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2. Definitions

In this South Australian Volleyball League (SAVL) Regulations (*Regulations*) the below words and phrases have the following definitions:

Affiliated Body refers to a body that has met the Board's affiliation requirements in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws. Affiliate has a corresponding meaning.

Arena Manager refers to a person employed by VSA to oversee a specific SAVL competition venue.

Board refers to the board of management of VSA.

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

Club means a SAVL (formerly known as State League) Club which is an Affiliated Body which meets eligibility criteria established in the By-Laws. Clubs has a corresponding meaning.

Constitution refers to the Constitution of VSA.

Competition Participants refers to the athletes, coaches, team officials and VSA officials participating in the SAVL.

WWCC (Working with Children Clearance) refers to a screening clearance from the Department of Human Services.

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

General Manager or CEO refers to the General Manager of VSA or their nominee.

Home Round Game means a Senior State League or Reserves match played at the designated home venue for that Club in a given season.

Illegitimate Participant refers to a participant that does not meet membership, athlete transfer, and athlete movement requirements.

non-Club means any club or team that competes in the SAVL but does not meet the definition of Club.

Referee refers to a referee engaged by VSA to officiate a SAVL match, or a referee appointed by a Club or non-Club to meet a duty as scheduled in a fixture.

Referee Delegate means a senior referee employed to oversee the senior SAVL.

South Australian Volleyball League (SAVL) means the SAVL competition run by VSA, inclusive of senior and junior divisions.

SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee refers to the principal decision-making committee regarding the qualification of athletes to partake in finals in the SAVL senior divisions, and for the resolution of disputes under these Regulations.

SAVL Manager(s) refers to the VSA staff who is authorised to administer the SAVL, senior and/or junior divisions.

SAVL Senior Committee refers to the advisory committee regarding the SAVL senior divisions.

Team Official refers to coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer or adult supervisor.

Temporary Transfer means a transfer granted by VSA for a period to enable the resolution of any transfer issues or delays, as determined by VSA.

VA refers to Volleyball Australia.

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

VSA website refers to www.volleyballsouth.com.au.

3. Precedence

- 3.1 These Regulations are drafted in accordance with the VSA By-Laws.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 In the event of any inconsistency between the By-laws and the Regulations, the By-Laws shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

4. SAVL Competition

- 4.1 The objectives of the SAVL are as follows:
 - 4.1.1 To provide a professionally administered competition for South Australia’s indoor volleyball athletes, officials and administrators.
 - 4.1.2 To provide a pathway for athletes and officials to the national and international level of the sport.
 - 4.1.3 To showcase indoor volleyball.
 - 4.1.4 To provide exposure and marketing opportunities to VSA’s commercial partners.

4.2 The SAVL shall consist of the following divisions for each gender:

Men	Women
League	League
Reserves	Reserves
Division 1	Division 1
Division 2	Division 2
Division 3	Division 3
Division 4	Division 4

4.3 VSA may in its discretion include further divisions within the SAVL structure.

4.4 League and divisional structure for 2023 competition will be as outlined below:

MEN		WOMEN	
League	6	League	6
Reserves	6	Reserves	6
Division 1	8	Division 1	8
Division 2	8	Division 2	8
Division 3	8	Division 3	6
Division 4	12		

4.5 As outlined in 4.4 there will be an even amount of teams in all divisions but the lowest, should there be a need to create further divisions refer to 4.3

4.6 Starting the 2023 season – teams will be **seeded** into the divisions as outlined above based on their 2022 table position.

4.7 Any new teams or clubs entering the SAVL competition in any year will start in the lowest division available.

4.8 The CEO, in consultation with the Senior League Committee and Junior League Committee respectively, retains the right to amend the SAVL draw at any time.

4.9 All VSA policies, as found on the VSA website, will be adhered to by all Competition Participants.

5. SAVL Nomination

5.1 Nominations for League and Reserves must only come from qualified Clubs in accordance with the By-Laws.

5.2 Nominations for senior Divisions may come from other Affiliates.

5.3 All nominations to compete in the SAVL must be lodged with VSA by the nomination closing date as determined by VSA.

5.4 The senior nomination forms provided by VSA shall prescribe the nomination requirements.

5.5 Nomination fees shall be determined by VSA in consultation with the Board.

5.6 VSA has absolute discretion to reject any nomination.

5.7 All teams participating in SAVL must abide by the SAVL coach accreditation requirements on the VSA website.

6. SAVL Competition Participants

6.1 All athletes and Team Officials involved in the SAVL must meet VSA membership requirements, as designated by VSA and published on the VSA website, prior to participating in the SAVL.

- 6.2 If an athlete who is not a member of VSA participates in any SAVL division, **they will be deemed an Illegitimate Player**, and the Club who that athlete played for shall pay to VSA the fine prescribed in Schedule One to the Regulations.
- 6.3 Where a Club has been fined in accordance with paragraph 6.2 above, the Club team for which the athlete competed shall also have a forfeit recorded against said team for the game in which the non-member athlete competed.
- 6.4 All team coaches must hold a WWCC as detailed in the *VA Child Safeguarding Policy*.
- 6.5 All team coaches must be qualified in accordance with paragraph **15.9**.
- 6.6 All members of VSA, by virtue of their membership, agree to:
- 6.6.1 Abide by the By Laws and these Regulations as amended from time to time;
 - 6.6.2 Abide by the VA and the WADA (World Anti-Drug Agency) Anti-Doping and Match Fixing Policies; and
 - 6.6.3 Permit VSA or its representatives to take photographs or video footage of SAVL games and use them in accordance with the VSA Video and Photography Policy.
- 6.7 All Competition Participants must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs whilst participating in the SAVL.
- 6.8 The SAVL Manager will advise the number of divisions subject to nominations.

7. Player Transfers

- 7.1 All players participating in the SAVL shall be registered as competing on behalf of the Club which the athlete's SAVL team represents.
- 7.2 All players competing in the SAVL shall be required to confirm they have not first played in a different Federation of Origin (internationally).
- 7.3 A player from a Federation of Origin other than Australia must first obtain an International Transfer Clearance and pay such transfer fees as may be required **before** playing any SAVL round.
- 7.4 A player from an equivalent competition interstate must first obtain must obtain VSA's written approval **before** the athlete may compete in the SAVL and pay such transfer fees as may be required.
- 7.5 Any player registered with a Club must obtain VSA's written approval **before** the athlete may compete for a different Club.
- 7.6 No transfer will be accepted if that player has already participated in one or more rounds in the current season for their registered Club.
- 7.7 All transfers relating to paragraph 7.5 must be completed by round 4.
- 7.8 VSA may refuse its written consent to a transfer if the relevant player is financially indebted to the Club (as previously notified to VSA), VSA or any VA affiliate.
- 7.9 If a current or past player is unfinancial with the former Club after transfer, it is the responsibility of the former Club (President or Treasurer) to notify VSA within **3 working** days of this status. The individual player membership will then be placed

under review, and that member will be ineligible to participate in any VSA competition until resolved.

- 7.10 All transfer requests require up to two clear working days to process. Where completion is required pursuant to paragraph 7.5, the Transfer application and payment of \$50 must occur at least two clear working days prior to the player's intention of competing in any SAVL round.
- 7.11 If a player competes for a Club in any SAVL division but is registered as competing for a different Club, the player will be regarded as an Illegitimate Participant.
- 7.12 Only one transfer per player is permitted within a twelve-month period.
- 7.13 The written consent required in accordance with this paragraph 7 shall be in the form as prescribed on the VSA website and shall be lodged online with VSA together with the fee prescribed in Schedule 1.
- 7.14 VSA must notify the player and Clubs involved of the outcome of the requested transfer within two working days from lodgement.

8. Athlete Movement

- 8.1 For each round of the SAVL the following athlete movement rules shall apply to each gender:
- 8.1.1 Clubs may only have two athletes play in both:
- Reserves and State League;
 - Reserves and Division 1;
 - Division 1 and Division 2; or
 - Division 2 and Division 3
 - Division 3 and Division 4
- 8.1.2 No SAVL athlete is eligible to compete for more than one teams nominated by a club in any division.
- 8.1.3 Athletes are only able to participate in the immediate division available lower from their previous match. For purpose 8.1.3 an athlete refers to someone whose name had been entered on a scoresheet at any stage in the current season.
- 8.1.4 Participation in any SAVL junior divisions will not count towards finals eligibility for Seniors
- 8.1.5 For the Final Series, paragraph 8.1.1 does not apply, as more than two athletes may play in any division so long as they have qualified for both teams in accordance with paragraph 12.3.
- 8.1.6 Once an athlete competes in 5 League or Reserve matches within a specific division, they are no longer eligible to partake in matches two available divisions lower.

- 8.1.7 Athletes may only compete in a maximum of two senior SAVL matches in any one **matchday** and finals. Any subsequent division that the athlete competes in within any one **matchday** must be directly one level higher or lower than the athlete's initial division. For example, an athlete cannot play in senior Division 1 and State League in the same round.
- 8.1.8 There are no restrictions on the number of junior athletes who may compete in the senior divisions.
- 8.1.9 Double Header Rounds – in the occurrence of a double header, athlete movement paragraph 8.1.1 and 8.1.3 will be applied to both games making up the double header independently (i.e. an athlete may compete in 3 senior SAVL matches per round providing that 2 matches comprise the double header).
- 8.1.10 In the occurrence of a bye, athlete movement paragraph 8.1.3 will be applied to the team list from the last match prior to the bye.
- 8.1.11 In the event of midweek fixtures, games will be classified as a separate **matchday**
- 8.2 When the above athlete movement in this paragraph 8 are infringed, a forfeit shall be imposed on **the where the infringement occurs.**

9. Uniforms

- 9.1 For SAVL League, Reserves and Division 1, all Club uniforms must be registered with VSA via a photograph or diagram. Where a Club intends to change its uniform during or between seasons, VSA approval must be first gained. Where a club is continuing to play in previously approved uniforms, no action is required. Uniform is to include shirts and shorts. The Libero uniforms are also included in this requirement.
- 9.2 Club athletes shall only compete in uniforms approved by VSA.
- 9.3 Playing tops may only be numbered between 1 and 99.
- 9.4 Sponsorship logo size and placement is to be in accordance with SAVL Uniform Guidelines (refer Appendix 1).
- 9.5 If an athlete competes in the State League or Reserves division(s) without wearing the approved uniform, the penalty shall be disqualification from the relevant game.
- 9.6 If an athlete competes in any Division without wearing the approved uniform, three points shall be awarded to the opposing team at the start of each set that the athlete participates in without wearing the approved uniform.
- 9.7 Temporary modifications to uniforms, including the use of tape or similar materials are not part of the official uniform, and thus are not permitted in SAVL. This paragraph does not include the wearing of black armbands in a bereavement situation.
- 9.8 Clothing required for religious purposes is acceptable, but written notification must be given to the SAVL Manager prior to the commencement of the SAVL.

- 9.9 If a SAVL State League team nominates a Libero athlete in a match, that athlete must have a playing top that contrasts with the team uniform. The uniform of another sporting team may not be used as a Libero uniform.
- 9.10 Uniforms must be worn from the hitting warm-up onwards.
- 9.11 Hats are not permitted, subject to paragraph 9.8.
- 9.12 The uniforms must be presentable and have no obvious flaws such as fading and/or tears.
- 9.13 The captain is not required to have a bar underneath their playing number.
- 9.14 The Referee Delegate will have the final decision in any disputes relating to uniform.
- 9.15 For any uniform violations, refer to the penalty prescribed in 9.6

10. Competition Rules

- 10.1 The rules of the game applicable to the SAVL shall be the FIVB Official Rules (current as at 31 March of each year), except as amended by these Regulations.

10.1.2 In the event a player is unable to make the starting time of a scheduled match, the following MUST occur to allow a player to participate:

- (a) Player must be listed on team sheet before game
- (b) Referees and opposition coaches notified
- (c) Player must be in attendance by the end of the first set
- (d) If player arrives before end of 1st set, ineligible to participate until the start of 2nd set

10.2 Substitutions

- 10.2.1 The Australian 12 Substitution rule as contained within Appendix 2 shall apply except where 11.4.2 below applies.

10.3 Libero

- 10.3.1 In the case of injury to a non-libero player, the libero can be re-assigned as a normal player (with a numbered shirt) in order to avoid an incomplete team. The injured player shall not take any further part in the game.

10.4 Net Heights

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

Senior Divisions	Men	Women
All Seniors	2.43m	2.24m

10.5 Forfeits

- 10.5.1 A League or Reserve team will lose the match three sets to nil, at 25 points to nil for each of the three sets, if the team is unable to field six players at the scheduled start time of the relevant match.

- 10.5.2 Teams in Divisions will lose the first set of the game 25-0 if the team is unable to field six players at the scheduled start time of the relevant match. The team will lose the second set 25-0 if the team is unable to field six players at five minutes past the scheduled start time of the relevant match. The team will lose the third set 25-0 if the team is unable to field six players at 10 minutes past the scheduled start time of the relevant match.
- 10.5.3 The fine prescribed in Schedule One of these Regulations as the “Forfeit Fee” shall be imposed against any team who forfeits the whole match.
- 10.5.4 All forfeiting teams are required to fulfil any duty team requirements or the fine prescribed in Schedule 1 as the “Non-Duty Fee” shall be imposed.
- 10.5.5 Teams who have won a game as a result of a forfeit must still fulfil any duty team requirements.

10.6 Start Times and Warm-up

- 10.6.1 The warm-up protocol shall be as prescribed in the following tables:

Protocol for: Senior divisions	
Mins to Match Start	Action
20	Previous game is finished, and teams clear the court
14	First Referee checks net height and duty team reports to court
13	Coin toss takes place and captains complete and sign score sheets
12	Warm up commences at the net (teams control warm-up)
3	Teams to serve
2	Coaches' instruction
1	Teams assemble on court and rotation check
0	First serve

- 10.6.2 All game times used in the draw is for the commencement of the matches, warm-up will commence prior to the scheduled match start time.

10.7 Game Delays

- 10.7.1 Any issues with game delays will be reviewed at the time by the Arena Manager and/or Referee Delegate.
- 10.7.2 If any senior division minor round game is affected, games will proceed as follows:
- If the game is delayed by up to half an hour, the game will continue from where the last point was able to be played. An additional 10 minute warm up will be provided to both teams.
 - If the game is delayed by more than half an hour a result will be determined. If 3 sets are completed the match will be deemed live with a count back on sets (If sets are equal) then a count back on

points shall determine the winner. If 3 sets are not completed, then a draw will be recorded.

- 10.7.3 If a finals' series game is affected, by a delay more than half an hour the game shall be rescheduled at a time agreeable to VSA and the competing teams.

10.8 **Draws and Seedings**

- 10.8.1 All season draws and fixtures will be produced by the SAVL Manager and will be available on the VSA website.

10.9 **Premiership Table and Scoring**

- 10.9.1 Teams will gain points on the Premiership Table according to the following table:

Result	Points
Win	3
Draw	2
Loss	1
Forfeit	0

- 10.9.2 The premiership table ranking will be decided using the following method:

- (a) Premiership Points (in accordance with 11.11.1); then
- (b) Set Percentage (sets won/[sets won + sets lost]); then
- (c) Point Percentage (points won/(points won + points lost))

- 11.11.3 In the case a division plays an unequal number of games the premiership table will be decided using the following method:

- (a) Match Ratio (Premiership Points (in accordance with 11.11.1) / Number of games played); then
- (b) Set Percentage (sets won/[sets won + sets lost]); then
- (c) Point Percentage (points won/[points won + points lost]).

11. **Finals Series**

- 11.1 The finals series shall be the games listed in the draw to either the "semi-final", "preliminary final" or "grand final" during the senior division season.

- 11.2 An athlete may compete in the finals series for a SAVL team if:

- 11.2.1 The athlete has been noted on the scoresheet as competing in at least fifty per cent of the relevant scheduled matches for that division, or a lower division, as defined in the SAVL draw. For example, an athlete plays 7 rounds out of 15 in a season, and thus cannot participate in finals at 7 rounds is less than fifty per cent. Matches played in any division may contribute to athlete qualification for that division or a higher division provided that they are played in separate rounds of the SAVL competition. For example, an athlete plays rounds 1-3 in Division 1, rounds 4-9 in

- Reserves, and rounds 10-15 in State League. This example qualifies the athlete for the Reserves and State League finals series but not for Division 1;
- 11.2.2 An athlete who participates in two separate divisions in the one round of SAVL as authorised under paragraph 8 shall register only one match, in the lowest division in which the athlete competed, for finals qualification purposes;
- 11.2.3 The athlete has no monies outstanding to VSA for which an invoice has been rendered to the athlete; and
- 11.2.4 When a junior athlete qualifies for finals participation in a senior division, that athlete cannot use their junior division participation to qualify for a lower senior division than their senior participation gives rise to. For example, Annie has qualified for Reserves through participation in the Reserves competition and continues to play junior State League. Annie qualifies for senior League and Reserves and for junior State League finals but cannot participate in senior Division 1 finals.
- 11.3 If, due to representative duties in either an Australian indoor or beach volleyball team, an athlete is unable to qualify for the finals series under the terms of Paragraph 11.3, they must provide satisfactory evidence to support their inability to meet the requirements to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee (this may be either a signed letter from the National Coach or a signed copy of the FIVB international scoresheet featuring the athlete's name). The supporting evidence/documentation must clearly state the dates for which the athlete was unavailable to compete in SAVL competition and must be received by the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee no later than one week prior to the finals series start date. If the athlete satisfies the above and has been noted on the score sheet as having competed in at least fifty per cent, but not less than two matches, of the relevant scheduled matches for which the athlete was available, they shall be permitted to compete in the finals series in the relevant SAVL division for which the athlete qualifies.
- 11.4 If, due to injury or other medical condition (includes pregnancy), an athlete is unable to qualify for the finals series under the provisions of paragraph 11.3, they must provide satisfactory evidence, in the form of a medical certificate or signed letter from a qualified medical practitioner, to support their inability to meet the requirements to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee. The supporting evidence must clearly state the duration for which the athlete was unable to compete in SAVL competition and must be received by the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee no later than one week prior to the finals series start date. If the athlete satisfies the above and has been noted on scoresheets as having competed in at least fifty per cent, but not less than two matches, of the scheduled matches for the season not covered by the medical evidence, they shall be permitted to compete in the finals series in the relevant SAVL division for which the athlete qualifies.

- 11.5 If an athlete does not meet the requirements of paragraph 11.1 above, and does not fall within the exceptions contained in paragraphs 11.3 and 11.4 above, the athlete may apply in writing to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee for special consideration to be permitted to compete in the Finals Series.
- 11.6 Notwithstanding the above, any athlete who qualifies for the Finals Series of a particular senior or junior SAVL division is deemed to have qualified for the Finals Series of all higher senior or junior SAVL divisions, as relevant.
- 11.7 In the event a Reserves team is eliminated from competition before the conclusion of the Divisional minor round, only players qualified to play in Division 1 are eligible to play.

12. Promotion and Relegation

- 12.1 Division teams occupying the lowest two positions on the Premiership Table shall be relegated to the Division below their current Division in the following playing season
- 12.2 Member Clubs' Division teams that reach the Grand Final shall be promoted to the Division above their current Division in the following playing season provided
- 12.2.1 No more than two teams from one Member Club shall be in the same Division in any one year. Except for the lowest division available.
- 12.2.2 Should a club/team not be eligible to be promoted due to 12.2.1 the next highest club in the standings will be afforded the opportunity of promotion. If they do not wish to accept then NO promotion will take place that season
- 12.2.3 As a result of 12.2.3 being enacted there will be NO relegation from the division above.
- 12.2.4 Division teams playing in the Grand Final may choose not to be promoted in the following playing season provided a valid submission is presented to SAVL Competition Management and such an option has not been exercised by the Member Club in the previous playing season.

13. SAVL Awards

- 13.1 VSA, on recommendation from the SAVL Senior Committee, shall be responsible for determining the number and format of the SAVL annual awards but shall, at a minimum, include the following awards:
- 13.1.1 Athlete awards;
- 13.1.2 Referee awards; and
- 13.1.3 Volunteer awards.
- 13.2 Competition *Best and Fairest* awards for the State League will be presented at the conclusion of the regular season and will be determined by the following process:

- 13.2.1 First referee from each match, in consultation with the auxiliary officials if applicable, will vote for the best athlete at the conclusion of the match based on a 3-2-1 vote system.
- 13.2.2 Grand Final *Best on Court* awards will be presented at the medal ceremony and will be voted on by a panel of 3-5 people; this panel will include the first referee and will be based on a 3-2-1 vote system.
- 13.3 The *Skip Cup* shall be awarded each year to the Club obtaining the highest number of points **during the minor round** in accordance with the following table:

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Position	State League senior	Reserve	State League junior
1.	48 points	36 points	24 points
2.	32 points	24 points	16 points
3.	24 points	18 points	12 points
4.	20 points	15 points	10 points
5.	16 points	12 points	8 points
6.	12 points	9 points	6 points
7.	8 points	6 points	4 points
8.	4 points	3 points	2 points
9.		1 point	

15. Game Officials

- 15.1 **VSA will endeavour to roster the first and second referee for each SAVL League and Reserve game who shall hold at a minimum a VA Level 2 State Referee accreditation under the VA accreditation framework and must be a member of VSA.**
- 15.2 SAVL teams, when rostered to duty a Divisional match as per the fixture, are required to provide an accredited first referee as outlined in Appendix 4.
- 15.3 At the grand finals of each senior division game, a complete duty team will be provided by VSA. This includes a first and second referee, scorer and (optionally) two linespersons.
- 15.4 Each official, including athletes performing an official role whilst completing a duty, shall be bound by the Official's Code of Behaviour as published on the VSA website.
- 15.5 Each team is obliged to undertake the number of duties listed in the SAVL draw as released by VSA.
- 15.6 Any SAVL team scheduled to perform a duty is required to abide by the following procedure:
- 15.6.1 A minimum of five personnel must report to the court 20 minutes before the SAVL match start time (as amended by any game delays).
- 15.6.2 The four duty roles they will perform are
- First referee;
 - Second referee;
 - Scoresheet marker and scoreboard operator**
 - 2 linespersons

15.6.3 These roles may interchange between sets except for the First referee as long as the standard is maintained. The scoresheet must be signed by the personnel who are in the role at the conclusion of the match.

- 15.7 If the procedures in this paragraph 14 are not complied with, the first referee or Arena Manager may, in his or her absolute discretion, report the team to the relevant SAVL Manager.
- 15.8 If a team is reported to the SAVL Manager in accordance with paragraph 15.7, the SAVL Manager may, in his or her absolute discretion, determine to charge the offending team the *Non-Duty fee* prescribed in Schedule 1.
- 15.9 SAVL coaches must be qualified in accordance with the table below in order to coach on game day:

Seniors	VA accreditation Head Coach minimum	VA accreditation Assistant Coach minimum
State League	Level 2	Level 1
Reserves	Level 2	Level 1
Division 1	Level 2	Level 1
Division 2 and below	Level 1	Level 1

Where the game day coach is not qualified in accordance with this paragraph the penalty for *Unqualified Coach participation* listed in Schedule 1 may apply.

16. Disputes

- 16.1 If any Club is unsure of the interpretation of any regulation, then they must contact the relevant SAVL Manager for a ruling. An incorrect interpretation of a Regulation by a Club is no grounds for appeal for any penalties handed down by VSA.
- 16.2 In this paragraph 15, “complaint” means any dispute, complaint, grievance or appeal arising in relation to the application of the Regulations.
- 16.3 Any complaint arising in respect of the SAVL 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.
- 16.4 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:
- 16.4.1 The complainant shall give notice of the complaint to the relevant SAVL Manager by the close of the next business day of the conduct giving rise to the complaint; and
- 16.4.2 The SAVL Manager shall, in his or her absolute discretion:
- (a) resolve the complaint at the time the complaint is reported (provided no conflict of interest); or
 - (b) refer the complaint to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee for resolution.

- 16.5 If a complainant or other interested party, wishes to appeal a resolution of the SAVL Manager (other than a resolution to refer a complaint to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee), the complainant or the interested party shall give notice of the appeal to the CEO, who shall refer the appeal to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee.
- 16.6 The complainant, or other interested party, shall pay the appeal fee (refer to Schedule One) to the CEO at the time notice of the appeal is given.
- 16.7 Within seven days of a referral of a complaint by the SAVL Manager, or the referral of an appeal by the CEO, the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee shall convene a dispute review hearing.
- 16.8 The SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee shall hear and determine the complaint, and it shall have the discretion to invite any interested person to address the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee in relation to the complaint prior to making a determination.
- 16.9 In this paragraph 15, **notice** shall be in writing and shall be:
- 16.9.1 if to be provided to the SAVL Manager:
- (a) hand-delivered to the SAVL Manager; or
 - (b) delivered to the VSA Office; or
 - (c) emailed to the **Participation Manager**.
- 16.9.2 if to be provided to the CEO:
- (a) delivered to the VSA Office; or
 - (b) emailed to the CEO.

17. SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes

- 17.1 The SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee (**Committee**) shall be constituted of three members drawn from the following persons:
- 17.1.1 The CEO;
- 17.1.2 A senior Referee Delegate;
- 17.1.3 A member of the Board
- 17.2 In the case of disputes the Committee is empowered to impose financial penalties and/or match penalties/suspension, subject to the severity of the offence.
- 17.3 In the case of reviewing and determining the qualification of athletes in the SAVL for finals series eligibility, the Committee may substitute or add the SAVL Manager as one of its members.
- 17.4 When reviewing athlete qualification for finals, the Committee shall convene no earlier than two weeks prior to the first finals match, and no later than one week prior to the first finals match of the SAVL.
- 17.5 In seasons where there are an uneven number of playing rounds, the Committee, in respect of paragraph **12.3.1**, may elect to assign 50 percent of games minus one (eg: in a season of 15 rounds, assign seven games rather than eight) in order to determine the finals eligibility threshold.

18. Match Sanctions

- 18.1 If a player or team official is expelled or disqualified from a match, the person shall be referred to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee which will determine the appropriate match sanctions.
- 18.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the match sanction procedure shall also apply to the finals series.

19. Home Round Games

Volleyball South Australia will supply a Referee Supervisor to all venues where possible on any given fixture of SAVL Competition.

The following elements will apply:

- 19.1 Each home team or host club shall be responsible for providing the following personnel to assist with the match duty
- 19.2 All teams must have the minimum accredited referees as outlined in **19.3**

	Minimum Referee Accreditation	Number Required
19.3 League	L2	2
Reserves	L2	2
Division 1	L1	3
Division 2 and below	L1	3

- 19.4 Volleyball South Australia will supply all necessary equipment to support the deliver of matchday requirements at the beginning of the 2023 season, should any items need replacing it is the clubs responsibility.
- 19.5 Hosting Clubs / Arena Managers must meet the expectations as detailed below:

- 19.5.1 Prepare all the necessary equipment ready 1 hour prior to scheduled start time, including net, antennae, referee stand, match ball, team benches, score bench, score board and ample seating for spectators.
- 19.5.2 Upload all results of their respective matchday including team sheets, results and player statistics no later than 11:59pm the day of the match.
- 19.5.3 Ensure court space and area surrounding the court is clean and free from obstruction.
- 19.5.4 Provide a committee appointed match delegate with first aid qualifications (must make themselves known to the first referee).
- 19.5.5 Provide medical support:
- Qualified first aid aider and first aid kit;
 - Ice available for injuries and player recovery;
 - In the case of a suspected concussion the match delegate, in line with 19.5.4 above, performs the role of the Arena Manager under the *VSA Concussion Policy* with

regard to a player being able to return to the court during a match after a concussion event; and

- Any injury or incident must be reported via the *VSA Incident Report Form*, on the day of the incident, located on the VSA website, and emailed to the SAVL Manager or given to the match referee to be returned to the VSA Office.

20. First Aid

20.1 Basic first aid will be available at all SAVL venues. Any additional items such as strapping tape will need to be supplied and administered by athletes, team officials, or team members.

20.2 Any hospital or ambulance costs will be the responsibility of the individual or the Club/Affiliate/school that the athlete is representing.

21. Special Circumstances or Provisions

22.1 Where these regulations are silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of the SAVL is maintained at all times.

The SAVL Manager, 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 SAVL.

22. Notices

22.1 All notices and other correspondence shall be addressed to the SAVL Manager, as per the contact details on the VSA website.

23. Regulation Review

23.1 The Regulations are to be reviewed annually by the SAVL Manager

24. Schedule 1 – Penalties and Fees

Forfeit fee (senior divisions)	\$220
Appeal fee	\$110
Affiliation fee	\$260
Non-member participation in the SAVL (athlete or official)	\$50
Illegitimate participation in the SAVL	Team forfeit
Unqualified Coach participation	1 premiership point per occurrence
Athlete Transfer fee	\$50
Non-Duty fee	\$140
State League 'Team of the Year' late votes fee	\$50
Non Accredited Referee	\$100
*Note: Above costs/fees are inclusive of GST.	

25. Appendix 1 – SAVL Uniform Guidelines

Club uniforms must meet the following FIVB Regulations

- ✓ A player's uniform and equipment consists of a playing top, shorts, socks and sport shoes.
- ✓ The colour and the design for the playing top and shorts must be identical for the team (except for the Libero). The uniforms must be clean.
- ✓ The shoes must be light and pliable with rubber or composite soles without heels.
- ✓ The number must be placed on the playing top at the centre of the front and of the back. The colour and brightness of the numbers must contrast with the colour and brightness of the jerseys.
- ✓ The number must be a minimum of 15 cm in height on the chest, and a minimum of 20 cm in height on the back. The stripe forming the numbers shall be a minimum of 2 cm in width.

All club uniforms must be approved by Volleyball South Australia prior to production.

Playing tops

1. Player uniform consists of jersey (shirt), short, training suit and socks, and must be same for the whole team.
2. All players of the same team must wear the same colour and style.
3. The Libero player(s) must wear a uniform (or jacket/bib for the redesignated Libero) which has a different dominant colour from any colour of the rest of the team. The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team. Both Liberos can be in uniforms different from each other and from the rest of the team.
4. Clubs can choose to have a variety of playing tops ie. Short sleeves, long sleeves, no sleeves. As long as the over-arching style is consistent throughout the team, sleeve length is up the individual athlete.

Playing shorts

5. All players of the same team must wear the same colour including the Libero.
6. Clubs can elect to have different styles of shorts ie bike shorts, "sport" shorts etc. These must be the same colour and logo placement, however which short is worn is up to the individual athlete.

Shoes

7. Players cannot wear shoes which have black marking soles.

Warm up uniform

8. Where warming up uniforms are worn in the warmup courts or in the competition area, they must be of the same colour and style for the entire team.

Compression Garments

9. These devices must be of the same colour as the corresponding part of the uniform. Black, white or neutral colours may be also used provided that all using players wear the same colour.

Compression garments are pieces of clothing that fit tightly around the skin.

Uniform equipment

10. All socks should be the same colour and style for the whole team. Style options are knee length or mid-calf and below. ie. All players must wear socks that come to the knee, or all players wear calf length and below. Ankle socks are viewed as being the same as calf-length.

Official Warm-Up (Warm-up at the net)

11. All players must be in full-match uniform for the official warm up, immediately following the toss of the coin.

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LOGOS

Volleyball South Australia logo

1. The Volleyball South Australia logo must appear on the left chest of all playing tops and must be 8.5 cm wide.
2. No other logos or writing is permitted above or below the Volleyball South Australia logo.
3. The Volleyball South Australia logo must follow the below rules:
 - a. Light backgrounds – **use blue** Volleyball South Australia logo
 - b. Dark backgrounds – **use white** Volleyball South Australia logo

Sponsorship logos

1. All sponsorship logos must be approved by Volleyball South Australia.
2. Sponsorship logos are permitted on playing tops however playing top designs and logos must be identical for the whole team.
3. Once sponsorship logos are approved, they may appear on the right-hand sleeve, left hand sleeve and back of playing top (under player number).
 - a. Sleeves: 10cm x 5cm or equivalent to the proportion of the logo
 - b. Back of playing top: 30cm x 10cm or equivalent to the proportion of the logo



26. Appendix 2 – 12 Substitution Rule

The Twelve-Substitution Rule works as follows:

- Any number of athletes may substitute into the same rotational position on court within the following limitations:
- There is a maximum of 12 substitutions permitted per set per team.
- An athlete may only take the court three times per set, i.e. when the athlete’s number has been recorded on the scoresheet for the third time, that athlete may be substituted off but may not enter the court again. The scorer circling the athlete’s number indicates this third appearance.
- Different athletes may substitute into the one rotational position, except that once substituted for a particular position they are "locked" into that group of athletes. (i.e. athletes who have substituted for that position) and may not substitute within another group.

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

- In the example shown above, we can see that the starting line-up is 10, 4, 11, 2, 1 and 7. This means that these athletes have taken the court once already. The coach has seen fit to substitute into the position "I" group the athletes 6, 9, 8 and 3. Number 10 has taken the court three times and thus has finished his/her set as indicated by the circle. (As has athlete 2 in position IV).
- These athletes: 10, 6, 9, 8 and 3, are locked into the group in position I and none of them can be used to substitute into another position in this set. For example, athlete 9 has only appeared twice so far and can therefore make another appearance on court but only in position I and only if no more than twelve substitutions are used per set. In the example shown, all twelve substitutions have been used.
- When recording the substitutions go DOWN THE LEFT side column for each position and when the left is full go DOWN THE RIGHT side column.

27. Appendix 4 – SAVL Referee Requirements

Each SAVL team must nominate the minimum number of accredited referees per team as outlined in 19.3 who will attend scheduled courses prior to the season and complete logbook to achieve accreditation.

	Minimum Referee Accreditation	Number Required
League	L2	2
Reserves	L2	2
Division 1	L1	3
Division 2 and below	L1	3

League/Reserves

Accepted:

- Club nominated Accredited Level 2 Referee
- Any other Accredited Level 2 Referee
- Nominated Level 2 Candidate (provided VSA are notified prior)

Not Accepted – *VSA will follow up and sanctions may apply.*

- Accredited Level 1 Referee
- Non-Accredited Referee

Senior Divisional

Accepted:

- Nominated Accredited Level 2 Referee
- Any other Accredited Level 2 Referee
- Nominated Level 2 Candidate (provided VSA are notified prior)
- Accredited Level 1 Referee

Not Accepted - *VSA will follow up and sanctions may apply.*

- Non-Accredited Referee

All qualification accreditations are based on the VA accreditation system. Any referee with an expired qualification or those who have not fulfilled requirements to obtain a current VA accreditation are deemed a Non-Accredited Referee.