.3.2 If a second protest occurs by the same team during the same match, and it is dismissed, the coach will be sanctioned with a yellow and red card, thus removing him/her from the bench for the rest of the current set. The game will resume immediately.

6.4 Uniforms and Dress Regulations

- 6.4.1 All teams are expected to play in team uniform. This uniform shall include numbered tops (front and back with numbers greater than 18 acceptable) and uniform shorts of the same colour. Socks can be any colour but follow the regulations stated below. Team members who are not in uniform shall not be allowed to take part in the match. The Libero does not need to wear a numbered uniform but can choose to if the school/team wishes.
- 6.4.2 No jewellery may be worn during a match. This includes watches, rings, chains, and earrings. The wearing of hats or bandannas is not permitted both during a match or whilst performing duty for a match.
- 6.4.3 Skins and compression garments are permitted to be worn.
- 6.4.4 Clothing required for religious purposes is acceptable, but written notification must be given to the Tournament Director prior to the commencement of competition.
- 6.4.5 Display of sponsorship logos on uniforms (shirts, shorts or socks) is encouraged, subject to the following regulations:
- 6.4.5.1 Any logo or message must not conflict with any event sponsor, as identified in any documentation distributed to schools up to three months prior to the registration day of the event.
- 6.4.5.2 Should a potential conflict arise with a pre-existing team sponsor, and any event sponsor identified up to three months prior to the event, it shall be the responsibility of the team to advise the Commission of such potential conflict, who shall then determine further action.
- 6.4.5.3 Any team who fails to advise the Commission of a potential sponsorship conflict prior to the event may be required by the Control Committee to remove or blank out the offending sponsors logo or message before being permitted to compete in the event.
- 6.4.5.4 Any logo or message on playing uniforms must be consistent across all members of a team.
- 6.4.5.5 The maximum size of any logo or message on the front or back of a playing shirt shall not exceed 25cm in width and 10 cm in height and shall be at least 5cm clear of the playing number.
- 6.4.5.6 The maximum size of any logo or text on playing shorts shall be 10cm in width and height and may only appear on the front of the shorts.
- 6.4.5.7 Should any logo, graphic or text, attached to or printed on a playing uniform in any form, be it sponsorship related or not, be judged to be offensive by the Control Committee, the team shall not be permitted to compete until such time as the offensive item is removed or blanked out.
- 6.4.5.8 The Tournament Director is authorised to rule on the acceptability of a uniform logo, graphic or text should a sample uniform or full-scale artwork be submitted prior to the event.

6.5 Team Officials

- 6.5.1 Three team officials only are allowed to sit on the bench during a match. These officials must be named on the score sheet prior to the commencement of the match.

7 OFFICIATING

7.1 Referees

- 7.1.1 Each school must provide suitably qualified referees to officiate at all team duties.
- 7.1.2 Each team must nominate the referee(s) who will officiate when their team is rostered for duty at the time of player nomination. Multiple nominations are permitted. Officials may be added via the Chief Referee, during the tournament.
- 7.1.3 Referee qualifications are those published by the VA and accredited under the Australian Sports Commission's National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS).
- 7.1.4 Non-playing referees (adults or students) are encouraged and may officiate for multiple teams, provided alternative qualified referees are nominated and are available should the duties of those teams' clash.
- 7.1.5 The following referee qualifications are **required** for SAVSC for **ALL MATCHES:**

Division	1 st Referee	2 nd Referee	Scorer / Linesman	Adult supervisor
Year 7, 8 & 9 Divisional	Duty Team to provide a level 1 referee	Duty Team	Duty Team	Required as part of active duty team
Year 8 & 9 Honours	Duty Team to provide a level 1 referee	Duty Team to provide a level 1 referee	Duty Team	Required as part of active duty team
Year 10, 11 & 12 Divisional	Duty Team to provide a level 1 referee	Duty Team	Duty Team	Required to supervise and assist
Year 10, 11 & Open Honours	Duty Team to provide a level 1 referee (with prior supervised top referee experience at a competition)	Duty Team to provide a level 1 referee	Duty Team	Required to supervise and assist

For the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup, please refer to Volleyball Australia's requirements.

- 7.1.5.1 VSA will supply a 1st referee for all Open Honours Gold medal & third place playoffs.
- 7.1.6 **Please note:** the volleyball rules for this tournament are as per FIVB rules with an added 12-sub rule, Libero per set rule and 'full net' obstruction rule.
- 7.1.7 All referees are required to provide their own whistle. Due to health regulations, whistles will NOT be available for loan. Penalty cards will be available on every court.
- 7.1.8 Whilst acting as a referee, officials will be under the control of the Chief Referee and their assistants.
- 7.1.9 Referee assessment and possible upgrading may be available during the tournament; however, a personal application must be made to the Chief Referee at the start of the tournament to arrange suitable times.

7.2 Referee Supervisors

- 7.2.1 Appropriately qualified people will be appointed to supervise the refereeing of matches.
- 7.2.2 Referee Supervisors will provide support and feedback to referees under the control of the Chief Referee. In this event the referee supervisors are permitted to "coach" referees during the match.

- 7.2.3 Referee Supervisors have the authority, after consultation with the referee, to issue penalties to players or coaches in accordance with the sanction scale in the rules of the game.

7.3 Duty Teams

- 7.3.1 All participating teams will be rostered for duty at times close to their scheduled playing times.
- 7.3.2 Teams may be rostered for duty in divisions other than their own.
- 7.3.3 Teams on duty must provide one (1) first referee, one (1) second referee, two (2) scorers, two line (2) judges and an (1) adult supervisor (can also hold one of the above duty roles). Duty teams are to be present at the start of the official warm-up prior to the match. Duty teams must ensure that the scoresheet has been completed fully before the teams leave the competition court.
- 7.3.4 The wearing of hats, bandannas, or similar headwear (unless exempt), or the use of mobile phones, music devices or headphones is prohibited whilst on duty, including for supervisors.
In addition to the standard duty roster, a stand-by duty team may be nominated from the teams participating in the final match of each day, on each court. A duty of every school is to ensure students do not consume food and drinks (with the exception of liquid in sealed sports drink bottles) in the sports halls.
- 7.3.5 A duty of every team coach / manager is to ensure that at the completion of each match the court area is left clean and tidy in readiness for the next match.
- 7.3.6 Failure to comply with the above duty team regulations may result in a loss of premiership points from the offending teams. Failure to attend duty will result in a loss of 2 premiership points or fine, gross failure to fulfil duty requirements will result in a loss of 1 premiership points, at the discretion of the Arena Coordinator and the Tournament Director.

8 COACHES

8.1 Coaches

- 8.1.1 Each team must nominate at a minimum one (1) head coach during the online team nomination process. Multiple nominations are permitted.
- 8.1.2 Coach qualifications are those published by VA.
- 8.1.3 Each head coach is required to have a level 1 Foundation coach accreditation. For more on this, please go to Coaching (volleyballsa.com.au).
- 8.1.4 All head coaches must have a DCSI/Working with Children Check clearance prior to SA Schools Cup.
- 8.1.5 Each head coach is recommended to complete the Play by the Rules modules, Child Protection and Harassment and Discrimination.
- 8.1.6 All head coaches must be a member of VSA.

9 GENERAL POLICIES

9.1 Control Committee

- 9.1.1 A Control Committee consisting of the Tournament Director, Chief Referee, Chair or representative of Junior Committee and Chief Executive Officer or representative of VA, shall be the highest authority for the duration of the event. The Tournament Director shall chair the Committee.

- 9.1.2. The Control Committee shall be authorized to deal with any matter, including disciplinary action relating to participants, and their decision shall be final.
- 9.1.3. Will hear appeals to sanctions decisions.

9.2. Venue Cleanliness

- 9.2.1. It is a venue requirement that consumption of food and drink (with the exception of liquid in sealed sports drink bottles) is not permitted in the sports halls. Water must be contained in sealed sports drink bottles to limit the amount of water/liquid on the floor resulting from accidental spillage.
- 9.2.2. One of the duties of every school is to ensure students do not consume food and drinks (with the exception of liquid in sealed sports drink bottles) in the sports halls. It is also the duty of each school/team manager to be responsible for the school/team contribution to the overall cleanliness of the venue. The combined effort of all adults and students in maintaining clean playing halls and foyer is essential from a risk management perspective and a cost perspective.
- 9.2.3. Event officials have the authority to ask any person consuming food or drink (other than liquid in sealed sports drink bottles) to leave the sports hall. Event officials also have the authority to report the offending person to the School/Team Manager and to keep a record of offenders for further action if deemed necessary.
- 9.2.4. Any additional cleaning costs incurred by Volleyball SA, above the quoted costs for the daily cleaning of the venue, will be passed onto schools on a pro rata basis based on the number of teams per school.
- 9.2.5. Teams found to be eating inside the venues will receive a strike from the Arena Coordinator. If your team receives 3 strikes in 1 day said team will forfeit 1 of their premiership points.

9.3. Adult Supervision

- 9.3.1. All teams participating in the tournament must have an adult, approved by the School's Principal, present for the duration of the tournament. Teams may be withdrawn from the competition if this condition is not met.
- 9.3.2. VSA must be provided with a contact phone number for each team's adult supervisor over 18 years of age.

9.4. Champion School

- 9.4.1. Subject to Clause 3.2, the Champion School for the year of the tournament will be decided by cumulative tournament points gained by the leading six teams for each school. In every division, only the school's highest placed team's tournament points are considered towards the Champion School's six team total. This applies to all divisions in the SAVSC.

Example: School X finishes 1st and 3rd in Year 10 Honour Girls. Tournament points for School X's highest placed team from this division (1st place: 100 points) can count towards School X's champion school total. Previously, both scores could count towards School X's total.

Tournament points gained for placing's in each division are detailed below.

Open Hon.		Other Hon.		Div 1		Div 2	
Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1st	120	1st	100	1st	80	1st	60
2nd	110	2nd	95	2nd	75	2nd	55
3rd	105	3rd	92	3rd	72	3rd	52
4th	100	4th	90	4th	70	4th	50
5th	95	5th	88	5th	68	5th	48
6th	90	6th	86	6th	66	6th	46
7th	85	7th	84	7th	64	7th	44
8th	82	8th	82	8th	62	8th	42
9th	80	9th	80	9th	60	9th	40
10th	79	10th	79	10th	59	10th	39
11th	78	11th	78	11th	58	11th	38
12th	77	12th	77	12th	57	12th	37
13th	76	13th	76	13th	56	13th	36
14th	75	14th	75	14th	55	14th	35
15th	74	15th	74	15th	54	15th	34
16th	73	16th	73	16th	53	16th	33
17th	72	17th	72	17th	52	17th	32
18th	71	18th	71	18th	51	18th	31
19th	70	19 th	70	19th	50	19th	30
20th	69	20th	69	20th	49	20th	29
21st	68	21st	68	21st	48	21st	28
22nd	67	22nd	67	22nd	47	22nd	27
23rd	66	23rd	66	23rd	46	23rd	26
24th	65	24th	65	24th	45	24th	25

9.5 Australian Championships, International Medals and MVP's

- 9.5.1 The State Champion is the highest ranked South Australian school team in each Honour Division.
- 9.5.2 International teams in all divisions who finish in the top 3 placing's will receive an appropriate medal. The gold and silver medallions for each division will be awarded to the two highest placed South Australian teams.
- 9.5.3 Most Valuable Player awards will be awarded for all Honours Gold Medal matches only. This award will be decided by the winning team's coach.

9.6 Team Equipment

- 9.6.1 It is the responsibility of each school to supply first aid to their players.
- 9.6.2 It is the responsibility of each school to supply warm-up balls to their players.

9.7 Ambulance insurance

- 9.7.1 Schools are responsible for covering the cost of any ambulances required for their students. Schools should ensure that ambulance insurance is in place.

9.8 Alcohol/Drug Consumption

- 9.8.1 Smoking, drinking alcohol and taking other social drugs are strictly forbidden during the whole of the tournament. Any breach of this rule may result in the player being ejected from the tournament, and their school officials will be notified. Further disciplinary action is the responsibility of the School.

9.9 Anti-Doping Policy

- 9.9.1 VA has an Anti-Doping Policy, available at its website: www.volleyballaustralia.org. As an official State Cup under a National Championship, all participating athletes agree to be bound by and are subject to this Policy, including random drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) under its legislation.

9.10 Stealing

- 9.10.1 All coaches, managers and individual team members must be aware of the ramifications of the theft and or malicious damage of tournament equipment, team equipment, and personal property at this event, or any aspect of the Tournament. Any players responsible for theft of balls, personal property or equipment, will result in the expulsion of the player and/or team from the competition and a review of involvement in future Tournaments. **Please be aware that police intervention will also be sought.**

9.11 Venue Rules

- 9.11.1 Players are expected to respect playing venues and any signage and rules that exist. Participants who fail to respect these rules, or who litter, may be subject to discipline within the general context of the event and may be liable to sanctions such as suspension for a match or a number of matches.
- 9.11.2 Any official of the SAVSC has the authority to report offences to the Control Committee for further action.
- 9.11.3 The following rules, in particular, should be reinforced by managers and coaches:
 - 9.11.3.1 No bouncing or passing of volleyballs in foyer areas.
 - 9.11.3.2 No food or drink within the sport halls (other than players water bottles for those involved in matches).
 - 9.11.3.3 No cans or open top bottles (which are more susceptible to spillage) are allowed in the sports halls.

9.12 Use of Multiple Venues

- 9.12.1 It is anticipated that this event will utilise more than one venue. No team shall be required to participate in matches at more than one venue on any single day. All teams will play at more than one venue throughout the tournament where possible.

9.13 Dates of Birth

- 9.13.1 Players' dates of birth (DOB) should be entered correctly on the nomination form as accurate records are required to ensure teams are entered in the correct division.
- 9.13.3 Players' DOB found to be in error may result in the team forfeiting all matches in which the player participated.

9.14 Presentations

- 9.14.1 All presentations will be conducted at the assigned venue by the Arena Coordinator at the conclusion of medal matches in that division.
- 9.14.2 All teams must attend in uniform with coaches.
- 9.14.3 The Champion School will be awarded at the conclusion of all medal matches of all divisions at the honours venue to the Male & Female captains of the winning school.

9.15 Photography

- 9.15.1 Photographers authorized by VSA may be appointed to capture photos during the tournament.
- 9.15.2 Schools must inform VSA if any participants do not grant media consent. These participants will receive coloured wristbands to be worn during the tournament. Coaches must collect these from the Arena Coordinator on the day.
- 9.15.3 Participants wearing coloured wristbands cannot be photographed or recorded on video by anyone in attendance.
- 9.15.4 For any photographer, coach, player or parent/carer who is wanting to film or photograph at any Volleyball SA event, they will need to meet the following requirements:
 - 9.15.4.1 Complete the Volleyball Australia “Photography & Filming Accreditation”
 - 9.15.4.2 Hold a Valid Working with Children Check (WWCC)
 - 9.15.4.3 Have a current Volleyball SA membership (FREE associate membership if not a playing member)
 - 9.15.4.4 Submit the requirements above for Volleyball SA to check via the form here: [Volleyball SA Photography and Filming Application](#)
 - 9.15.4.5 Any person who has not completed the form and gained written consent from Volleyball SA will be unable to take media for any purpose at Volleyball SA events. Arena Mangers will be asking anyone taking media at Volleyball SA events to show their written consent from Volleyball SA during events.

Tournament Feedback

After the tournament has finished, please take some time to complete our online feedback form at [South Australian Volleyball Schools Cup \(volleyballsa.com.au\)](http://volleyballsa.com.au).

Australian Schools Cup

The South Australian Volleyball Schools Cup will be used in some divisions as a qualifier into the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup to be held in Gold Coast from 6-12 December 2026. For further information regarding this event, please go to the VA website at Volleyball Australia or call the VA office on 02 6214 3503.

Attachment 1 - Twelve (12) Substitution Rule & Libero per Set

a) A team shall be allowed 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. Each substitute may enter the set three times. A player shall not enter the set for a fourth time (starting shall count as an entry). A player may enter the court a maximum of three (3) times in a set. The starting line-up counts as an entry onto the court. Players in the starting line-up, subsequently have two (2) entries left in the set.

Players re-entering the set must assume the original position in the service order in relation to other teammates.

No change may be made in a player's position in the service order unless necessitated by an injury requiring an abnormal substitution under the provisions of paragraph b) below. Any number of players may enter the set in each position in the service order.

- b) If through any injury a player is unable to play and substitution cannot be legally made the team is entitled to make an EXCEPTIONAL substitution beyond the limits of paragraph (a). (This means that ANY player on the bench may replace the injured player)
- c) If through injury or accident a player is unable to play and substitution cannot be made under the provisions of paragraph a) or b), the first referee may grant a special time-out under the provisions of the rules of the game.
- d) If a team becomes incomplete through expulsion of a player and substitution cannot be made under the provisions of paragraph a) above, the team loses the set by default, keeping the points acquired. If a team becomes incomplete through disqualification of a player and substitution cannot be made under the provisions of paragraph (a) above, the team loses the match by default, keeping the sets and points acquired.

Example

The following diagram illustrates how substitutions are recorded on the scoresheet.

I		II		III		IV		V		VI	
10		4		11		2		1		7	
6	3					5					
10						2					
9						5					
8						②					
⑩						⑤					
8											

In the example shown above, the starting line-up is 10, 4, 11, 2, 1 and 7.

This means that these players made their first entry for the set. The coach then substitutes into position one (I) players numbered 6, 9, 8 and 3. Number 10 has made three (3) entries and is not permitted any more entries for the set. The same can be said for player number 2 in position four (IV).

The players numbered 10, 6, 9, 8 and 3, must remain in position one (I) on the scoresheet and none of them can be used to substitute into another position in this set. For example, player 8 has only appeared twice so far and can therefore make another appearance on court but only in position one (I) and only if no more than twelve substitutions are used per set.

In the example shown above, all twelve substitutions have been used.

The scorer recording the substitutions will use the left side column first for each position and when the left is full use the right-side column.

There is no requirement to record the score at the time of each substitution.

The scorer reports the 11th and 12th substitutions of the team and the third court entry of a player to the second referee who then indicates to the coach concerned and First Referee in that order.

Libero per Set

Full details of this rule can be found at Rule 19 in the rule book.

For this tournament the libero may be nominated per set by the coach indicating the libero number on the line-up sheet for the set.

The libero must wear a jersey of contrasting colour.

If the game captain is re-designated as the Libero during the course of the match, an on-court captain must be nominated by the coach.

- a) Only two Libero's are to be nominated per set. The coach must nominate the player's playing numbers at the start of each set on the rotation slip. Different players can be nominated as the libero for any set. Teams may choose to play without a libero in any set.
- b) The Libero players in each set must be designated by the wearing of a contrasting bib or jersey, which has a clearly different dominate colour from any colour of the rest of the team and be easily identifiable.
- c) Libero uniforms are not required to show a number.

RULES AND REGULATIONS UPDATES

1. Regional memberships (paragraph 4.1.2):
Students representing a regional school, i.e. over 50km away from Adelaide GPO, can hold a regional membership instead of a full membership. Regional memberships run in the calendar year, from January to December.
2. Clarification on additional medals (paragraph 4.1.9):
Medalling teams are provided with 10 medals (divisional) or 12 medals (honours) only as per previous years. Cost of any additional requested medals will continue to be on-charged to the school, including any delivery fees.
3. Clarification on Divisional Untimed Gold Matches (paragraph 6.2.7.2):
Gold playoff matches for all Divisional Grades will play un-timed best of 3 sets. To win a divisional untimed gold match, a team must win 2 out of 3 sets. A set is won by the team which first reaches 25 points with a 2-point advantage, except in the 3rd and deciding set where it is 15 points with a 2-point advantage. There is no point limit in any set. In the deciding set (3rd) the teams change ends at eight (8) points.

SAVSC FINE STRUCTURE

Match Forfeit:	Loss of 2 P/points & \$100 fine (at discretion of venue coordinator and tournament director).
Failure to fulfil Duty:	\$100 fine & Loss of 1-2 P/Points (at discretion of venue coordinator and tournament director).
Food or Drink in Sports Halls:	3 strikes then loss of 1P/point (at discretion of venue coordinator and tournament director).
Late nomination fee:	\$65 after Friday 19 th June 2026.
Late payment fee:	\$65 after Monday 3 rd August 2026.
Withdrawal fee:	Forfeit of \$100 after Monday 22 nd June 2026. Forfeit of full fee after Friday 26 th June 2026.

Note: P/points = Premiership Points
i.e. You receive 3 P/points for Winning a match,
2 P/points for a Draw
and 1 P/point for a loss.