

Rules – Primary School Only

1. The standard net height is 2 meters.
2. A team normally consists of four players on the court but teams may play with three. If there are more than four players then the coach may choose to rotate a substitute on each time the team wins serve and rotates.
3. Service is from behind the court and must be underarm in the year 4/5 Divisions.
In the year 4/5 Divisions the ball may be hit off the hand (No Toss).
Year 6's may serve underarm or overarm. After 3 successful serves a team will rotate but will retain the serve. Teams earn the right to serve by winning the rally.
4. On service the ball may touch the net and may do so on other occasions while the rally is live.
5. Players may not touch the net.
6. The ball must be hit cleanly and may not be thrown, caught or scooped. The ball may legally contact any part of the body. KICKING the ball is illegal.
7. Players may not make two consecutive hits of the ball.
8. Teams have three contacts to get the ball over the net. A block does not count as a contact.
9. All points won will count in a time limit match.
10. No attacking shots above the height of the net are to be played on the return of serve.
11. There are **no draws** allowed. At the end of the time limit if the scores are equal one more point must be played to determine a winner. Any rule clarifications that are required on the day will be at the discretion of the competition.

Tournament format/game times – All matches will be run by the central timer in the operations tent unless otherwise stated prior to the match.

Games will be 14-minute matches, with each team changing ends after every 7 points.

Teams need to be at their court 5 minutes before the start of their games, this is because each round of matches will start within approximately 30 seconds of the finish of the previous round.

Forfeits – Should a team not be at their court at the scheduled start time for their match, they will lose **3 points for every minute they are late**. If they still have not arrived at the court when half time is called, the match will be declared a forfeit.