

Volleyball South Australia

SUMMER JUNIOR LEAGUE

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Background

The rationale of the Summer Junior 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 South Australian Volleyball League (SAVL) Juniors (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.

2. AGE REQUIREMENTS

- a. All players must be under the age of the nominated grade.
- b. Players will be eligible to play in the competition if they are under the age of competition as of October 24th, 2026.
 - i. For example, if a player is 14 and turns 15 in March 2027, 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 Competitions and Education Coordinator 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 2026 and seven weeks after the School Holidays recommencing in February 2027. This avoids the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup and SA Schools Smash in December and complements club trials and pre-season in March ahead of the 2027 South Australian Volleyball League Juniors (SAVL J) season. Grand Finals will be held on Friday 2nd April 2027.
- 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.**
- i. Match Times

Scheduled Time	Match Start time	Match End Time
6:30pm	6:40pm	7:30pm
7:35pm	7:45pm	8:35pm
8:40pm	8:50pm	9:40pm

- b. Matches will strictly end at the completion of the time limit, controlled by the Volleyball South Australia (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.
- e. If temperature is above 32 degrees on any day at 4:30pm, VSA will include a 1-minute drink break for players when the leading team reaches 13 points during the set.

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 must request a substitution to the first referee when required unless rotation substitutions are in place (Under 13 and 15 Competitions).

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 FY26/27 season, VSA and its community are driven to see the growth and learning environments of our referees and officials. With this, VSA are aiming to have a minimum of one (1) Level 1 Referee at all Summer Junior 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 2026-27 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 match;
 - ii. The coach, team support staff or a substituted player(s) can be the scorer.
- d. Coaches
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Coaches are required to sit down during game play – not a requirement during time-outs or end of sets.
- e. Scheduled team requirements for their own game are per the table below.

GRADE	VSA PROVIDED	TEAM COMPOSITION
Under 13	1 st Referee	1 x Scorer per team
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

- f. 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.

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. Match Sanctions received are cumulative.
- c. Yellow and red cards apply to any behaviour deemed either misconduct or unsportsmanlike behaviour on court deemed by the first referee.
 - i. Referees will be required to notify VSA through their timesheets of any cards handed out during the match.
- d. All red cards will be reviewed and where appropriate, VSA may step in for further education or sanctioning.
 - i. If a sanction is applied, the first referee will call upon the player and captain to note the name of the player down for reporting purposes.
- e. If an athlete or team official is ejected from the venue, VSA will investigate the matter.
- f. VSA reserve the right to investigate any matters raised during the competition.

9. PREMIERSHIP TABLE AND SCORING

- a. All sets are to 25 points, and a set is deemed complete when a team has won by 2 points or more unless the scheduled match time is complete.
 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.

- 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))

10. VSA POLICIES

- a. Participants, coaches, referees, spectators and anyone involved in the Summer Junior League agrees to abide by all VSA Policies found on the VSA website. www.volleyballsa.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. Playing numbers are preferred but not required.
- f. Any breach of uniforms may result in loss of game, fine and/or competition points.

Appendix A

Summer Junior League Dates

ROUND 1 - 23rd October 2026

ROUND 2 - 30th October 2026

ROUND 3 - 6th November 2026

ROUND 4 - 13th November 2026

ROUND 5 - 20th November 2026

ROUND 6 - 27th November 2026

ROUND 7 - 5th February 2027

ROUND 8 - 12th February 2027

ROUND 9 - 19th February 2027

ROUND 10 - 26th February 2027

ROUND 11 - 11th March 2027

ROUND 12 - 19th March 2027

GRAND FINAL - 2nd April 2027

Appendix B

Fines Schedule

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