



# Volleyball South Australia

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## 1. Definitions

In this SA Beach Volleyball Series (SAVBS) Competition Regulations, the below words and phrases have the following definitions:

**ABVRS** means the Australian Beach Volleyball Ranking System.

**Board** refers to the board of management of VSA.

**By Laws** means the VSA document titled *VSA By-Laws*.

**Constitution** refers to the Constitution of VSA.

**Event** means one of the Series Calendar events in accordance with section 5.

**Event Manager** Events Manager or other Management role within VSA responsible for the overseeing of the SAVBS.

**FIVB** means the Federation Internationale de Volleyball, which is the international governing body for volleyball.

**Force Majeure** has the meaning described in section 9.

**Participant** means all athletes, coaches and support staff, adult supervisors for Junior teams, VSA staff and volunteers assisting VSA, who participate in an Event.

**Referee** refers to a referee engaged by VSA to officiate a match at an Event, including athletes performing duty during an Event.

**Referee Delegate** means a senior Referee employed to oversee the Event.

**Regulations** refers to this document.

**SABVS website** refers to [Overview \(volleyballsa.com.au\)](https://volleyballsa.com.au/Overview).

**Series** means the South Australian Beach Volleyball Series.

**Series Director** means a person employed by VSA to oversee the Series. This role currently fulfilled by the VSA Competitive events manager.

**Series Player Representative** means a player with long experience, and a strong interest and support, of the SAVBS.

**Technical Meeting** means an information session for all teams, covering competition structure, rules and regulations, and any variations for the specific Event.

**VA** refers to Volleyball Australia.

**VSA** refers to Volleyball South Australia, the controlling body of volleyball in South Australia.

**VSA website** refers to [Volleyball South Australia \(volleyballsa.com.au\)](https://volleyballsa.com.au/VolleyballSouthAustralia)

**Wildcard** means a team entry into an Event that is outside the normal grading and seeding process, in accordance with section 8.3.

**Special Entry** means a team entry into an Event that is outside the normal grading and seeding process, in accordance with section 8.4.

## 2. Precedence

- 2.1 These Regulations are drafted in accordance with the VSA By-Laws.
- 2.2 In the event of any inconsistency between the VSA Constitution, the By-Laws and the Regulations, the Constitution shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.
- 2.3 In the event of any inconsistency between the By-laws and the Regulations, the By-Laws shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

## 3. Aims and Purpose of the Series

- 3.1 The Series has been created to achieve the following goals:
  - 3.1.1 To provide professionally administered competitions for South Australia's elite and developing athletes;
  - 3.1.2 To provide part of the pathway for athletes to compete at the national and international level;
  - 3.1.3 To showcase beach volleyball to the greater South Australian population;
  - 3.1.4 To provide exposure and marketing opportunities to VSA's commercial partners; and

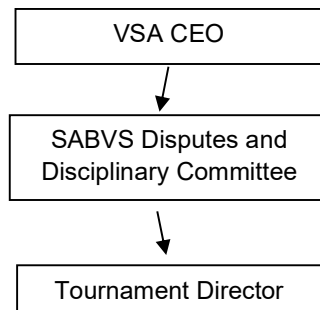
3.1.5 To provide opportunity for junior participation in Beach Volleyball.

- 3.2 These Regulations have been created to provide Participants with a more structured competition and to encourage professionalism of South Australia's elite level athletes, coaches, volunteers, and the staff of the Series.

#### 4. Series Management

- 4.1 SABVS will be promoted and managed by VSA.

- 4.2 South Australian Beach Volleyball Series Management Structure:



- 4.3 All correspondence should be addressed to the Volleyball SA Events and Programs Coordinator (Series Director):

|                |                                                                                   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Postal Address | PO Box 50 Findon 5023                                                             |
| Email          | <a href="mailto:shania@volleyballsa.com.au">shania@volleyballsa.com.au</a>        |
| Telephone      | 0430112317 Series Director                                                        |
| Website        | <a href="http://Overview(volleyballsa.com.au)">Overview (volleyballsa.com.au)</a> |
| Phone          | 08 8363 1265 general enquires                                                     |

- 4.4 The Referee Delegate for each Event will be confirmed at each Technical Meeting. In case of no explicitly appointed Delegate, the Tournament Director takes on this role.

- 4.5 The Series Director, Tournament Director and the Events Manager are empowered to enforce the rules of the game, the regulations and any subsequent sanctions at any time throughout an Event.

- 4.6 An SABVS Disputes and Disciplinary Committee will adhere to the following:

- 4.6.1 The SABVS Disputes and Disciplinary Committee will rule on any minor or major disputes, disciplinary matters, or protests during or arising from a completed Event or any matter referred to in accordance with section 25. This group does not require regular meetings.

- 4.6.2 The SABVS Disputes and Disciplinary Committee will consist of the:

- i. VSA Management Representative;
- ii. Series Director;
- iii. Referee Advisory Committee Member
- iv. South Australian Beach Committee Member
- v. Other members may be invited on an 'as required' basis.

- 4.6.3 Any sanctions imposed by recognised governing bodies of any other beach volleyball tour, series or event shall carry over to the SABVS.

- 4.7 The SA Beach Committee meets as required throughout the year and in accordance with *VSA South Australian Beach Committee Terms of Reference*.

## 5. Series Calendar

- 5.1 The Series Calendar is available on the VSA website [Calendar \(volleyballsa.com.au\)](http://volleyballsa.com.au).
- 5.2 The Series Director, with approval from the Events Manager, retains the right to amend the Series Calendar at any time.

## 6. Event Participants

- 6.1 All athletes involved in the Event must meet VSA membership requirements, as designated by VSA and published on the VSA website, prior to participating in the Event.
- 6.2 Once-Off free exemptions can be granted on a case by case basis for athletes participating in an event at the discretion of the Series Director only with existing full home state membership. Any other Once-Off exemptions require a minimum Social VSA membership that must be approved by Volleyball SA Management.
- 6.3 Participants must abide by all the rules outlined in these Regulations as well as any additions or amendments as advised by the Series Director, Event Manager or other VSA staff throughout an Event or the Series.
- 6.4 All junior teams entered must have a coach or adult supervisor. If in the case of a coach being under 18 years old, an adult supervisor is required.
- 6.5 In accordance with paragraph 6.3, the coach or adult supervisor is always fully responsible for their team and must be present from the commencement of the warm-up period, the game, and throughout any duty team activities.
- 6.6 All members of VSA, by virtue of their membership, agree to:
- i. Abide by the By Laws and these Regulations as amended from time to time; and
  - ii. All VA and VSA Policies (as available on VA and VSA websites), including all Anti-Doping Policies.
- 6.7 Athletes may be called on by VSA staff at different times throughout the season to assist in the promotion of the Series.
- 6.8 All Participants must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs whilst participating in an Event.
- 6.9 Every Event will have an Award Ceremony at the conclusion of all games. Event finals athletes are expected to attend.
- 6.10 The required VSA membership type for the various Event grades are listed on this VSA website: [Rules & Regulations \(volleyballsa.com.au\)](http://volleyballsa.com.au)
- 6.11 Please call VSA if you are an international player with your current international membership number.
- 6.12 All nominated Teams must have a qualified Referee following VA and VSA requirements as outlined in 15.8.8.ii and Schedule 2.
- 6.13 Other officials, volunteers and staff employed by VSA are not required to be VSA members to provide support to an Event or Events.

## 7. Competition Format

### 7.1 SABVS Grades offered per gender:

|                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Elite12 3Star<br><br>Three-star pairs<br><br>(Elite state level)                         | Experienced players of all ages with a high level of skill.<br><br>Top 12 nominated teams by VA ranking, draw format template schedule 3 (max 4 matches)                                                                                                |
| Challenger 2Star<br><br>Competitive<br><br>Two-star pairs<br><br>(Competitive level)     | Experienced players of all ages with a moderate level of skill<br><br>Next 12 nominated teams by VA ranking, draw format template schedule 4 (max 5 matches)                                                                                            |
| Challenger 1Star<br><br>Intermediate<br><br>One-star pair<br><br>(Intermediate level)    | Players of all ages that have played a reasonable amount of volleyball or are beginners<br><br>Next 4-12 nominated teams by VA ranking, draw format schedule 4, but the draw can vary depending on nominations at the discretion of the Series Director |
| Challenger 0Star<br><br>Beginners<br><br>no star pairs<br><br>local<br><br>(entry level) | Players of all ages that have played a reasonable amount of volleyball or are beginners<br><br>Next 4-12 nominated teams by VA ranking, draw format schedule 4, but the draw can vary depending on nominations at the discretion of the Series Director |

### 7.2 Formats for games

- Elite12 (Three-star) - untimed games, best of 3 sets, with full scoring. If required with modified scoring or timed games with modified scoring
- Challenger Competitive (Two-star) - untimed games, best of 3 sets, with full scoring. If required with modified scoring or timed games with modified scoring
- Challenger Intermediate (One-Star) – untimed games, best of 3 sets with full scoring. If required with modified scoring or timed games with modified scoring.
- Challenger Beginner (Local / no-Star) – untimed games, best of 3 sets with full scoring. If required with modified scoring or timed games with modified scoring.

### 7.3 SABVS Futures Grades offered:

|                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Futures Threes competitive<br><br>Open 3-a-side Div1 | Teams consisting of 3 players age 15 or under (exceptions at the discretion of the tournament director) and are not yet ready to play pairs, but at a competitive Level. Mix gender teams are welcome. |
| Futures Threes beginner<br><br>Open 3-a-side Div2    | Teams consisting of 3 players age 15 or under (exceptions at the discretion of the tournament director) and are not yet ready to play pairs and are beginners. Mix gender teams are welcome.           |

### 7.4 Formats for Futures games

- e. Futures Threes triplets untimed games, best of 3 sets with full scoring. If required, with modified scoring or timed games with modified scoring.

7.5 All competitions will be run as gender specific (except where specified otherwise). If any exceptional circumstances are permitted, all teams of the effected gender and grade will be notified at the Technical Meeting.

*\*\* However, females can play in the male divisions. Males cannot play in a female division.*

## 8. Entry Process

### 8.1 Entry Process Series rounds

- 8.1.1 All Entries open latest 2 weeks prior to first tournament. Entry nominations can be found here: [Nominate \(volleyballsa.com.au\)](http://nominate.volleyballsa.com.au)
- 8.1.2 Entries close on Tuesday at 11:59pm prior to the day of the event.
- 8.1.3 Futures Entries close on Tuesday at 11:59pm prior to the day of the event.
- 8.1.4 Entry Fees must accompany the entry nomination.

### 8.2 Late Entries

- 8.2.1 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Series Director if spots are available.
- 8.2.2 Late entries will incur a fee (refer Schedule 1)
- 8.2.3 Late entries, where accepted, might forfeit their potential seeding for the nominated event at the discretion of the Series Director.

### 8.3 Wildcard Entries

- 8.3.1 A maximum number of 4 team Wildcards can be granted per grade.
  - 8.3.1.1 In special circumstances Wildcards can be given to teams into every grade at the discretion of the Series director for the benefit of the quality and the balance of the grades.
- 8.3.2 Every individual player is able to receive a maximum of 2 Wild Cards per summer season.
  - 8.3.2.1 In special circumstances additional Wildcards can be given to teams or players at the discretion of the Series director for the benefit of the quality and balance of the grades.
- 8.3.3 Wildcard entries will be seeded at the discretion of the Series Director, with approval from Volleyball SA Management. The following will be considered when seeding teams for Wildcard entry:
  - a. Playing history and recent results;
  - b. Support of VSA competitions and Events;
  - c. Competition format.
  - d. International, National or other state ranking
  - e. Future potential (Junior athletes)
  - f. Long term injury or sickness
- 8.3.4 Teams may apply for a Wildcard to enter any grades. This must be done in writing to the Series Director at [shania.w@volleyballsa.com.au](mailto:shania.w@volleyballsa.com.au) no later than the

respective event nomination closure, and accompany entry forms and payment at the time of nomination.

8.3.5 Wildcards will be awarded/rejected at the discretion of the Series Director and Volleyball SA Management.

8.3.6 Any rejected Wildcards will have their money refunded (in case of a withdrawal according to 9. & 14.3

#### 8.4 Special Entry

8.4.1 Each team winning any grade will be offered entry into the next higher grade the following round, regardless of combined entry points (except 8.4.2).

8.4.2 Special entry into 3Star grades

8.4.2.1 Special entry will not be granted into 3Star Elite12 team draws.

8.4.2.2 3Star Challenger draws will have a maximum of 2 spots available for Special entries per round.

8.4.3 Above Option 8.4.1 is only available for teams, not the individual player.

8.4.4 In special circumstances, Special Entries can be granted into any grade, except 8.4.2, for any subsequent round at the discretion of the tournament director.

8.4.5 Severe Injury. In case of long-term injury (proven medical exemption of being advised not to attend official competitions for 4-6 months or longer), the individual ranking point entry will change to the last 5 results.

A medical exemption will be required in writing to the Series Director [shania.w@volleyballsa.com.au](mailto:shania.w@volleyballsa.com.au), including proof by medical professionals of the period not being allowed to participate in competitive events.

#### 8.5 Entry Fees

8.5.1 All entry fees are listed in Schedule 1.

8.5.2 Entry fees will not be refunded if a team withdraws from, or forfeits an event after the nomination closure without a medical exemption. In exceptional circumstances, a refund can be issued or the nomination can be forwarded to future rounds at the tournament director's discretion.

### 9. Force Majeure

9.1 If an athlete becomes injured after the entry deadline and before the release of the draw, pursuant to 9.3 below, the partner can replace the injured athlete with someone who has not entered the Event (possible exception in special circumstances at the discretion of the Series Director) . The new team will be re-seeded according to their new combined individual points.

9.2 If an athlete becomes injured after release of the draw, pursuant to 9.3 below, the partner can replace the injured athlete with someone who has not entered in the Event (possible exemption in special circumstances at the discretion of the Series Director) . The new team will remain in the same draw position.

9.3 A medical certificate must be supplied to the Series Director for a Force Majeure to be considered.

9.4 To apply for a Force Majeure please contact the Series Director [shania.w@volleyballsa.com.au](mailto:shania.w@volleyballsa.com.au)



## 10. Team Lists and Draws

- 10.1 Seeded team lists will be released on Wednesday evening before the Event.
- 10.2 Event draw templates will be published on the VSA website. Updated Draws, including team names, will be released at the latest by Friday 4pm before the Event (unless stated otherwise).
- 10.3 Grades might be combined based on entry numbers at the Event director discretion.

## 11. Start of Event

- 11.1 Teams must sign into every tournament.
- 11.2 Sign-in must be done prior to the Technical Meeting at the VSA tent at the venue on the day, or
- 11.3 Online if advised by the Series Director with the release of the draw.
- 11.4 A Technical Meeting will be held 30-45min prior to the commencement of the first matches on the day of the event unless stated otherwise.
- 11.5 Any changes of Rules and Regulations and important information will be published at the technical meeting.
- 11.6 Games commence as outlined in the draw.
- 11.7 Any non-compliance with sign-in and / or technical meeting attendance will incur a fine outlined in section : 24.10

## 12. Event Results

- 12.1 Results will be published online by VSA 1-2 days after the competition. Event winners will be celebrated at the Awards Ceremony at the conclusion of games for the relevant grades.

## 13. Incomplete Game or Event

- 13.1 The Series Director, Tournament Director or Participation Manager has the right to alter or stop a game or an Event (this includes but is not limited to times of games, scoring, and format) as it deems necessary for Participant safety.
- 13.2 If an Event is cancelled before the completion of round1 / pool play matches, or the Event is rescheduled, no series points or prizes will be awarded.
- 13.3 If an Event is stopped mid game, the teams have 4 hours to restart play from where it was originally stopped. After 4 hours, the game must be restarted.
- 13.4 All efforts will be made to reschedule a cancelled Event in accordance to 13.2. If this does not happen, all event fees will be transferred to the next event. Athletes may apply in writing to the Series Director to apply for any variation or exemption to this arrangement.
- 13.5 If an event is cancelled after the completion of pool play and during finals (quarters, semis, bronze, gold) and cannot be rescheduled, all teams will be placed based on their advancement of the time of cancellation.  
  
 Example: Teams A,B, and C won their quarterfinals, (team D and E stopped their quarter before completion) and would have played semifinals: Teams A,B,C final placing = 4<sup>th</sup>, Teams D, E final placing = 7<sup>th</sup>

#### 14. Forfeits / Withdraws

- 14.1 Teams forfeiting a game or an Event that has already started are still required to fulfil their Refereeing duty requirements. A player is exempt from fulfilling duty requirements only due to injury or sickness and advised by the tournament director or competition manager. In other cases, teams not fulfilling their duty will be handled as outlined in 15.8.11.
- 14.2 Teams forfeiting / withdrawing from an event after nomination closure have to do so in writing and will be taken out of the draw. The nomination will be handled following 8.5.2
- 14.3 Any teams forfeiting / withdrawing after submission of the event nominations will also forfeit their entry fee following 8.5.2
- 14.4 If a team withdraws after the draw is released, it will remain in the draw, but not be awarded any ranking points. The Nomination can only be forwarded to a future round if a medical certificate can be provided at the latest by Monday following the event.

#### 15. Series Rules

- 15.1 The rules of the game applicable to the Series shall be the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules (current as at 31 March of each year), except as amended by these Regulations.
- 15.2 Matches will end at the completion of the time limit or at the completion of a best of three set match.
- 15.3 Net Heights

The net heights shall be as prescribed in the table below:

| Open Grades      | Men   | Women |
|------------------|-------|-------|
| All grades       | 2.43m | 2.24m |
| Future Grades    | Boys  | Girls |
| Age 15 and under | 2.24m | 2.24m |

#### 15.4 Balls and Equipment

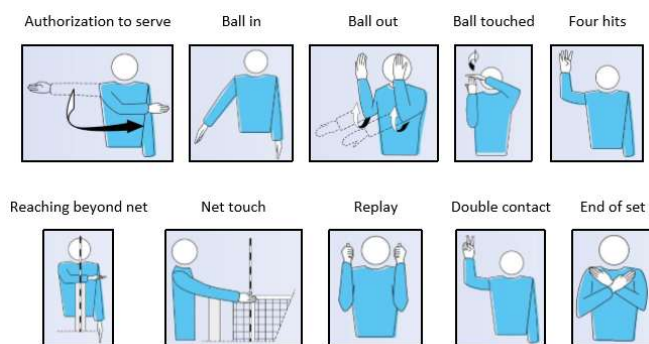
Mikasa is the official ball supplier of the Series. Official Game ball as advised by Volleyball Australia. Other equipment suppliers may be advised throughout the Series.

#### 15.5 Uniforms

- 15.5.1 All teams competing in the Open Series 3Star grades must wear the official SABVS playing tops of the same colour, no other playing tops are allowed.
- 15.5.2 Volleyball Australia teams entered within the competition will be approved to wear matching Volleyball Australia playing gear.
- 15.5.3 It is recommended that all Junior players participating in Futures events wear matching tops and bottoms of any style and colour.
- 15.5.4 Both team partners must wear shorts / bottoms of same colour. Teams may wear different styles bottoms. Example Player A wears a Bikini bottom and Player B wears bike shorts
- 15.5.5 Official SABVS playing tops are available in the Valour online shop [Volleyball SA Beach Program – Valour Sport](#)

- 15.5.5 Athletes will receive loss of five points per set for every set they are not in uniform. If players continue to not follow uniform protocol, the Series Director may suspend them from playing in upcoming rounds or alternatively apply a fee according to section 28 Schedule 1.
- 15.6 Personal Sponsors
- 15.6.1 Athletes are encouraged to attract personal sponsors.
- 15.6.2 Each athlete must advise VSA of their current personal sponsors. This is so VSA can advise of any potential conflicts within the Series and maintain the promotional integrity of the Events.
- 15.6.3 Athletes gaining a new personal sponsor must inform the Series Director in writing of any new personal sponsorship agreements at the time of nominating for their next Event.
- 15.6.4 VSA has the right to request athletes, who have sponsors who are directly conflicting with Event or Series sponsors, to have them removed or covered at an Event.
- 15.7 Coaching
- 15.7.1 active on court Coaching during matches is not allowed at all Events in the Series.
- 15.8 Refereeing Duty
- 15.8.1 Unless otherwise specified prior to an Event or a Technical Meeting, all participating teams will have Refereeing duty responsibilities during the Series.
- 15.8.2 Each athlete performing an official role whilst completing a duty, shall be bound by the *Official's Code of Behaviour* as published on the VSA website.
- 15.8.3 It is the responsibility of the duty team to ensure games start on time and all set breaks and end changes are completed in the allocated time
- 15.8.4 It is the responsibility of the duty team, or the playing teams if advised otherwise, to deliver the properly filled out scoresheets back to the VSA tent immediately after the end of the match.
- 15.8.5 The duty team should ensure all players are in uniform in accordance with section 15.5, If not - to inform the tournament director to apply the fee penalties described in section 15.5.5.
- 15.8.6 The winning team is welcome to rake courts after the match.
- 15.8.7 Each team is obliged to undertake the number of duties listed in the Event draw as published by VSA.
- 15.8.8 A team scheduled to perform a duty is required to abide by the following procedure:
- i. A minimum of two personnel must report to the court 10 minutes before the game start time (or as amended by any game delays).
  - ii. The team must perform both the duty roles, namely:
    1. VA qualified First (Top) Referee as outlined in Schedule 2 ; and
    2. Second Referee / Scorer.
- 15.8.9 These roles may or may not interchange between sets as required as long as the standard is maintained and with acknowledgement of the competing teams.

- 15.8.10 If the procedures in this section 15.8 are not complied with, or the duty team fails to attend, the competing teams scheduled to play will report the duty team to the Tournament Director. The offending duty team will start their next match with a loss of 5 points.
- 15.8.11 The Series Director, or Tournament Director will, in his or her absolute discretion, determine to charge the offending team the *Non-Duty Fee* prescribed in Schedule 1.
- 15.8.11 The hand signals from the first Referee shall comply with the below table:



## 16. Series Championship Finals

- 16.1 The SABVS Championship Finals nominations will be uncapped, and seeded into the Series Finals grades (multiple grades possible) based on their combined best 5 results of the SABVS / VA ranking as outlined in section 18.1.
- 16.2 To be eligible for the Top Grade (only), Players must have played in a minimum of 4 SABVS (SA Open is part of the SABVS Series) events (individually or as a team). Events outside of the SABVS do not count towards eligibility for the Series Finals.
- 16.3 In special circumstances entry exemptions can be given to individual players into every grade at the discretion of the SABVS Disputes and Disciplinary Committee.
- 16.4 In special circumstances Wildcards can be given to teams in every grade at the discretion of the SABVS Disputes and Disciplinary Committee.
- 16.5 The competition format and number of grades will be determined after confirmation of venue and court availabilities.
- 16.6 VSA has the aim to provide a complete duty team for Bronze and Grand Final matches.
- 16.7 Finals Prize money is pending budget.
- 16.8 VA Points earned at the Series Finals Championship highest grade will be equivalent to 4-Star events. The next lower grade will be equivalent to 3-Star events, and so forth.
- 16.9 VA Points earned at the u19 Junior Finals will be equivalent to 2-Star events.

## 17. Entry and seeding

- 17.1 Seeding will apply to all Series events.
- 17.2 Seeding is subject to changes until the release of the draw.
- 17.3 Teams will enter and be seeded into all series events based on the following:

- a. Best 5 results in the last 365 days via SABVS / VA ranking upon nomination closure.
- b. The earlier team nomination - if teams are on equal points.

17.4 If a team withdraws or team constellation changes, a re-seeding will be completed until the release of the draw. After this time a team withdrawing will be deemed to have forfeited their matches and will create a bye in the draw, unless the Series Director is able to find alternatives to fill the draw.

## 18. Ranking and Points allocation

- 18.1 SABVS point's allocation will follow the Australian Beach Volleyball Ranking System.
- 18.2 Ranking points for the SABVS individual ranking can be accumulated at all sanctioned SABVS Series events.
- 18.3 Females competing in male, gender specific grades will not accumulate VSA ranking points.
- 18.4 As per ABVT & Volleyball Australia Points Schedule.

|  <b>2021/22 ABVRS Points Table</b>  |                          |                         |                         |                         |                         |                   |                         |               |                   |                   |                   |                        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No Star - International  | No Star - International | No Star - International | No Star - International | No Star - International | ☆☆☆               | ☆☆☆                     | ☆☆☆           | ☆☆                | ☆☆                | No Star - local   | No Star - local        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                         | FIVB World Championships | World Tour 5 Star       | World Tour 4 Star       | World Tour 3 Star       | World Tour 2 Star       | World Tour 1 Star | Mikasa Cup (State Open) | Highest State | Competitive State | Entry Level State | Local Competitive | Local Club Entry level |
| Place                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Points                   | Points                  | Points                  | Points                  | Points                  | Points            | Points                  | Points        | Points            | Points            | Points            | Points                 |
| 1st                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2400                     | 2100                    | 1800                    | 1500                    | 900                     | 600               | 360                     | 240           | 150               | 90                | 60                | 30                     |
| 2nd                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2240                     | 1960                    | 1680                    | 1400                    | 840                     | 560               | 336                     | 224           | 140               | 84                | 56                | 28                     |
| 3rd                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2000                     | 1750                    | 1500                    | 1250                    | 750                     | 500               | 300                     | 200           | 125               | 75                | 50                | 25                     |
| 4th                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1840                     | 1610                    | 1380                    | 1150                    | 690                     | 460               | 276                     | 184           | 115               | 69                | 46                | 23                     |
| 5th                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1680                     | 1470                    | 1260                    | 1050                    | 630                     | 420               | 252                     | 168           | 105               | 63                | 42                | 21                     |
| 6th                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1600                     | 1400                    | 1200                    | 1000                    | 600                     | 400               | 240                     | 160           | 100               | 60                | 40                | 20                     |
| 7th                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1520                     | 1330                    | 1140                    | 950                     | 570                     | 380               | 228                     | 152           | 95                | 57                | 38                | 19                     |
| 8th                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1440                     | 1260                    | 1080                    | 900                     | 540                     | 360               | 216                     | 144           | 90                | 54                | 36                | 18                     |
| 9th                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1360                     | 1190                    | 1020                    | 850                     | 510                     | 340               | 204                     | 136           | 85                | 51                | 34                | 17                     |
| 10th                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1320                     | 1155                    | 990                     | 825                     | 495                     | 330               | 198                     | 132           | 82.5              | 49.5              | 33                | 16.5                   |
| 11th                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1280                     | 1120                    | 960                     | 800                     | 480                     | 320               | 192                     | 128           | 80                | 48                | 32                | 16                     |
| 12th                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1240                     | 1085                    | 930                     | 775                     | 465                     | 310               | 186                     | 124           | 77.5              | 46.5              | 31                | 15.5                   |
| 13th                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1200                     | 1050                    | 900                     | 750                     | 450                     | 300               | 180                     | 120           | 75                | 45                | 30                | 15                     |
| 14th                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1160                     | 1015                    | 870                     | 725                     | 435                     | 290               | 174                     | 116           | 72.5              | 43.5              | 29                | 14.5                   |
| 15th                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1120                     | 980                     | 840                     | 700                     | 420                     | 280               | 168                     | 112           | 70                | 42                | 28                | 14                     |
| 16th                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1080                     | 945                     | 810                     | 675                     | 405                     | 270               | 162                     | 108           | 67.5              | 40.5              | 27                | 13.5                   |

## 19. Prizes and Awards

- 19.1 The Series will provide prize money for SABVS Senior Finals, subject to budget.
- 19.2 The Series will provide the following prizes per grade:

| Grade                                   | Prize Pool                                                                                                                               |  |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Series Finals 4Star (per gender)</b> | <b>Minimum \$1200</b>                                                                                                                    |  |
| <b>Elite12 3Star winner</b>             | <b>Gold medallists will receive an individual promo code covering half the entry fee into any subsequent SABVS round (except Finals)</b> |  |

- 19.3 No monetary prizes will be awarded in Futures events.
- 19.4 Following Player awards will be given based on referee nominations at every match at every Three-Star event.
  - 19.4.1 MVP

19.4.2 The Rising Star Award will be given to one male and one female player based on the highest difference in average points per event, compared to the previous season.

19.4.2 To be eligible for the Rising Star Award, players must participate in a minimum of 50% of all scheduled SABVS rounds in current season.

19.4.3 To be eligible for the Rising Star Award, players must participate in a minimum of 50% of all scheduled SABVS rounds in the previous season, which will be compared to the current season average points per event,

## 20. State Champions

20.1 One Senior Team per gender and one under17 Junior Team per gender will be awarded State Champions title respectively. This is awarded is based on winning the SABVS finals.

20.2 The State highest points accumulator will be awarded to one Senior and Junior u18 player per gender and will be determined by the total number of Series Points earned in all participated (SABVS including SA Open) tournaments in the respective summer season. If more than one athlete is on equal Series Points at the end of the Series, the award will be shared.

## 21. Extreme Weather

21.1 The VSA policies on Extreme Weather and Sun Protection will be adhered to on the Series (available on the VSA website).

21.2 If extreme heat is forecast for an Event, the Series Director has the right to set the Event start time to earlier in the day.

21.3 VSA has the right to stop, postpone, amend or modify any of the Events either prior to or during an event.

## 22. First Aid and Personal Safety

22.1 A person with a First Aid Certificate will be at all Events. This is for first aid only and they will only carry basic first aid supplies. Any other medical requirements, including hospital or ambulance services, will be the responsibility and at the cost of the Participant.

22.2 All practical measures will be taken to make each Event a safe playing environment. However, many of the Events will be held on a public beach and there are no guarantees of personal safety. It is therefore up to each player to acquire personal health insurance if they deem necessary.

22.3 Participant's property is the sole responsibility of the individual. No responsibility will be taken by the Series or VSA for any lost, stolen or damaged personal possessions.

## 23. Sportsmanship and Conduct

23.1 Audible swearing will not be tolerated (refer to Misconduct and Sanctions section for consequences).

23.2 Verbal Abuse of any sort will not be tolerated (refer to Misconduct and Sanctions section for consequences).

- 23.3 VSA have a zero tolerance of Physical Abuse. Any Participant found physically abusing or to have physically abused any other person while involved in the Event will be immediately withdrawn from the Event and will face the SABVS Disputes and Disciplinary Committee. Further action may be taken by, but not limited to, the VSA Board, the VA Board and the Police if deemed necessary.

## 24. Misconduct and Sanctions

- 24.1 All game misconduct and sanctions will be in accordance with the FIVB Beach Volleyball Rules.
- 24.2 A first Referee may issue a Yellow or Red Card at any stage during a game.
- 24.3 If no cards are physically available, the Referee will verbally advise both teams.
- 24.4 If a Yellow and Red card are issued together the Participation Manager must be called immediately.
- 24.5 Sanction Scale Summary:

| Categories                                 | Times      | Sanction         | Cards           | Consequence                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Minor incorrect or unsportsmanlike conduct | First      | Warning          | (verbal only)   | -                                                                             |
|                                            | Subsequent | Warning          | Yellow          | -                                                                             |
| Rude Conduct                               | First      | Penalty          | Red             | Loss of Rally                                                                 |
|                                            | Second     | Expulsion        | Both Together   | Loss of Set                                                                   |
| Offensive Conduct                          | First      | Expulsion        | Both Together   | Loss of Set                                                                   |
|                                            | Second     | Expulsion        | Both Together   | Loss of Game and Referred to SABVS Disputes and Disciplinary Committee        |
| Aggression                                 | First      | Disqualification | Both Separately | Expelled from Event and Referred to SABVS Disputes & Disciplinary Committee   |
| Illegal Actions or Extreme Misconduct      | First      | Disqualification | Both Separately | Expelled from Event and Referred to SABVS Disputes and Disciplinary Committee |

- 24.6 The Participation Manager or Series Director can issue sanctions at any time through an Event or ask for a hearing of the SABVS Disputes and Disciplinary Committee.
- 24.7 A meeting of the SABVS Disputes and Disciplinary Committee must be held if a player is expelled from a game or disqualified from an Event.
- 24.8 Any player expelled from a game or Event will incur a complete loss of tournament points, entry fees, and any prizes or awards.
- 24.9 Sanctions can be given to officials and coaches. The same scale will be used and be placed against the team they are representing if they are a non-playing person. If the individual has completed their participation in an event, the sanction will carry over to their next game or Event.

Any person wishing to appeal a decision of any sanction must comply with the appeals procedure outlined in section 26.

- 24.10 All players must be present at the Technical Meeting, unless stated otherwise. Failure to do so will result in the following:
- i. First occurrence – Official Warning
  - ii. Second occurrence – Loss of first set at the first scheduled match
  - iii. Third occurrence – Loss of next scheduled game and referral to the SABVS Disputes and Disciplinary Committee
- 24.11 Any person being expelled from 2 games at any stage through the course of the Series will be unable to attend the next Event and may have to show cause as to why they should be allowed to play in any other events including the Series Finals Event.

## 25. Disputes

- 25.1 If any athlete is unsure of the interpretation of any Regulation, then they must contact the Series Director for a ruling. An incorrect interpretation of a regulation by an athlete is no grounds for appeal for any penalties handed down by VSA.
- 25.2 In this section 26, “complaint” means any dispute, complaint, grievance or appeal arising in relation to the application of the Regulations.
- 25.3 Any complaint arising in respect of the Series regarding an alleged breach, or breaches, of the *VSA Member Protection Policy* shall be dealt with according to the procedure prescribed in the *VSA Member Protection Policy*, as amended from time to time.
- 25.4 Any complaint arising in the context of the Regulations, which does not involve an alleged breach of the *VSA Member Protection Policy*, shall be dealt with in accordance with the following procedure:
- 25.4.1 The complainant shall give notice of the complaint to the Series Director by the close of the next business day of the conduct giving rise to the complaint; and the Series Director shall, in his or her absolute discretion:
- i. resolve the complaint at the time the complaint is reported (provided no conflict of interest); or
  - ii. refer the complaint to the SABVS Disputes and Disciplinary Committee for resolution.
- 25.4.2 If a complainant or other interested party, wishes to appeal a resolution of the Series Director (other than a resolution to refer a complaint to the SABVS Disputes and Disciplinary Committee), the complainant or the interested party shall give notice of the appeal to the VSA General Manager, who shall refer the appeal to the SAVBA Disputes and Disciplinary Committee.
- 25.4.3 The complainant, or other interested party, shall pay the appeal fee (refer to Schedule 1) to the GM at the time notice of the appeal is given.
- 25.4.4 Within seven days of a referral of a complaint by the Series Director, or the referral of an appeal by the VSA General Manager, the SAVBA Disputes and Disciplinary Committee shall convene a dispute review hearing.
- 25.4.5 The Series Disputes Committee shall hear and determine the complaint and shall have the discretion to invite any interested person to address the Series Disputes Committee in relation to the complaint prior to making a determination.
- 25.4.6 In this paragraph 26, **notice** shall be in writing and shall be:



1. if to be provided to the Series Director:
  - a. hand-delivered to the Series Director; or
  - b. delivered to the VSA Office; or
  - c. emailed to the VSA General Manager.
2. if to be provided to the VSA General Manager:
  - a. delivered to the VSA Office; or
  - b. emailed to the VSA General Manager; or
  - c. SABVS Disputes and Disciplinary Committee.

25.4.7 The Series Disputes Committee shall be constituted of three members drawn from the following persons:

- a. The VSA General Manager;
- b. A senior Referee Delegate;
- c. A member of the Board

25.4.8 The Series Disputes Committee is empowered to impose financial penalties and/or match penalties/suspensions, subject to the severity of the offence.

## 26. Special Circumstances or Provisions

Where these Regulations are silent, a decision can be made by the Series Director that ensures the integrity of the Series is maintained at all times.

The Series Director, in using their reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, may alter, vary or waive the requirements set out in these Regulations relating to the Series.

## 27. Regulation Review

The Regulations are to be reviewed annually by the SA Beach Series Committee.

## 28. Schedule 1 – Entry Fees and Other Charges

| <b>Events Entry Fees</b>        | <b>Per team</b>                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SABVS Rounds                    | \$90                                                                                            |
| SABVS Futures                   | \$65                                                                                            |
| <b>Other charges</b>            | <b>Per team</b>                                                                                 |
| Late Entry fee                  | \$20                                                                                            |
| Non-Duty fee, late for duty fee | \$50                                                                                            |
| Not in uniform fee              | Verbal warning, then 5 points for opponent per set, \$50 in every case of reoccurring instances |
| Appeal fee (per appeal)         | \$110                                                                                           |
| Late for match (playing team),  | Late for scheduled                                                                              |

|                                                                                                |                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| In case of delays the match start is determined by 5min after the previous match has finished. | match start<br>loss of first<br>set, Next<br>5min loss of<br>match |
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\*Note: Above costs/fees are inclusive of GST.

## 29. Schedule 2 – Duty Team requirements

| <b>Events Minimum Duty Team / Referee Accreditations</b> | <b>One Player per Team</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Elite12 3Star                                            | VA Level 1                 |
| Challenger 2Star Grade                                   | VA Level 1                 |
| Challenger 1Star, Ostar Grades                           | VA Level 1<br>recommended  |
| Futures Grades all ages                                  | VA Level 1<br>recommended  |