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## 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 Coordinator** 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 Club which is an Affiliated Body which meets eligibility criteria established in the By-Laws. Clubs have 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 Check)** 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.

**CEO** refers to the Chief Executive Officer of VSA or their nominee.

**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 a 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.

**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 divisions, and for the resolution of disputes under these Regulations.

**SAVL Junior Committee** refers to the advisory committee regarding all VSA administered junior divisions.

**Competition Lead** refers to the VSA staff who are authorised to administer the SAVL, senior and/or junior divisions.

**Team Official** refers to a 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.volleyballsouthaustralia.com.au](http://www.volleyballsouthaustralia.com.au).

**1. Precedence**

- 1.1 These Regulations are drafted in accordance with the VSA By-Laws.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 In the event of any inconsistency between the By-laws and the Regulations, the By-Laws shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

**2. SAVL Competition**

- 2.1 The objectives of the SAVL are as follows:
- 2.2 To provide a professionally administered competition for South Australia’s indoor volleyball athletes, officials and administrators.
- 2.3 To provide a pathway for athletes and officials to the national and international level of the sport
- 2.4 To showcase indoor volleyball.
- 2.5 To provide exposure and marketing opportunities to VSA’s commercial partners.
- 2.6 The SAVL Junior shall consist of the following divisions for each gender:

<b>SAVL Junior</b>
State League Juniors (SLJ)
U19 Divisions
U17 Divisions
U15 Divisions
U13 Divisions

- 2.7 VSA may in its discretion include further divisions within the SAVL structure.
- 2.8 VSA retains the right to amend the SAVL Junior draw at any time.
- 2.9 All [VSA policies](#), as found on the VSA website, will be adhered to by all Competition Participants.

**3. SAVL Nomination**

- 3.1 Nominations for State League Juniors must only come from VSA Affiliated Platinum Clubs in accordance with the By-Laws.
- 3.2 Nominations for any junior division except State League Juniors may come from affiliates or educational institutions.
- 3.3 Nominations from other non-Affiliates may be accepted at VSA’s discretion in junior divisions except State League Juniors.

- 3.4 Both Clubs and Affiliated bodies have the right to nominate multiple junior divisional teams.
- 3.5 All nominations to compete in SAVL must be lodged with VSA by the nomination closing date, determined by VSA.
- 3.6 VSA shall prescribe the nomination requirements and inform relevant parties.
- 3.7 Nomination fees shall be determined by VSA in consultation with the Board.
- 3.8 VSA has absolute discretion to reject any nomination.
- 3.9 Late entries for the junior divisions may be accepted at the discretion of the Competitions Lead and with a fee as outlined in [Schedule 1](#).
- 3.10 All teams participating in SAVL must abide by the SAVL coach accreditation requirements in [clause 13.2](#).

#### **4. SAVL Competition Participants**

- 4.1 All athletes and Team Officials involved in SAVL must meet VSA membership requirements, as designated by VSA and published on the VSA website, prior to participating in SAVL.
  - 4.1.1 All playing participants must hold either a Full Junior or Full Adult membership.
- 4.2 If an athlete who is not a member of VSA participates in any SAVL Juniors division, the team who that athlete played for shall forfeit and pay the fine prescribed in [Schedule 1](#) of the Regulations.
  - 4.2.1 All teams entered in the junior divisions must have a coach or adult supervisor. If in the case of a coach being under 18 years old, an additional adult supervisor is required.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 All team coaches and adult supervisors must hold a WWCC as detailed in the [VA Child Safeguarding Policy](#).
- 4.5 All team coaches must be qualified in accordance with [clause 13.2](#).
- 4.6 All members of VSA, by virtue of their membership, agree to:
  - 4.6.1.1 Abide by the By Laws and these Regulations as amended from time to time.
  - 4.6.1.2 Abide by the VA and WADA (World Anti-Drug Agency) Anti-Doping and Match Fixing Policies; and
  - 4.6.1.3 Permit VSA or its representatives to take photographs or video footage of SAVL games and use them in accordance with the Volleyball Australia Photography and Filming Guidelines.
- 4.7 All Competition Participants must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs whilst participating in the SAVL.

- 4.8 The athlete shall age up if not below the required age as at 30th September in that year. For example, if the player is playing in the Under 15s Competition, they must not turn 15 before the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.
- 4.9 The Competitions Lead will advise the number of divisions subject to nominations.
- 4.10 The junior divisions are gender specific; however, females can play in the male divisions. Males cannot play in a female division.
- 4.10.1 All participants are permitted to play in their nominated gender under their membership status.

## 5. Player Transfers

- 5.1 All players participating in the SAVL shall be registered as competing on behalf of the Club, school or affiliate which the athlete's SAVL team represents.
- 5.2 All players competing in SAVL shall be required to confirm they have not first played in a different Federation of Origin (internationally).
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 A player from an equivalent competition interstate must first obtain VSA's written approval **before** the athlete may compete in SAVL Juniors and pay transfer fees as required.
- 5.5 Any player registered with a Club must obtain VSA's written approval **before** the athlete may compete for a different Club.
- 5.6 No transfer will be accepted if that player has already participated in one or more rounds in the current season for their registered Club, which includes the SAVL Seniors competition.
- 5.7 All transfers relating to clause 7.5 must be completed by round 6 for divisional and round 5 for SLJ.
- 5.8 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.
- 5.9 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.
- 5.10 All transfer requests require up to three business days to process. Where completion is required pursuant to clause 7.5. The Transfer application and payment must occur at least two working days prior to the player's intention of competing in any SAVL round.
- 5.11 If a player competes for a Club/School in any SAVL division but is registered as competing for a different Club/School, the player will be regarded as an Illegitimate Participant.
- 5.12 Only one transfer per player is permitted within a Calendar year.
- 5.13 The written consent required in accordance with this clause 5, shall be in the form as prescribed on the VSA website and shall be lodged online through the VSA Website.
- 5.14 VSA must notify the player involved of the outcome of the requested transfer within three working days from lodgement.

- 5.15 None of the processes described in clause 5. applies to movement from Clubs to non-Clubs, or from non-Clubs to Clubs.

## 6. Permit

- 6.1 A player competing for a Club team may compete in a different non-Club team (or vice versa) with written approval from VSA,
- 6.2 VSA will grant approval for such a permit subject to any relevant Transfer criteria described in clause 5, above.
- 6.3 Permits will not be given for a player wishing to compete for a non-Club team that competes in the same division as their Club team.
- 6.4 A permit is only valid for one season and the player remains associated with the original Club.

## 7. Athlete Movement

- 7.1 For each round of SAVL the following athlete movement rules shall apply to each gender:
- 7.2 Teams can only have two athletes play in multiple divisions or age groups from each nominated team per round.
- 7.3 No athlete is eligible to compete for more than two teams nominated by a club in the SAVL Junior competition in any round.
- 7.4 In the occurrence of a bye, athlete movement [clause 9.1](#) will be applied to the team list from the last match prior to the bye.
- 7.5 When the above athlete movement in [clause 9.1](#) are infringed, a forfeit shall be imposed on the team in breach of this rule. [Schedule 1](#) fines and penalties shall apply.

## 8. Participation

- 8.1 Participation in SAVL Senior divisions will not count towards finals juniors' eligibility.
- 8.2 Participation in SAVL Junior divisions will not count towards finals Seniors eligibility.
- 8.3 For the Final Series, [clause 11.1](#) does not apply, as more than two athletes may play in both U19 and State League Juniors or both U19 and U17, only if they have qualified for both teams in accordance with cause 13.
- 8.4 There are no restrictions on the number of junior athletes who may compete in the senior divisions.
- 8.5 The athlete movement conditions applicable to the junior divisions shall be the same as contained in the above Regulations, subject to the following:
- 8.6 Any athlete wishing to play for a school team and a club team within the same round must gain special permission from the Competitions Lead as decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- 8.7 If a player participates in a match for a team, they will not be permitted to play for any other team in that division for the remainder of the season (for example, plays for a school team, and then tries to play for their club in the same division).

## 9. Uniforms

- 9.1 Club athletes shall only compete in uniforms approved by VSA.
- 9.2 Sponsorship logo size and placement is to be in accordance with SAVL Uniform Guidelines (refer Appendix 1).
- 9.3 If an athlete competes in any junior 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. This penalty is not cumulative, for example, 2 athletes with incorrect uniform only incurs 3 point per set penalty.
- 9.4 Temporary modifications to uniforms, including the use of tape or similar materials are not part of the official uniform, are not permitted in all divisions of SAVL Juniors. This clause does not include the wearing of black armbands in a bereavement situation.
- 9.5 Clothing required for religious purposes is acceptable, but written notification must be given to the Competitions Lead prior to the commencement of SAVLJ.
- 9.6 If a SAVL Junior 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. If the uniform is not contrasting a Libero should not be listed.
- 9.7 Junior teams, excluding State League Junior, must be in matching shirts that are numbered with similar looking shorts, in approved Club/non-Club or school colours. Libero shirts must be in contrasting colours but are not required to be numbered.
- 9.8 Uniforms must be worn from the hitting warm-up onwards.
- 9.9 Hats are not permitted, subject to permit approved by VSA.
- 9.10 The uniforms must be presentable and have no obvious flaws such as fading and/or tears.
- 9.11 The captain is not required to have a bar underneath their playing number but may choose to wear a shirt displaying one.
- 9.12 The Arena Coordinator will have the final decision in any disputes relating to uniform.

## 10. Competition Rules

- 10.1 The rules of the game applicable to the SAVL shall be the [FIVB Official Rules](#) (current as of 31 March of each year), except as amended by these Regulations.
- 10.2 For Junior divisions excluding State League Juniors, matches will be played over a 60-minute time limit with a 10-minute warm-up. Matches will end at the completion of the time limit or at the completion of a best of five sets match, whichever comes first.
- 10.3 For junior divisions excluding State League Juniors, no timeouts will be permitted within the last five minutes.
- 10.4 State League Juniors will play untimed, best of 5 sets.
- 10.5 Match Balls are to be provided by the competing teams (Mikasa V200W or V300W), with ball to be in good condition excluding State League Juniors.

### 10.6 Substitutions

10.7.1 The Australian 12 Substitution rule as contained within [Appendix 2](#) shall apply except where 10.7.2 below applies.

10.7.2 Rotational or ad hoc substitutions are allowed in all Under 15 and Under 13 divisions. No rotations will be kept for these divisions.

## 10.7 Libero

- 10.7.1 In the case of injury to a non-libero player, the libero can be re-assigned as a normal player (with a numbered shirt) to avoid an incomplete team. The injured player shall not take any further part in the game.
- 10.7.2 For all junior divisions two liberos can be assigned for each set.
- 10.7.3 For all junior divisions excluding State League Juniors, liberos may be changed at the completion of each set.

State League Junior teams who designate two liberos at the start of the match cannot change any of the two players out of this position unless clause 10.8.1 is required.

If an injury occurs to the designated Libero, please refer to the FIVB rules for changes in Libero.

- 10.7.4 For all junior divisions a libero can be reassigned in the case of injury, except for State League Juniors where clause 10.7.2 applies.

## 10.8 Net Heights

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

<b>Junior Divisions</b>	Male	Female
State League Juniors	2.43m	2.24m
U19 Divisions	2.43m	2.24m
U17 Divisions	2.35m	2.15m
U15 Divisions	2.24m	2.10m
U13 Divisions	2.24m	2.10m

- 10.9.2 In divisions of mixed gender, the male net height shall be used

## 10.10 Forfeits

- 10.10.1 All junior divisions will lose the first set of the game 25-0 if the team is unable to field six players (or five players for under 13, 15 and 17 divisions) 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 (or five players for under 13, 15 and 17 divisions) at the 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 (or five players for under 13, 15 and 17 divisions) at 10 minutes past the scheduled start time of the relevant match.
- 10.10.2 The fine prescribed in [Schedule 1](#) of these Regulations as the “Forfeit Fee” shall be imposed against any team who forfeits the whole match. Junior teams who forfeit the match but can assemble sufficient players for a scratch match may request exemption from the forfeit fee in writing to Competitions Lead.
- 10.10.3 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. VSA may, at their discretion, waive the duty requirement provided sufficient notice of forfeit is given.
- 10.10.4 Teams who have won a game because of a forfeit, **must still fulfil** any duty team requirements. VSA may, at their discretion, waive the duty requirement provided sufficient notice of forfeit is given.

10.10.5 Any junior SAVL team that records more than three forfeits across the course of the scheduled season **may** be removed from the competition at the discretion of the Competitions Lead.

## 10.11 Start Times and Warm-up

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

<b>Protocol for State League Juniors</b>	
<b>Mins to Match Start</b>	<b>Action</b>
20	Previous game is finished, and teams clear the court. First Referee checks net height and duty team reports to court.
14	Coaches must complete the scoresheets and sign.
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

<b>Protocol for other junior divisions</b>	
<b>Mins to Match Start</b>	<b>Action</b>
10	Previous game is finished, and teams clear the court.  1 <sup>st</sup> Referee checks net height and duty team reports to court. Coaches must complete the scoresheets and sign.
7	Coin toss takes place, and captains complete and sign score sheets
6	Warm up commences at the net (teams control warm-up)
2	Teams to serve
1	Coaches' instruction
0	Teams assemble on court and rotation check and first serve

10.11.2 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. For example a match starts at 6:30pm, the 10-minute warm up will begin at 6:20pm.

## 10.12 Game Delays

10.12.1 Any issues with game delays will be reviewed at the time by the Arena Coordinator and/or Referee Supervisor.

10.12.2 If any State League Junior minor round game is affected, games will proceed as follows:

10.12.3 If the game is delayed by up to 30 minutes, the game will continue from where the last point was able to be played. An additional 5 minute warm up will be provided to both teams.

- 10.12.4 If the game is delayed by more than 30 minutes, 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.
- 10.12.5 In a timed minor round junior division game, excluding State League Juniors, that is affected by a delay, games will proceed as follows:
- 10.12.6 If the game is delayed by up to 15 minutes, the game will continue from where the last point was able to be played.
- 10.12.7 If the game is delayed by more than 15 minutes, a result will be determined if 1 or more 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 1 set has not been completed, then a draw will be recorded.
- 10.12.8 If a finals' series game is affected, by a delay more than 30 minutes the game shall be rescheduled at a time agreeable to VSA and the competing teams within the week following the scheduled match start time before the next finals round.

### 10.13 Draws and Seedings

- 10.13.1 All season draws and fixtures will be produced by the Competitions Lead and will be available on the [VSA website](#).
- 10.13.2 For a junior division, excluding State League Juniors, a grading tournament may be played prior to the commencement of the season at the discretion of the Competitions Lead. All nominated junior teams are expected to take part in this tournament. At the conclusion of this tournament the Competitions Lead and SAVL Junior Committee shall determine the divisions for the start of the main season.
- 10.13.3 At the start of the main season a set number of rounds will be played for grading. After this period, the Competitions Lead and SAVL Junior Committee shall determine the divisions and team numbers and release the full season draw.
- 10.13.4 Allocations for all junior divisions will be done at the discretion of the Competitions Lead in conjunction with the SAVL Junior Committee.
- 10.13.5 For junior teams that change divisions after the grading period, in accordance with [clause 10.13.3](#), all matches that the team were involved in will be recorded as a draw and set and point scores will remain.

### 10.14 Premiership Table and Scoring

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

Result	Points
Win	3
Draw / Tie	2
Loss	1
Forfeit	0

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

- 10.14.2.1 Premiership Points (in accordance with [clause 11.10.3 and 11.10.6](#)); then
- 10.14.2.2 Set Percentage (sets won/[sets played]); then
- 10.14.2.3 Point Percentage (points won/[points played])
- 10.14.3 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 [clause 11.10.3](#)) / Number of games played); then
  - 10.14.3.1 Set Percentage (sets won/[sets played]); then
  - 10.14.3.2 Point Percentage (points won/[points played]).
- 10.14.4 For timed games, a set is deemed to be 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.

## 11. Finals Series

- 11.1 The SAVL Junior divisional finals series shall be the games listed in the draw to be “semi-final” and “grand final” during the junior division season.
- 11.2 All finals matches will play untimed best of five sets.
- 11.3 All Finals matches will be fixtured into 2 timeslots per court (6:30pm and 8:00pm) unless otherwise stated by Volleyball South Australia.
- 11.4 An athlete may compete in the final's series for a SAVL Junior team if:
  - 4.3.1 The athlete has been noted on the scoresheet as competing in at least fifty per cent of the relevant scheduled matches for that team, or a lower team, as defined in the SAVL draw. For example, an athlete plays 5 rounds out of 12 in a season and thus cannot participate in finals if 5 rounds are 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.
  - 11.4.2 An athlete who participates in two separate divisions in the one round of SAVL as authorised under [clause 8](#) shall register only one match, in the lowest division in which the athlete competed, for finals qualification purposes.
  - 11.4.3 The athlete has no monies outstanding to VSA for which an invoice has been rendered to the athlete; and
  - 11.4.4 When a junior athlete qualifies for finals participation in a senior division, that athlete cannot use their senior division participation to qualify for a junior division. For example: Annie has qualified for Reserve through participation in the Reserve competition and this does not qualify her State League Junior finals.
  - 11.4.5 If, due to a professional contract, attending an overseas college due to volleyball, 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 [clause 8.3](#), 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, a signed copy of the FIVB international scoresheet featuring the athlete's name or signed documentation from the college the athlete attended). The supporting evidence/documentation must clearly state the dates for which the athlete was unavailable to compete in the SAVL Juniors competition and must be received by the Head of Participation no later than one week before the final series start date. It is recommended to provide as much detail within the exemption application as possible. 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 final's series in the relevant SAVL division for which the athlete qualifies.

11.4.6 If, due to injury or other medical condition (including pregnancy), an athlete is unable to qualify for the final series under the provisions of [clause 11.4.4](#), 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 Junior Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee. The supporting evidence must clearly state the duration for which the athlete was unable to compete in the SAVL Junior competition and must be received by the Head of Participation no later than one week before the final series start date. If the athlete satisfies the above and has been noted on scoresheets as having competed in at least fifty percent, 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 final's series in the relevant SAVL Junior division for which the athlete qualifies.

11.5 Notwithstanding the above, any athlete who qualifies for the Finals Series of a particular junior SAVL division is deemed to have qualified for the Finals Series of all higher junior SAVL divisions, as relevant.

## 12. SAVL Awards

- 12.1 VSA shall be responsible for determining the number and format of the SAVL annual awards but shall, at a minimum, include the following awards:
- 12.1.1 Athlete awards;
  - 12.1.2 Referee awards; and
  - 12.1.3 Volunteer awards.
- 12.2 Competition *Best and Fairest* awards for State League Junior will be presented at the conclusion of the regular season and will be determined by the following process:
- 12.2.1 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.
- 12.3 Grand Final *Best on Court* awards will be presented at the medal ceremony and will be determined by the following process:

- 12.3.1 For junior divisions, Grand Final *Best on Court* will be decided by both head coaches and the first referee in a 3,2,1 voting format.
- 12.4 The *Skip Cup* shall be awarded each year to the Club obtaining the highest number of points in accordance with the following table:

Position	Premier	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

**12.4.1 If a non-platinum club is entered in any of the competitions listed in the above table in [clause 12.4](#) they will be removed and all teams below will be moved up accordingly.**

### 13. Game Officials

- 13.1 VSA will endeavour to roster the first referee for each State League Junior game who shall hold at a minimum a Development Referee (Level 2 associate) qualification under the VA accreditation system and must be a member of VSA.
- 13.2 SAVL teams, when rostered to duty a divisional match as per the fixture, are required to provide a qualified first referee outlined below.

Juniors	VA accreditation minimum
State League Juniors	Level 2 Associate
Division 1 all ages	Level 1 minimum – Level 2 Associate preferred
Divisions 2 and below all ages	Level 1

- 13.3 For the grand finals of State League Junior VSA will provide a first and second referee. For grand finals of all other junior divisions, VSA will provide a first referee. The grand final fixture (released by VSA) will roster teams ranked lowest in their match up based off final ladder placings to complete the duty or as directed by the Competitions Lead.
- 13.4 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](#).
- 13.5 Each team is obliged to undertake the number of duties listed in the SAVL draw as released by VSA.
- 13.6 Any SAVL team scheduled to perform a duty is required to abide by the following procedure:
- 13.6.1 A minimum of five personnel must report to the court 20 minutes before the SAVL Junior match start time (as amended by any game delays, or cross-over times for timed junior division matches).
- 13.6.2 The four duty roles they will perform are

- 13.6.2.1 First referee;
- 13.6.2.2 Second referee;
- 13.6.2.3 Scorer; and
- 13.6.2.4 2 linespersons

13.6.3 These roles may interchange between sets except for the First referee as long as the standard is maintained.

- 13.7 If the procedures in [clause 13](#) are not complied with, the first referee or Arena Coordinator may, in his or her absolute discretion, report the team to the Competitions Lead.
- 13.8 If a team is reported to the Competitions Lead in accordance with clause 13.7, the Competitions Lead may, in his or her absolute discretion, determine to charge the offending team the *non-Duty fee* prescribed in Schedule 1 if found guilty.
- 13.9 SAVL coaches must be qualified in accordance with the table below to coach on game day:

<b>Juniors</b>	<b>VA accreditation minimum</b>
State League Juniors	Level 2 Associate
Division 1 all ages	Level 1 minimum – Level 2 Associate preferred
Divisions 2 and below all ages	Level 1

Where the game day coach is not qualified in accordance with this clause the penalty for *Unqualified Coach participation* listed in [Schedule 1](#) may apply.

## 14. Disputes

- 14.1 If any team is unsure of the interpretation of any regulation, then they must contact the Competitions Lead for a ruling. An incorrect interpretation of a Regulation by a team is no grounds for appeal for any penalties handed down by VSA.
- 14.2 In this clause 14, “complaint” means any dispute, complaint, grievance or appeal arising in relation to the application of the Regulations.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 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:
  - 14.4.1 The complainant shall give notice of the complaint to the Competition Lead by the close of the next business day of the conduct giving rise to the complaint; and
  - 14.4.2 The Competitions Lead shall, in their absolute discretion:
    - 14.4.2.1 resolve the complaint at the time the complaint is reported (provided no conflict of interest); or

14.4.2.2 refer the complaint to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee for resolution.

14.5 If a complainant or other interested party, wishes to appeal a resolution of the Competitions Lead (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 Head of Participation, who shall refer the appeal to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee.

14.6 The complainant, or other interested party, shall pay the appeal fee (refer to [Schedule 1](#)) to VSA at the time notice of the appeal is given.

14.7 Within three days of a referral of a complaint by the Competitions Lead, or the referral of an appeal by the Head of Participation, the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee shall convene a dispute review hearing.

14.8 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.

14.9 In this clause 15, **notice** shall be in writing and shall be:

14.9.1 if to be provided to the Competitions Lead:

14.9.1.1 hand-delivered to the Head of Participation; or

14.9.1.2 delivered to the VSA Office; or

14.9.1.3 emailed to the Head of Participation.

14.9.2 if to be provided to the Head of Participation:

14.9.2.1 delivered to the VSA Office; or

14.9.2.2 emailed to the Head of Participation.

## 15. SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes

15.1 The SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee (**Committee**) shall be constituted of three members drawn from the following persons:

15.1.1 The Volleyball SA Head of Participation;

15.1.2 A nominated Referee Delegate;

15.1.3 A member of the SAVL Junior Advisory Committee / Junior representative

15.2 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.

15.3 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 Competitions Lead as one of its members.

15.4 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 the Tuesday prior to the first finals match of SAVL Juniors.

15.5 In seasons where there are an uneven number of playing rounds, the Committee, in respect of clause 10, may elect to assign 50 percent of games minus one (e.g. in a season of 15 rounds, assign seven games rather than eight) to determine the finals eligibility threshold.

## 16. Match Sanctions

- 16.1 To protect the image of the sport and all participants, the following outlines disciplinary actions to be applied according to accumulated or excessive misconduct during matches.
- 16.2 Match sanctions will be cumulative during the SAVL Junior season:
- 16.3 For the avoidance of doubt, only misconduct and unsportsmanlike sanctions accumulate sanction points as per the table below. Delay sanctions are team sanctions, not individual player sanctions.
- 16.4 For the avoidance of doubt, team penalties will not be imposed using this scaling on player management, only individual sanctions will apply.
- 16.5 Any SAVL Junior participant, athlete or team official who receives a Red Card will be reviewed by Volleyball SA and where appropriate, referred to a disciplinary hearing with the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes committee, where further sanctions may be applied which could include and not be limited to suspension from future matches.
- 16.6 Any match suspensions received during the season will include a further 12-months of good behaviour or further disciplinary actions will apply.
- 16.7 If an athlete 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.
- 16.8 For the avoidance of doubt, the accumulative sanction point procedure shall also apply to final series matches.
- 16.9 VSA reserve the right to investigate incidents reported

## 17. First Aid

- 17.1 Basic first aid will be available at all SAVL venues through the appointed arena coordinator. Any additional items such as strapping tape will need to be supplied and administered by athletes, team officials, or team members.
- 17.2 Any hospital or ambulance costs will be the responsibility of the individual or the Club/Affiliate/school that the athlete is representing.

## 18. Special Circumstances or Provisions

- 18.1 Where these regulations are silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of the SAVL is always maintained.
- 18.2 The Competitions Lead, 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.

## 19. Notices

- 19.1 All notices and other correspondence shall be addressed to the Competitions Lead, as per the contact details on the VSA website.

## 20. Regulation Review

- The Regulations are to be reviewed annually by the Competitions Lead.

**Schedule 1 – Penalties and Fees**

Forfeit Fee (junior divisions)	\$170
Appeal fee	\$110
Illegitimate participation in the SAVL (athlete or official)	Team forfeit + Foreit Fine
Athlete Transfer fee	\$75
Non-Duty fee	\$150
Junior division late nomination fee	\$80
<b>*Note: Above costs/fees are inclusive of GST.</b>	

## Appendix 1 – 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.