

RULES - Secondary Schools Only

1. Net heights are as follows -
Year 9-12: Net height 2.24 metres
Year 7-8: Net height 2.12 metres
2. Setting the serve - In Year 9 to Year 12/Open, there will be no setting of the serve. When playing the ball above your head, both hands must be touching.

Year 7 and Year 8 will be allowed to hand-set on the serve.
3. Net Touch - Contact with the net by a player between the antennae, during the action of playing the ball, is a fault.
4. Block touches - In beach volleyball, the block counts as a touch. If the ball comes back on your own side of the net, you are allowed to play the ball again without being called for a double touch, however this will be your team's second touch.
5. Tipping the ball - The ball cannot be directed back onto the other side of the court with a player's fingertips. A flat, open hand or knuckles must be used.
6. Serving - The ball must leave the players hand when serving the ball underarm before it can be played over the net. There are no 'Football hand-passes' allowed.
7. Service rotation - All players can play in any position on their side of the court, provided they stay in correct service order. I.e. No player can serve twice before the rest of their team members have served. it can be played over the net. There are no 'Football hand-passes' allowed.
8. Captain - Only the captain may speak to the referee.
9. **GOLDEN POINT-** In the event that scores are level at the end of the allocated time, one more rally shall be played to determine the winner.

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.

Duty teams/Referees - Should a duty team not arrive for an allocated duty; they shall **forfeit their next match**. If that team has no pool games left to play for the day, they shall **forfeit their previous best result for the day**.