

Volleyball South Australia

SUMMER JUNIOR LEAGUE

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Background

The rationale of the Summer League is to provide a fun social, accessible, indoor volleyball option in the summer months for players under the age of 19. The competition will complement the SAVL Junior's (Run in Terms 2 and 3) for clubs as well as encourage individuals, social groups and schools' participation in competitive volleyball.

1. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- a. Players
 - i. All players are required to have a Social Membership as a minimum at the start of the season. Full Adult, Full Junior or Spikezone memberships are also valid.
 - ii. A player may play a maximum of two games per round but not in the same division.
- b. Coaches and Support Staff
 - i. All coaches and support staff are required to be registered as an Associate Member.
 - ii. Teams must have an adult coach or team manager who is 18 years of age or older and is responsible for the team's conduct. They must be present for warm-up and the match. Coaches and team managers MUST hold a current "Working with Children" Check clearance by state and federal legislation.

2. AGE REQUIREMENTS

- a. All players must be under the age of the nominated grade.
- b. Player will be eligible to play in the competition if they are under the age of competition as of October 24th, 2025.
 - i. If a player is 14 and turns 15 in March 2026, then she/he is eligible to play in the under 15 competitions.
- c. If a player is overage and wishes to participate in a lower age grade, the club or school, on behalf of the player, can submit an exemption directly to the competition manager to seek approval of their participation.

3. CALENDAR

- a. For Summer Junior League, the competition will run for 12 weeks plus 1 week of Finals in total; six weeks in 2025 and seven weeks after the School Holidays recommencing in February 2026. This avoids the Australian Schools Cup and SA Schools Smash in December and complements club trials and pre-season in March ahead of the 2026 SAVL Juniors season. Grand Finals will be held on Friday 27th March 2026.
- b. The calendar is found in Appendix A.

4. GAME DURATION

- a. Matches are timed and are played to the best of 5 sets. They will be played over a 50-minute period, and teams will have a 10-minute warm-up prior to the game commencing. **For example, if a game is scheduled for 6:30pm, warm-up will start at 6:30pm and the match will commence at 6:40pm and finish at 7.30pm.**
- b. Matches will strictly end at the completion of the time limit, controlled by the VSA Referee.
- c. One 30 second timeout per set will be allowed per team.
- d. No technical timeouts will be allowed, with a 2-minute timed break between sets, controlled by the VSA Referee.

5. SCORESHEETS

- a. Team managers or coaches should complete the player names (**Names must be the registered membership name**) on the scoresheet before the spiking warm-up. They must ensure that all present players are **recorded correctly** and if any player

has not arrived, or will not be playing that round, strike that name through on the scoresheet. The player list on the scoresheet needs to then be signed by the **coach and captain** as an accurate record before the match begins.

- b. No rotation line-ups will be required for the match.
- c. Player substitutions will not need to be recorded on the scoresheet, The Captain on court will request a substitution to the first referee when required.

6. DIVISIONS AND GRADING

- a. Divisions will be set according to the Competition management team. Teams will nominate a PREFERRED division with the aim to be placed in this at the start of the season.
- b. Girls may play in mixed divisions, but
- c. Boys may play in mixed divisions or boys only. Please note that all-boy teams will only be separate from mixed teams if team numbers allow.
- d. Final divisions on offer will depend upon team numbers nominating into the various grades and at the sole and absolute discretion of the VSA team.

7. REFEREE, COACHING & SCORER REQUIREMENTS

- a. For the FY25/26 season Volleyball South Australia and its community are driven to see the growth and learning environments of our referees and officials. With this, we are aiming to have a minimum of one (1) Level 1 Referee at all Summer League games, giving more opportunities to referees to develop their skills and educate the community during the off-season of SAVL & SAVLJ.
- b. Team duties will not be required for the 2025-26 season. VSA will appoint a referee supervisor who will be responsible for mentoring the referees, assisting teams in scoring and refereeing procedures.
- c. Scorer
 - i. Each team is required to supply a scorer for their own game; this is to remove the duty requirements from previous seasons.
 - ii. The Coach, team support staff or a substituted player(s) can also be the scorer.
- d. Scheduled team requirements for their own game is per the table below.

GRADE	VSA PROVIDED	TEAM COMPOSITION
Under 15	1 st Referee	1 x Scorer per team
Under 17	1 st Referee	1 x Scorer per team
Under 19	1 st Referee	1 x Scorer per team

- e. VSA will continue to monitor the removal of duties. If divisions or teams are deemed to not be playing within the spirit of the game duties will be reinstated for either that division or the whole competition at VSA's discretion.
- f. Coaches are required to sit down during game play – Not a requirement during time-outs or end of sets.

8. SANCTIONS

- a. Teams that do not provide a scorer in accordance with the above table will face fines set out in Appendix B.
- b. Normal in match sanctions apply (For example, Yellow and Red Cards)

9. PREMIERSHIP TABLE AND SCORING

- a. All sets are to 25 points, and a set is only deemed complete when a team has won by 2 points or more.

- b. All games are played best of 5 sets, or to the allocated time limit, whichever comes first.
- c. Teams will gain points on the Premiership Table according to the following table:

RESULTS	POINTS
Win	3
Draw	2
Loss	1
Forfeit	0

- d. The premiership table will be decided using the following method:
 - i. Match Ratio
 - ii. Premiership points (as above)
 - iii. Set Percentage (sets won/ (sets won + sets lost))
 - iv. Point Percentage (points won/ (points won + points lost))
- e. A set is deemed complete at full time when one team has reached a minimum of 15 points with a 2-point advantage. If this score has not been reached, the winning team will be awarded on completed sets. If sets are equal, the team with the greater number of total points (combination of complete and incomplete sets) will win the game. If the total points are equal, the game would be deemed a tie.

10. VOLLEYBALL SA POLICIES

- a. Participants, coaches, referees, spectators and anyone involved in the Summer League agrees to abide by all VSA Policies found on the VSA website. www.volleyballsas.com.au/policies

11. UNIFORM

- a. Teams are to wear the same playing tops or the same colour. Club uniforms and school uniforms are also permitted.
- b. Teams are to wear shorts similar in colour.
- c. Suitable enclosed footwear must be worn. Rubber soles or similar will be required and can be determined by the officials.
- d. Clothing for religious purposes is permitted.
- e. Any breach of uniforms may result in loss of game, fine and/or competition points.

Appendix A



Appendix B

Fines Schedule

Forfeit Fee	\$120
Non-Scorer Fee	\$50