



VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND
POIREWA AOTEAROA

New Zealand Tertiary Beach Volleyball Championships

Event Manual



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Tournament Management

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Championship Regulations

1. Player Eligibility

- Mens and Womens Pairs (Championship)
 - Players must be from the same tertiary institution and must be attending that tertiary institution full-time. Those entering 1st year in 2026 ARE eligible. Those who have just graduated in 2025 ARE also eligible
- Mens and Womens Pairs (Open Grade)
 - Players must be studying in the tertiary level, whether full-time or part-time. Players can be from different institutions.

Championships and Open grades may be merged depending on entries.

All participants must be VNZ registered members

<https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/about-us/vnz-membership>

2. Association Player (AP)

- Player's may only represent one Tertiary association. A players Association is defined by the following
 - the Tertiary association is affiliated with University Tertiary Sport New Zealand;

3. Team Registrations:

- Teams must register through the VNZ approved entry platform outlined on the VNZ website.

4. Team Composition

A team is made up of 2 players. After the technical meeting/ sign-in these teams will only be allowed to be changed under exceptional circumstances and at the decision of the Tournament Director.

5. Uniforms

- Playing tops should be numbered, 1 & 2.
- The team must wear the same uniform when playing. The pair must decide if they will play in either singlet uniform, crop top uniform, shorts, bikini bottoms right before their game. This may be changed per game.
- Shorts and bottoms must be the same design or at least same in colour/shade.
- Uniform design is at the discretion of the association, Volleyball NZ would prefer that teams are in "association colours".

Even if an association chooses not to provide the uniform for their teams, they are still responsible for uniforms to be matching, appropriate and comfortable.

6. Net Height

- Under 17 & Under 19
 - Male: 2.43m
 - Female: 2.24m

7. Match Ball

- Only the official VNZ match ball (Mikasa VLS300) will be used for matches.
- Two match ball per court will be provided.

8. Set Format

- All matches will be best of 3 sets (2 sets to 21, 1 set to 15) with a 2-point advantage in all sets.
- Adjustments to match length may be used by the organisers to meet draw requirements.
- End switch every 7 points in sets to 21 and every 5 points in sets to 15.

9. Match Protocol

- Teams must be present in the court at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their match.
- Teams will have minimum 5 minutes warm up with balls on their side of the court
- Teams will then have 5 minutes warm up together at the net
- At the Organiser's discretion, matches may be moved to a court differing from that scheduled in the Draw.

10.Coaching

- Coaching of any kind by anyone is not permitted from the first serve of the set until the end of each set. Coaches may approach the players after each set, but not during the set. Coaches must sit at the side (middle of the court) or switch ends every 7 points with their players.
- Timeouts cannot be called by anyone other than the team captain.

11.Match/Set Defaults

- Any team which is not ready to take the court (2 players) at the scheduled start time of the match, or 10 minutes after the completion of the previous match (if behind schedule) will lose the first set by default.
- If 15 minutes after the commencement of the match, the team has not yet arrived, the match is forfeited.
- Extenuating circumstances will be considered by the Tournament Director, to delay or reschedule a match if circumstances warrant.
- ALL Defaults must be handled in conjunction with a tournament official. Duty teams cannot decide on a default without informing the tournament office.

12.Official Protest

- Should any team wish to make an official protest, the Team Captain must immediately notify the 1st Referee.
- The match will be frozen.
- The Court Controller notified, and the Tournament Director or Referee Delegate called.
- A fee of \$50 is required up front; any protest that is not upheld will be subject to a loss of \$50.
- If the protest cannot be resolved by the Referee Delegate/Tournament Director, the Disputes Committee will be formed to consider the Protest. The Disputes Committee may consist of any two of:
 - Tournament Director
 - Tournament Controllers
 - Independent
- The Disputes Committee decision is final.

13.Duty

- Each team is required to provide:
 - A first referee and a 2nd referee/scorer
- All
 - Failure to properly complete duty will result to a \$20 fine.

- Teams must supply own whistles.

14.Pool Rankings

Rankings will be determined as follows, in order of priority

- Number of Victories: Teams will be classified in descending order by the number of matches won.
- If there is a tie between just two teams, the set quotient will be looked at first, then the point quotient if still tied at set quotient.
- Set quotient: In the case of equality in matches won by two or several teams, they will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost
- Point's quotient: In the case that the set quotient is the same for both teams, teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of points lost during all sets which involve the 2 of the tied teams.
- When the tie still exists in Set quotient and is between 2 or more teams, a new classification of these teams point quotient will be made to include all pool matches.
- If the Point's quotient is still a tie, the team that beat the other in their last game will have a higher rank than the other.

15.Player and Coach Behaviour

- Players and coaches are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and appropriate behaviour at all times.