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PREAMBLE

The 2019 Australian Junior Volleyball Championships (AJVC) will be hosted by Volleyball Australia (VA) in the nation's capital, Canberra, ACT, from Sunday 29th September through Saturday 5th October 2019. This year's tournament marks the 30th Anniversary of the premier annual junior national event and will see the addition of the Under 14 Boys and Girls age group classification. In total, ten (10) divisions will compete to be crowned the 2019 Australian Junior National Champions in their age/gender group division. In addition, the President's Cup will also be awarded to the best performing Member State/Territory during the championship event.

While the AJVC is primarily an Australian National Tournament, International and Invitational Teams may also compete, subject to the conditions listed in these Tournament Regulations.

The following document outlines the rules, regulations and requirements for the 2019 AJVC. The tournament will be played under the FIVB "[Official Volleyball Rules 2017-2020](#)" except where over-ruled by these Tournament Regulations.

1. GOVERNANCE

Volleyball Australia (VA), through the VA Board, controls all national volleyball competitions. The Australian Junior Volleyball Championships (AJVC) will be delivered in 2019 by Volleyball Australia (VA).

The Organisational Structure of the event can be found in [Appendix 1](#).

1.1 CONTROL COMMITTEE

The Control Committee is the highest authority during the Tournament, with the powers of VA and VARC. It will convene two (2) months prior to the start of the competition and will dissolve following the conclusion of the Tournament.

The Control Committee will consist of the following event staff members: Tournament Director, Operations Manager, Competitions Manager and the Technical Delegate. The Tournament Director shall be the chair of the committee.

The Control Committee will be responsible for: -

- The smooth running of all activities related to the competition.
- The adherence to VA Constitution, Event Regulations and the Official Volleyball Rules.
- The conduct of a General Technical Meeting on the day before the start of competition.
- Ensure the Referees workshop is conducted prior to the General Technical Meeting.

1.2 SUB COMMITTEES OF THE CONTROL COMMITTEE

During the conduct of the Tournament, the Control Committee may find it necessary to appoint Sub-Committees to assist with its duties.

They may include but are not limited to:

- Awards Sub-Committee
- Communications Sub-Committee
- Disciplinary Sub-Committee
- Risk Management Committee
- Tournament Coaches Sub-Committee

2. TOURNAMENT DIVISIONS, FORMAT & KEY DATES/DEADLINES

2.1 DIVISIONS

There will be ten (10) divisions conducted at the 2019 AJVC (due to entries):

Age Group	Boys		Girls	
U/14	Championship		Championship	
U/15	Championship		Championship	
U/17	Championship	Division 1	Championship	Division 1
U/19	Championship		Championship	

Age Divisions in AJVC 2019 are defined as: -

Under 19 – Player must not turn 19 years old, or older, during the year of the event.

Under 17 – Player must not turn 17 years old, or older, during the year of the event.

Under 15 – Player must not turn 15 years old, or older, during the year of the event.

Under 14 – Player must not turn 14 years old, or older, during the year of the event.

2.2 FORMAT

The competition format is based on the number of nominations received in each division and aims to provide all teams with a minimum of eight (8) matches.

This could include single/double round robin pool play and repechage/crossovers/extension pools/finals.

A comprehensive overview of each divisions format (based on number of teams) can be found under [Appendix 2](#).

No later than five (5) weeks prior to the start of competition, an official draw will be sent to all participating teams. Nominated teams will have one (1) week to dispute the draw or provide feedback. Following the Draft Draw Feedback window, the final draw will be distributed, no later than, three (3) weeks prior to the start of competition.

1.4.1 Division 2 and/or Division Consolidation

The potential to add an additional division (i.e. Division 2) and/or consolidate divisions (Championship and Division 1 merge) may be incorporated in the tournament format. This will be dependent upon the number of teams registered in each gender/age group.

***NOTE: Divisional Structure changes will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director; and Member States / Territories will be notified in writing at the earliest date possible.**

2.3 KEY DATES/DEADLINES

ALL key dates and deadlines for the tournament can be found under [Appendix 3](#).

3. TEAM ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY PROCESS

3.1 ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS – STATE / TERRITORY, INTERNATIONAL & INVITATIONAL

The AJVC is a closed tournament that is reserved for Member State / Territory Representative teams and may extend invitations to international and select teams to participate.

3.1.1 Member State / Territory Teams

Member States / Territories may nominate one (1) team per age and gender group to compete in the Championship Division; a maximum of eight (8) teams per Member State / Territory.

In addition, Member States / Territories can enter multiple teams per age and gender group to compete in Division 1, subject to operational and venue capacity.

3.1.2 International & Invitational Teams

International and Invitational Teams will be allowed to participate at the 2019 AJVC, with approval of the VA Board, and will not exceed 25% of any division. These teams will compete on an equal basis with all other teams in the competition and in all phases of the tournament.

***NOTE: International and Invitational Teams will not accumulate points towards the President's Cup and their athletes, coaches and officials will not be eligible for any tournament merit awards.**

3.2 TEAM EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Expressions of Interest (EOI) for team entry will open on Friday 17TH May 2019.

Member States / Territories are encouraged to submit a 2019 Team Expression of Interest Form ([Appendix 4](#)) for each potential team (per Division & Gender). This will allow for the creation of an event framework that will assist organisers in the event operations planning process.

The deadline for team EOI will be 11:59 pm AEST on Friday 31ST May 2019.

3.3 TEAM ENTRY – TEAM NOMINATIONS, AMENDMENTS & WITHDRAWALS

3.3.1 Team Nominations

For official entry into the 2019 AJVC, Member States / Territories must submit their 2019 AJVC Team Nominations through the online registration portal found on the Volleyball Australia Junior Events website (2019 AJVC).

The deadline for Team Nominations will be 11:59 pm AEST on Monday 24th June 2019.

3.3.2 Team Nomination Amendments & Withdrawal

Once a Member State / Territory has officially submitted their team nominations, they can amend and/or withdraw their nominations via the online registration portal.

The deadline for Team Nomination Amendments and/or Withdrawals will be 11:59 pm AEST on Monday 24th June 2019.

3.4 TEAM REGISTRATION – FEES, FORMS & RANKINGS

3.4.1 Team Entry Fees

The entry fees for the event are published in [Appendix 5](#).

The deadline for team entry fee payment will be 11:59 pm AEST on Thursday 22nd August 2019.

3.4.2 Team Registration Forms

All teams that have been nominated and accepted into the tournament must finalise their team rosters, including players and officials (i.e. – Coach, Assistant Coach, etc.) by the registration deadline.

The deadline for Team and Official Registration and Player's Certificates of Clearance forms will be 11:59 pm AEST on Monday 16th September 2019.

***NOTE: Any team that has failed to complete their Online Registration will not be eligible to participate in the medal rounds of their age group/division and will not accumulate points towards the Presidents Cup for their Member State / Territory.**

3.4.3 Team Rankings

If Member States/Territories (or National Federations) have more than one (1) team competing in any division, they must clearly prioritise their nominations for seeding purposes. This should be advised at the same time as the team nomination..

4. PLAYER & OFFICIAL ELIGIBILITY

4.1 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

All Players must meet the following criteria to be eligible for participation:

- Be a current registered full active member of the Member State / Territory Association
- Be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident – (see Exceptions)
- Meet the age criteria (as shown under [Divisions](#))

4.1.1 Exceptions

Dispensation to citizenship criteria may be considered in special cases, following submissions being made to the VA Board through the Tournament Director. No more than two (2) non-Australian Citizens, or permanent residents may play for any team representing a Member State/Territory.

***NOTE: Teams that do not meet the two (2) non-Australian Citizens or permanent resident criteria, may be eligible to compete as an Invitational Team.**

4.1.2 International Players

In addition to meeting the age criteria (Divisions), international players must have permission from their National Federation of Origin to compete at the tournament. ITF?

Additionally, international player's must also provide a copy of their "International Transfer Certificate", to be eligible to compete. All Players and Officials must be current registered full active members of the State/Territory Association they represent and be of age for the division they are to compete.

4.2 ELIGIBILITY OF COACHES

All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches appointed to a 2019 AJVC team must have a minimum accreditation of Level 2 - Volleyball Talent Development Coach.

4.3 ELIGIBILITY OF REFEREE'S

All nominated referees must meet the following accreditation requirements (per age group):

Age Group	Accreditation Level
U/19	Elite Referee (Level 3)
U/14, U/15 & U/17	Talent Development Referee (Level 2)

In addition, ALL players must have a Level 1 - Foundation Referee accreditation prior to the event start date. (see Team Obligations below)

All referee course requirements and accreditations can be found by contacting your Member State/Territory or online at the Volleyball Australia's Referee Education & Development [website](#).

***NOTE: It is recommended that all coaches complete this officiating course to be best prepared for the event.**

5. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

VA will meet the cost of all equipment and services required for the operation of the Tournament, unless noted otherwise.

5.1 TEAM EXPENSES

All accommodation, meals and transportation costs for participating teams is the responsibility of a team's Member State / Territory or National Federation.

5.2 OFFICIALS EXPENSES

Member States will be responsible for liaising with VA to determine who will book travel and accommodation for the Referee Delegate, Referee Supervisors and Nominated Referees (see 11.3 for Referee requirements). VA will meet these costs as per requirements. Any additional accommodation will need to be paid by the Member State or the referee requesting a longer stay.

The cost of travel for Referees accompanying International and Invitational Teams will be at that team's expense.

6. PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETINGS

6.1 GENERAL TECHNICAL MEETING

Those attending will be the Control Committee members, Heads of Delegation, Coaches, Referees and Tournament Staff.

The meeting agenda will include (but is not limited to) the following:

- Welcome by the Tournament Director
- Introduction of the Tournament Staff, Referee Delegates and Referees.
- Tournament overview
- Venues overview
- Reports on the eligibility of players and team uniforms
- Drug Testing Policy
- Technical matters of the competition and training schedule
- Transportation
- Miscellaneous

The Tournament Director will chair the meeting.

6.2 TEAM REGISTRATION UPON ARRIVAL

All teams are required to register with Tournament officials on the Training Day to confirm that they have arrived at the venue. This registration process includes the proof of age verification of players. Team managers must have a copy of all their player's Birth Extract, Certificate or Passport and to make these available to event officials if a dispute re the player's age is questioned. Also, any medical certificates are required to be handed into officials at this time, including certificates for medical exemptions.

The organisers will then hand over any relevant information, including the Final Draw. It is recommended that the organisers provide each team with a "Tournament Pack" of information containing the draw for their division, programs for all players, and any other relevant sponsorship and tourist information.

7. CEREMONIES

7.1 OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony will be held at the AIS Arena at 2:00pm Sunday 29 September 2019.

7.2 CLOSING CEREMONY

The Closing Ceremony and medal presentations will take place at the AIS Arena at 1:00pm Saturday 5th October 2019, or immediately following the conclusion of the last final.

8. TOURNAMENT DRAW & SEEDINGS

8.1 DRAW PRINCIPLES

The draw will aim to provide the following number of matches in the tournament:

Age Group	U14's / U15's	U17's / U19's
# of Matches	7 - 10	7 - 10
Match Format	3-Compulsory-Sets	Best-of-5-Sets
Medals Format	Best-of-5-Sets	Best-of-5-Sets

***NOTE: Best-of-5 Sets are played with no-time limit and each team will play 1 or 2 matches every day of the tournament except for Finals Rounds where this is not guaranteed.**

8.1.1 Schedule

The match schedule will include the following timeslots:

- Sunday 29 September: 4:00pm – 8:00pm (Following Opening Ceremonies)
- Monday 30 September through Friday 4th October: 8:00am – 10:00pm
- Saturday 5 October: 8:00am – 1:00pm (Finals with a Guaranteed Earliest Start Time (GEST))

The daily match intervals for the 3-compulsory-sets format in U/14 & U/15 competitions are scheduled for 90-minutes, including the 20 minute per-match protocol. ([see Pre-Match Protocol](#))

The daily match intervals for Best-of-5-sets in U/17 & U/19 competitions and ALL medal matches are scheduled for 120-minutes.

8.1.2 Pre-Match Protocol

There will be a 20-minute protocol between matches, “Pre-Match Protocol”, as determined by the rules and conventions that prevail within the rules of the game and their international interpretation at the time ([Appendix 6](#)). This protocol may be altered at the discretion of the Tournament Director but will never exceed 20 minutes.

In the case where a team arrives late to the “Pre-Match Protocol”, they will receive a reduced warm up as per the time of their arrival.

8.1.3 Match Protocol

The first match of the day will commence as per the scheduled time. Subsequent matches will commence as per the GEST, or 20 minutes after the last whistle of the preceding match.

***NOTE: Commencement, in the context of this rule refers to the whistle to commence the first rally of the match.**

8.2 CONSTRUCTING THE DRAW

VA will construct a draw for the playing sequence of matches. The sequence of matches will be in accordance with a pre-determined draw structure, relative to the number of teams participating.

In the event of a team withdrawing from the Tournament prior to the commencement of play, a new draw will be prepared for that division.

If a team withdraws after the start of play, the following shall occur:

8.2.1 Restructure Division

If the division can be restructured to minimise the impact of the missing team and ensure that teams will still achieve the match conditions described in these regulations, then the restructure

shall be undertaken subject to approval of the Tournament Director and the Control Committee. Such a restructure shall not render any completed matches (other than forfeits) null and void.

8.2.2 Non-Restructure Division

If the division cannot be restructured in such a way that completed matches can be incorporated, then the division shall proceed as drawn with a forfeit for all matches involving the withdrawn team. The withdrawn team and/or its State will still be required to provide duty personnel for all rostered duties for that team.

8.3 TEAM SEEDINGS

Teams will be seeded in accordance with their assigned ranking, as per the Online Team Registration Forms.

In the event a team ranking is not assigned on the Online Team Registration Form, teams will be randomly seeded.

8.3.1 Seeding Disputes

The “Draft Draw”, including team seedings, will be released no later than Monday 26th August 2019.

Disputes regarding team seeding must be put in writing to the Tournament Director within one (1) week of the release of the draft draw.

The deadline to submit a seeding dispute will be 11:59pm AEST one week from the “Draft Draw” release date. Example, if the draft draw is released on Monday 26th August, the deadline to submit a dispute will be Monday 2nd September 2019.

Any disputes received after this time will not be reviewed.

8.3.2 Unresolved Disputes

If a dispute regarding the seeding of any team is unresolved during the draw feedback window, details of the dispute will be submitted in writing to the Tournament Director for arbitration by the Control Committee.

9. TOURNAMENT POINTS & FINALS FORMAT

9.1 ALLOCATION OF TOURNAMENT POINTS

Competition points are allocated as follows:

Match won	2 points
Match lost	1 point
Forfeit or disqualification	0 points

***NOTE: IN 3-Compulsory-Set matches, an additional 1 competition point will be allocated for each set won in every match to ensure that all three sets are “live”.**

9.2 FINALS FORMAT

The format for finals will be a mix of setups depending upon the size of each divisions pool. The formats may include a Bracket (1v4, 2v3, etc.), a Split Bracket (1 v Winner of 2v3, etc.) or Ladder Final (1v2, 3v4, 5v6, etc.).

Teams ranking from their pool round will determine their placement in the finals round brackets/ladders.

In the case of a multi-pool division, placements in the finals round will be determined through an extension pool-play format (i.e. teams advance to secondary pool based on their initial pool play ranking), or based on their final pool standings (i.e. Pool A 1 v Pool B 1).

9.3 IN THE CASE OF A TIE

In the case of a tie in Tournament points between two or more teams at the completion of round robin or pool play, the tied teams are separated by first by set ratio and if still tied, by points ratio as outlined below.

Set Ratio

$$\text{Sets Ratio} = \frac{\text{Sets Won}}{\text{Total Sets}}$$

Example of Set Ratio Process

Team A: won 12 sets, lost 8

Team B: won 10 sets, lost 9

Team A Set Ratio = $12/20 = 0.600$

Team B Set Ratio = $10/19 = 0.526$

Team A has the highest set ratio and is therefore awarded the higher placing in the round robin or pool play.

Points Ratio

$$\text{Points Ratio} = \frac{\text{Points Won}}{\text{Total Points}}$$

Example of Points Ratio Process

Team A: won 444 points, lost 356

Team B: won 421 points, lost 279

Team A Points Ratio = $444/800 = 0.555$

Team B Points Ratio = $421/700 = 0.601$

Team B has the highest Points Ratio and is therefore awarded the higher placing in the round robin or pool play.

Head-to-Head / Coin Toss

If a tie still exists after the calculation of Points Ratio, the winner of the match between two (2) teams will be awarded the higher placing.

If teams play in a Double Round Robin Pool and both teams win one match each, then the team who won the second match will be awarded the higher placing.

If the teams in question have not played each other (e.g. from different pools) and tie still exists after the calculation of Points Ratio, a coin toss will be used to separate the tied teams. The team that wins the Coin Toss will be awarded the higher placing.

10. MATCH CONDITIONS

10.1 MATCH RULES

All matches will be played according to FIVB Rules 2017-20.

10.1.1 Exceptions

1. The 12 Substitution Rule; Refer to [Appendix 7](#).
2. Libero
 - In best of 5 set matches – Up to 2 Liberos will be allocated per match
 - In 'compulsory 3 sets' matches – Up to 2 Liberos will be allocated per set

10.2 MATCH BALLS

The competition will use the Mikasa V200W as the official match ball for the 2019 AJVC.

10.3 NET HEIGHTS

Age/Gender	U/19	U/17	U/15	U/14
Boys	2.43m	2.43m	2.24m	2.24m
Girls	2.24m	2.24m	2.15m	2.15m

10.4 PROTEST RESOLUTION

In the first instance, protests must be resolved according to the "On the Spot Resolution Procedure" ([Appendix 8](#)).

The Control Committee's verdict will be final for the duration of the Tournament.

10.5 SUBSTITUTIONS & SUBSTITUTION PADDLE

Player substitutions will be in accordance with FIVB Rules.

10.5.1 Substitution Paddle's

Player's will be required to use substitution paddles when entering and exiting a game.

The event organizer will provide each team's bench with a set of whiteboard paddles and whiteboard markers.

The number of the player to be substituted for must be legible recorded on the substitution paddle and held up by the player who is entering the match.

10.6 MATCH CAPTAIN'S & CAPTAIN'S BAR

All teams must nominate a single captain per each match.

10.6.1 Multiple Captain's

If a team elects to have multiple captains, a determination before the beginning of each match will have to be made as to who will serve as the team captain for that specific match. The player must be identified as the team's captain and wear the uniform with the captain's bar at the coin toss and must not be one of the liberos nominated for that match.

10.6.2 Captain's Bar

The captain's uniform must have a Captain's Bar as stipulated in [FIVB Rule 4.3.4](#).

The strip can be temporary, if teams wish to change match captains each match. This can be done via a temporary velcro strip or a stripe of tape.

The colour of the captain's bar must match the colour of the number on the team uniform.

***NOTE: If a velcro strip is used, the velcro loop "fuzzy side" must match the team uniform colour.**

11. TEAM OBLIGATIONS

11.1 PLAYING COMMITMENT

It is the participating Team's responsibility to be at the venue prepared to take the court to play their match at the Guaranteed Earliest Start Time (GEST).

11.2 MATCH DUTY & ROSTER

All athletes must have a minimum Level 1 VA Referee Accreditation.

Each rostered duty team will provide a second referee, a scorer and two (2) line judges.

Line judges and scorers may be changed during the interval between sets, but all must report to the referees for instructions ten (10) minutes prior to the match.

Duty personnel are to be neatly dressed in their State uniforms and will present themselves in keeping with the standard of the competition and the image of the game. Duty personnel must not have mobile phones, music devices or headphones whilst doing duty. Line judges must remain standing throughout the match and wear enclosed shoes.

There is an expectation that all teams can complete duties, and States should ensure that their teams are adequately prepared. State Referee Associations can assist with the preparation of teams by running clinics, workshops, seminars etc.

The Control Committee will attempt to provide a full referee corps for all medal matches. Duty teams (loser of previous match) may be required. This will be advised on the day by the Referee Delegate.

11.3 NOMINATED REFEREES

Each participating team must nominate a given number of referees, based on the number of teams they have registered in the Tournament. Team nominations will not be considered complete, and will not be accepted, without the referee nominations.

NOTE: The cost of travel for Referees accompanying International Teams will be at that Team's own expense.

The VARC may recommend that States include specific referees as part of their quota.

Any referee that withdraws from AJVC prior to the competition and airfares have already been purchased for them, will be liable for the cost of their airfares and any other Tournament costs already incurred. An invoice recouping the costs will be sent to the referee and a copy to the Member State/National Federation immediately.

AJVC 2019 will be played across three (3) venues and include a total of 9-courts. The referee quota formula will be as follows:

Team Nomination	No. Referees	Team Nomination	No. Referees
1	1	10 - 11	7
2	2	12 - 13	8
3	3	14 - 15	9
4 - 5	4	16 - 17	10
6 - 7	5	18 - 19	11
8 - 9	6	20 - 21	12

Member States/Territories or International Teams failing to supply the calculated number of nominated referees will be liable to a fine as determined by the VA Board, of not less than \$1000 per referee, payable to VA. Proxy Referees will be appointed by VA where necessary and the fine will be used to cover the costs of the replacement referee (flights, accommodation, etc.).

11.3.1 Minimum Referee Grading

Nominated Referees must have a minimum VA Referee Accreditation of Level 2.

11.4 REFEREE DUTIES

Considering the work health and safety of officials, and maintaining quality of performance, nominated referees will be appointed to no more than 4 matches per day.

The Control Committee will attempt to provide a 1st Referee, a 2nd referee and a Scorer for each match; however, the minimum requirements per division are as follows:

Classification	1 st Referee	2 nd Referee	Scorer
Championship Division	Yes	No	Yes
Division 1	Yes	No	Yes

All Nominated Referees must stay and officiate for the period they have been nominated and attend the pre-event seminar held on the referee training day.

Referees are subject to the VA “Officials Code of Behaviour” for the entire period of the event.

11.5 UNIFORMS

All uniforms worn during a match will be the same (i.e. identical playing tops and pants).

Where players’ names appear on their playing top, all uniforms must display the player’s name (i.e. all with players’ names included or all without).

All socks worn by the team during a match will be the same colour and length (i.e. identical colour and length).

***NOTE: There are two lengths for socks; ‘Short Socks’ are ankle and calf length socks; ‘Long Socks’ are knee length.**

11.5.1 Libero Uniform

Provision will be made for Libero players to wear immediately recognisable contrasting shirts, as per the FIVB Rules. The Libero shirt will carry the player’s playing number. The Control Committee reserves the right to enforce on the libero players to wear a bright colored bib on top of their shirt if their uniform is judged to being NOT sufficiently contrasting.

11.5.2 Numbering

Numbers 1 - 99 are allowed. Where alternate playing shirts are used, players will retain the same playing number.

11.5.3 Bench Uniforms (Coach/Manager)

Coaches & Managers on the team bench must have matching team shirts. It is also preferable for team shorts / pants to match, and if hats are worn, then all bench staff must also wear a hat and they must be matching.

11.5.4 Compression Garments

Compression garments are permitted to be worn by players for protection or support. These devices must be of the same colour as the corresponding part of the uniform. Black, white or neutral colours may also be used provided the colour is uniform among all team members.

No other clothing (other than compressions) may be visible outside of the playing uniform without prior written permission of the Control Committee.

11.5.5 Uniform Approval

All teams are required to provide the Tournament Director with a digital photo of their captain’s shirt, a playing shirt, the libero shirt and the team shorts for approval by the Uniform Approval Deadline. Any action required to fix issues with these items must be completed by the teams prior to the General Technical Meeting when non-conforming uniforms will be re-checked for approval. An updated photo of the non-conforming items must also be submitted as part of the re-check approval process.

Failure to present uniforms by the Uniform Approval Deadline and/or General Technical Meeting will incur a penalty ([see 15.2](#)).

***NOTE: Uniforms should not have side panels as it may hinder the ability of the alternate uniform being sufficiently contrasting for libero purposes.**

11.5.6 Uniform Exemptions – Personal/ Religious Belief

In addition to wearing the required team uniform, players can individually wear leggings, long sleeve shirts and headwear (i.e. hijab) based on personal and/or religious beliefs. These garments must be black, white or match the team uniform colour.

11.5.7 Uniform Exemptions – Medical

If a player has a medical reason to wear an altered version of the uniform, (i.e. – have medical reason to wear compression garments that are different to other team members / have to wear a different playing top or playing shorts to other team members) a medical exemption must be submitted, in writing, along with a medical certificate to VA for approval.

11.5.8 Uniform Violations

Every violation of the uniform requirements identified by a Referee Delegate, Referee Supervisor or Tournament Director will result in a penalty as stated in [Section 15.2](#) of these regulations, payable to VA by the Member State/Territory, National Federation or Invitational Team Association prior to the conclusion of the Tournament.

11.6 TEAM EQUIPMENT

All teams will provide their own:

- warm-up balls
- adequate First Aid Kit and massage table
- physiotherapist

12. AWARDS

12.1 TEAM AWARDS

A trophy is awarded to the winning team in each division.

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to each player and coach in the three (3) top Australian teams of each division.

International teams finishing in the Top 3 will receive corresponding medals.

12.2 THE PRESIDENTS CUP

The Presidents Cup is a perpetual trophy awarded to the Member State with the highest overall achievement at the Tournament across all Championship divisions.

The measurement of achievement is based on medals won, and is calculated as follows:

Gold Medal:	3 points
Silver Medal:	2 points
Bronze Medal:	1 point

In the event of a tie in the calculations for the Presidents Cup, the tied Member States will be separated using the process below. These processes are to be applied in the order listed and as soon as the tied Member States are separated by one of the processes, no subsequent processes are to be applied.

In the event of equal points and a count back the President's Cup shall be awarded as follows:

1. The State which won the most gold medals or if equal...
2. The State which won the most silver medals or if equal...
3. The State which had more teams competing in Championship division grand finals and bronze playoffs or if equal.
4. The State which won more matches at the Tournament in Champions Divisions.

12.3 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Individual recognition will be awarded within the following categories:

- 10 x Finals Match MVP (Awarded by Winning Team Coach)
- 2 x Umpire Awards (Awarded by Referee Delegate's and Referee Supervisors)
- 7 x State / Territory Coach of the Year Award (Determined by each State / Territory)

12.3.1 Finals Match MVP

The Finals Match MVP will be decided by the winning teams coaching staff immediately following the conclusion of the final match.

The head coach will be required to notify the Operations Manager, in writing, of their decision 30-minutes prior to the start of the Closing Ceremony.

12.3.2 Umpire Awards

The Umpire Awards will be decided by the Referee Delegate's and Referee Supervisors.

A Referee Delegate and Referee Supervisor representative will be required to notify the Operations Manager, in writing, of their decision 30-minutes prior to the start of the Closing Ceremony.

12.3.3 State /Territory Coach of the Year

The State / Territory Coach of the Year will be decided by each State / Territory Association.

A State / Territory representative will be required to notify the Operations Manager, in writing, no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of the event.

12.4 PRESENTATION

All awards will be presented at the Closing Ceremony.

13. TOURNAMENT SERVICES

13.1 MEDICAL SERVICES

The local hospital will be informed of the dates and times of the Tournament.

Teams will be provided with details of a local sports medicine doctor or clinic along with their contact numbers and addresses. The Tournament Host will provide a qualified Sports Trainer from 30 minutes before scheduled matches until the end of the last match daily.

Each delegation is responsible for providing their own qualified sports trainer/s or physiotherapists during all games and official training sessions. The Tournament Host will attempt to provide suitable workspaces within the venue's capacity.

13.2 OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

VA will appoint an official photographer for the Tournament.

The photographer must be able to provide a range of photographic services, including, team photos, action shots and any other photos requested by VA. An area will be provided for official photos.

14. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

14.1 PLAYER NAMES

Player's names on the O-2 Team Registration Forms can be a preferred name, so long as the players name on the O-2 form, scoresheet and player's uniform match.

In the event that a player is required to provide proof of name, the burden will lay with the State to provide sufficient evidence as to the player's real name and use of a preferred name: i.e. part of a hyphenated name, parent's marriage certificate where child has different name due to birth parent surname, parent's consent, etc.

14.2 ALCOHOL / DRUG CONSUMPTION

Players are strictly forbidden to smoke, drink alcohol or take any illegal/banned¹ drugs during the tournament. Any breach of this rule will result in the player being ejected from the Tournament.

The player’s State Executive Director will be notified, and the player returned home on the first available transport. Any additional expenses will be the responsibility of the player’s member State. It is the State’s responsibility to ensure all child protection laws are complied with.

Tournament Personnel, Coaches and Referees are not permitted to smoke or drink alcohol while at the Tournament venue. The use of illicit drugs is strictly forbidden.

Individual Member States/Territories should take responsibility for providing their adult representatives (coaches, team managers, referees and players above the age of 18) with direction on alcohol and drug consumption while at the Tournament.

14.3 VA ANTI-DOPING POLICY

The “VA Anti-Doping Policy” is applicable at this Tournament. A condition of nomination is that all athletes accept this policy which includes random drug testing. This policy should be downloaded from the VA website and communicated to all participants prior to the event:

<http://www.volleyballaustralia.org.au/page/anti-doping>

14.4 STEALING AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY & SUB-COMMITTEE INTERVENTION

Any incidents of theft will result in the expulsion of the individual/s from the Tournament. Where appropriate, police intervention will be sought.

Any individual or team found to have willfully damaged a facility or equipment or the like will face sanctions by the Control Committee. Sanctions may include paying for the repair or replacement resulting from the damage.

14.5 BLOOD

VA endorses the Australian Sports Medicine Federation Infectious Diseases Policy.

Matches will not proceed if there is a bleeding player, or blood is evident on equipment or the field of play. Should bleeding occur, the player will be removed from the game and the court cleaned of any blood spills. The player cannot return to the court until there is no evidence of blood or bleeding on the player.

This replacement is not included in the team’s allocated number of substitutions. This replacement is to be recorded in the comments section on the scoresheet.

14.6 PARTICIPANT CONDUCT

To protect the image of the sport and all participants the following outlines disciplinary actions to be applied according to accumulated or excessive misconduct.

Misconduct sanctions will be cumulative during the AJVC event:

Warning	Yellow Card	1 point
Penalty	Red Card	2 points
Expulsion	Yellow and Red Cards together	4 points
Disqualification	Yellow and Red Cards separately	points

Any event participant whom accumulates four points, or multiples of, will be automatically suspended for one match for each four points.

Participants whom receive a sanction of Expulsion or Disqualification will automatically be referred to a Disciplinary Committee hearing, where a suspension may be reduced, endorsed or increased dependent upon the situation.

¹ Banned drugs are those on the banned list of supplements as published by ASADA

Should any member of the official team incur three yellow cards (Warning) during the Tournament, they will be immediately suspended for their teams next scheduled match. Suspension means that the offender cannot be present in the playing hall, or its viewing galleries or stands, for the duration of the match.

Should a member of the official team incur two (2) red cards during the Tournament, the disciplinary sub-committee will meet to deliberate on further disciplinary action.

Should a member of the official team be expelled or disqualified during the Tournament, they will be immediately suspended for their team's next two (2) scheduled matches. Suspension means that the offender cannot be present in the playing hall, or its viewing galleries or stands, for the duration of the match.

Should a member of the official team bring the game or the sport into disrepute they will be called before a Disciplinary Sub-Committee to explain their actions. Repetition of the above penalties is considered to bring the game or sport into disrepute. The Sub-Committee will decide what action, if any, should be taken. Penalties range from a warning through to a fine and expulsion from the Tournament.

14.7 CHILD PROTECTION

Where applicable, all adult persons involved in the Tournament will be subject to and comply with the "VA Member Protection Policy" and relevant State Child Protection Legislation.

14.8 SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

The VA Social Media Policy aims to provide some guiding principles to follow when using social media. The intent of this policy is to include anything posted online where information is shared that might affect members, colleagues, clients, sponsors or Volleyball Australia as an organisation and bring the organisation into disrepute. All players, coaches, team members and referees are expected to be aware of the content of this policy:

<http://www.volleyballaustralia.org.au/page/policies>

Any breaches of the policy will be referred to the Control Committee for appropriate review and action.

14.9 CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT POLICY

Volleyball Australia supports the 'Concussion in Sport Australia Position Statement'.

Please refer to the following [link](#) for reference to the management of concussion.

15. SANCTIONS

15.1 FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS

All Head of Delegations and Coaches must attend the General Technical Meeting (section 4.1).

All nominated Referees must attend the Referees Workshop, the General Technical Meeting (section 4.1) and all daily referee briefings.

A \$50 fine per coach/referee will be imposed on the Member States for non-attendance of the aforementioned meetings.

15.2 UNIFORM VIOLATIONS

Uniform violations will result in a \$50 fine per violation, payable to VA by the Member State.

This includes States/Territories that fail to present their uniforms by the nominated date (see 9.5.1), in which case the penalty will be \$50 per team that is registered for the State.

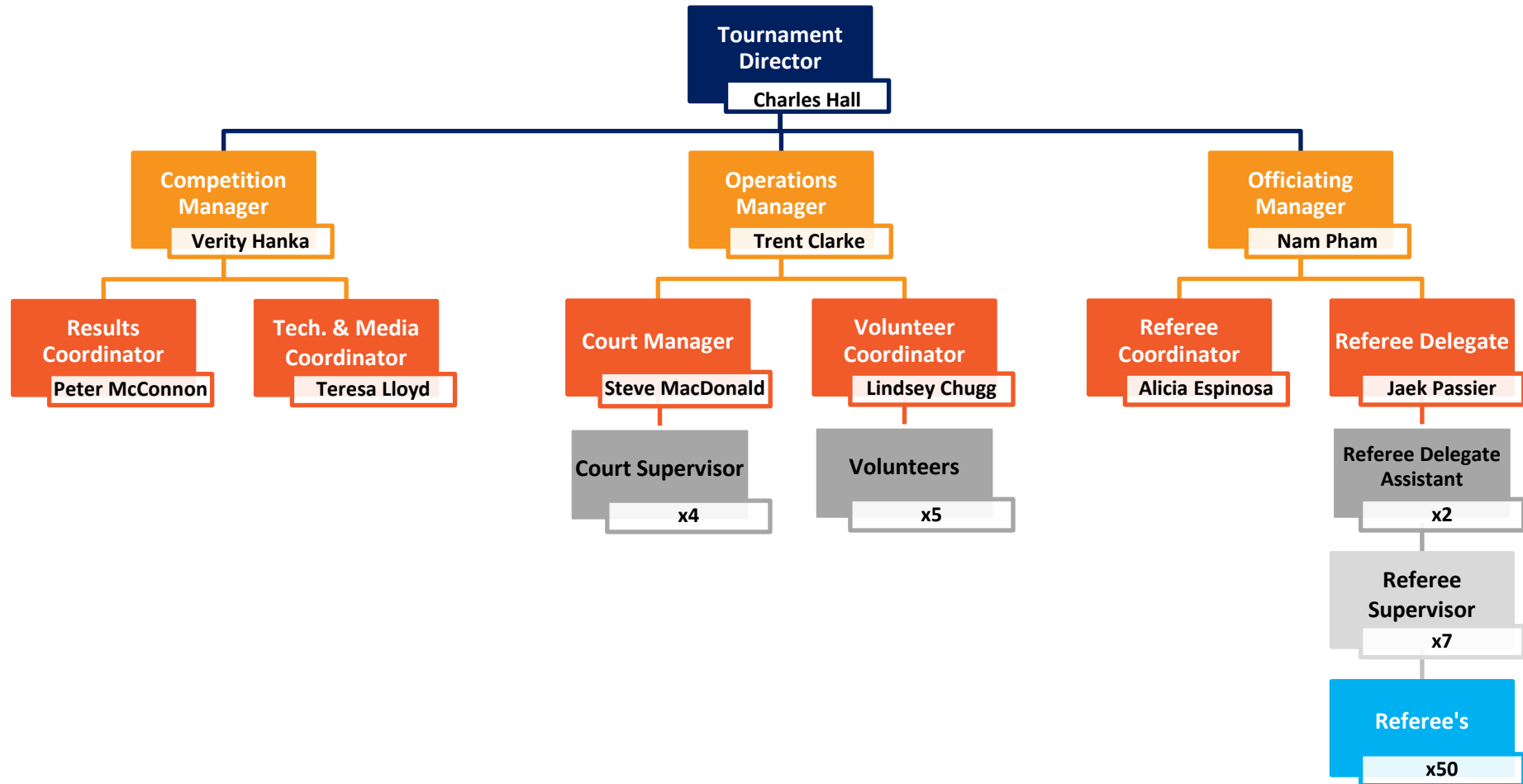
15.3 FAILURE TO TAKE THE COURT (SECTION 8.1 PENALTIES)

Any team (minimum of 8 players), which fails to take the court at the start of the match, as signaled by the 1st Referee, will be penalised with an on the spot fine. Extenuating circumstances will be:

Description	Penalty (inc. GST)
Failure to take the court at the signaled start of the match by the 1st Referee.	Forfeit 1 st Set
Failure to take the court after 10 minutes from the signaled start time.	Forfeit 2 nd Set
Failure to take the court after 20 minutes from the signaled start time.	Forfeit match. Fined \$330

Description	Penalty (inc. GST)

APPENDIX 1 TOURNAMENT ORGANISATIONAL CHART



APPENDIX 2 DIVISION FORMAT (per Number of Teams)

6 Team Division		
Pool Type	Minimum # of Games	Maximum # of Games
Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All teams play in a single round-robin. • Teams 1,4,5 play in Extension Pool / teams 2,3,6 play in Extension Pool. • Final rankings are determined from all matches played. 		
Finals Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All teams play in a Ladder Play-off (1v2, 3v4, 5v6). • Winner of 1v2 wins Gold (loser wins Silver); Winner of 3v4 wins Bronze (loser finishes fourth); Winner 5v6 finish Fifth (loser finishes Sixth). 		

7 Team Division		
Pool Type	Minimum # of Games	Maximum # of Games
Single Round Robin	8	9
Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All teams play in a single round-robin. • All teams play additional two matches in Extension Pool. • Top four teams from final rankings advance to finals. 		
Finals Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four teams play in a ladder playoff (1v2, 3v4). • Winner of 1v2 wins Gold (loser wins Silver); Winner of 3v4 wins Bronze (loser finishes fourth). 		

8 Team Division		
Pool Type	Minimum # of Games	Maximum # of Games
Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All teams play in a single round-robin. • Final rankings from the Championship / Classification Pool will determine finals pairings. 		
Finals Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed bracket/Ladder play-off, with placement to eighth. • Second through fifth play for finals placement (2v3, 4v5). • Top team is automatically in Gold Medal match / Winner 2v3 advances to Gold Medal match (loser to Bronze Medal match). • Winner of 4v5 advances to Bronze Medal match (loser to Fifth Place match). • 6th seed goes directly to Fifth Place Match / 7v8 play-off in Seventh Place match. 		

10 Team Division		
Pool Type	Minimum # of Games	Maximum # of Games
Split-Pool Round Robin	8	9
<p>Format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams are split into two pools of five and play in a single round-robin within their pool. • Top three teams per pool advance to Championship Pool / Bottom two teams advance to Classification Pool. • The Championship / Classification Pools will play a non-repeating single round-robin. • Matches played in the first round will not be replayed; however, points from their first-round match will be carried forward to this pool. • Final rankings from the Championship / Classification Pool will determine finals pairings. 		
<p>Finals Format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four team play-off, with placement to tenth. • Championship Pool top four team's play-off for medals (1v4, 2v3). Winners advance to Gold Medal match and loser advance to Bronze Medal match. • Championship Pool fifth and sixth play-off for fifth place. • Classification Pool team's play-off for seventh through tenth place (7v8, 9v10). Winners advance to seventh place match and loser advance to ninth place match. 		

APPENDIX 3 2019 KEY DATES

Expressions of Interest (EOI) Window Opens	Friday 17th May
DEADLINE – Expression of Interest (11:59 pm AEST)	Friday 31st May
Team Nominations Window Opens	Monday 10th of June
DEADLINE – Team Nominations (11:59 pm AEST)	Monday 24th of June
State Referee Nominations Window Opens	Monday 24th of June
DEADLINE – State Referee Nominations	Monday 8th of July
Referee Delegate Nominations Window Opens	Monday 24th of June
DEADLINE – Referee Delegate Nominations	Sunday 14th of July
Team Entry Fee Invoices sent to States / Territories	Monday 22nd of July
DEADLINE – Team Entry Fee Payment	Thursday 22nd of August
Draft Draw Released – Feedback Window Opens	Monday 19th of August
DEADLINE – Draft Draw Feedback	Monday 26th of August
Final Draw Published	Monday 2nd of September
DEADLINE – O-2 Team Registration Forms	Monday 16th of September
2019 AJVC Commences	Sunday 29th of September
2019 AJVC Concludes	Saturday 5th of October
2019 Junior National Development Camp Commences	Saturday 5th of October
2019 Junior National Development Camp Concludes	Thursday 10th of October

APPENDIX 4 2019 AJVC TEAM EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

The 2019 Australian Junior Volleyball Championships will be held in ACT from Sunday 29th September to Saturday 5th October.

To assist in operational planning for the tournament, please submit your completed form, indicating the number of teams you intend on entering to compete at the 2019 AJVC, to Charles Hall – Charles.Hall@volleyball.org.au before the EOI Deadline:

Friday 31st May 2019 by 11:59pm AEST

Member State / Territory Association

Select State / Territory / NF

Intended Number of Team Nominations:

0

Age / Gender	Championship	Division 1
U14 Boys	1	1
U14 Girls	1	1
U15 Boys	1	1
U15 Girls	1	1
U17 Boys	1	1
U17 Girls	1	1
U19 Boys	1	1
U19 Girls	1	1

**NOTE: Entry Fees for this year's tournament are \$2750 per team (GST included).*

Print Name

Click or tap to enter a date.

Signature

Date

Official Forms can be found on the AJVC Page of the VA website, or emailed upon request.



Appendix 5 FEE SCHEDULE – ENTRY FEES

Details	Fee (AUD) incl. GST
Team Entry Fee - U14, U15, U17, U19 (per Team)	\$2750
International Team Entry Fee (includes Insurance Fee)	\$2850

APPENDIX 6 PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL

*All U14, U15 and U17 matches with no exceptions will run a separate official warm (at the net), always with the serving team (Determined by the toss) to start their official warm up first. Each team will be entitled of 5 minutes official warm including the serving warm up. Meanwhile, the other team will have the right for free warm up in the service zone on the same side of the court.

	First Referee	Second Referee	Scorer
T – 30 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect score sheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present near the court 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present near the court
T – 20 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countdown Clock starts straight after last whistle of previous match Official protocol commences. Checks the net height 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributes Line up sheets to coaches. Check all match equipment. Checks the net height 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coach to check and sign scoresheets.
T – 14min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summons Captains for coin toss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attends the coin toss 	
T – 13min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official warm up at the net commences Monitors warm up at the net Briefs line judges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect line up sheets from Coaches Monitors warm up at the net 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Records result of toss Checks all players with the scoresheet Records team line ups
T – 03min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official warm up at the net finishes. Teams clear the court 		
T- 01:30 min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teams line up on end line Authorises teams to shake hands at the net 		
T – 01 min	Starting six (6) players remain on court		
T – 30 sec		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Checks positions of players Authorises Libero replacement (s) if required. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Checks positions of players
T – 00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First whistle to authorise serve 		

APPENDIX 7 Twelve (12) Substitution Rule

- a) A team shall be allowed a maximum of twelve (12) substitutions in any one set. Players starting a set may be replaced by a substitute and may subsequently re-enter the set twice. Each substitute may enter the set three times. A player shall not enter the set for a fourth time (starting shall count as an entry). Players re-entering the set must assume the original position in the service order in relation to other teammates. No change may be made in a player's position in the service order unless necessitated by an injury requiring an exceptional substitution under the provisions of paragraph b) below. Any number of players may enter the set in each position in the service order.
- b) If through any injury a player is unable to play, and substitution cannot be legally made the team is entitled to make an EXCEPTIONAL substitution beyond the limits of paragraph (a). See FIVB rule 15.7 on Exceptional substitution.
- c) If through injury or accident a player is unable to play and substitution cannot be made under the provisions of paragraph a) or b), the first referee may grant a 3 minutes recovery time under the provision of FIVB rule 17.1.2 on Exceptional Game Interruptions
- d) If a team becomes incomplete through expulsion of a player and substitution cannot be made under the provisions of paragraph a) above, the team loses the set by default, keeping the points acquired. If a team becomes incomplete through disqualification of a player and substitution cannot be made under the provisions of paragraph a) above, the team loses the match by default, keeping the sets and points acquired.

Example

The following diagram illustrates how substitutions are recorded on the scoresheet.

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

In the example shown above, the starting line-up is 10, 4, 11, 2, 1 and 7.

This means that these players made their first entry for the set. The coach then substitutes into position one (I) players numbered 6, 9, 8 and 3. Number 10 has made three (3) entries and is not permitted any more entries for the set. The same can be said for player number 5 in position four (IV).

The players numbered 10, 6, 9, 8 and 3, must remain in position one (I) on the scoresheet and none of them can be used to substitute into another position in this set. For example, player 8 has only appeared twice so far and can therefore make another appearance on court but only in position one (I) and only if no more than twelve substitutions are used per set.

In the example shown above, all twelve substitutions have been used.

The scorer recording the substitutions will use the left side column first for each position and when the left is full use the right-side column.

There is no requirement to record the score at the time of each substitution.

The scorer reports the 11th and 12th substitutions of the team and the third court entry of a player to the second referee who then indicates to the coach concerned and First Referee in that order.

APPENDIX 8 ON THE SPOT RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

The Referee Delegates hold official VARC and AJVC Organizing Committee authority to solve problems and make determinations on formal protests occurring during the match in order to re-establish the situation in accordance with the FIVB Official Rules amended by AJVC rules.

A formal protest may only be lodged by the Coach of the team who believes that match officials have either incorrectly applied a rule or incorrectly interpreted a rule under the FIVB Official Rules as amended by AJVC Rules that will affect the outcome of the match.

If a protest is upheld, the match recommences from the stage immediately before the error occurred. A system of “On the Spot” Protest resolution has been adopted.

If a Coach wishes to lodge a formal protest, they should **immediately** inform the second Referee (while the ball is out of play) who must **immediately** inform the 1st Referee.

The 1st Referee will stop the game, step down from the stand and **immediately** consult a Referee Delegate.

The Referee Delegate will resolve the protest.

Formal Protest

A Coach through the match officials can make a formal protest at any moment of a game (except while the ball is in play), as soon as they notice an improper situation or a decision not in accordance with the official FIVB rules as amended in the AJVC rules.

Such cases are:

- a) An improper decision by the Referee who did not apply the rules or did not assume the consequences of his/her decisions; and / or
- b) An improper decision of the scorer who made a mistake on the rotational order or on the score.

Improper cases

A protest about a Referee's decision, which sanctions a playing action or misconduct, will be considered an improper case and will be immediately dismissed by the Referee Delegate.

If a coach requests to lodge a Protest, a Referee Delegate enters the court.

- **If the request does not fit the criteria of a legal protest, it is REJECTED**
- **If the criteria for a Protest is legal, then the protest is ACCEPTED, and it is either then UPHELD or OVERTURNED based upon further information. Then there will be NO PENALTY to the coach from this point.**

The coach who submits an improper case, i.e. does not fit the criteria of a legal protest, will be sanctioned by a personal sanction “penalty” (Red card). In case of repetition, the coach will be disqualified from the match and will have to leave the playing area. Subsequent penalties, as determined by the Control Committee, will be applied.

If the protest is considered valid, the protest and start and end time of the interruption is recorded on the scoresheet.

In the case of a protest concerning a Referee's decision, the Referee Delegate will obtain the coaches protest and then the first Referee's rationale for their decision prior to deciding. The Referee Delegate

will advise both the 1st referee, the protesting coach and the opposing coach of the final decision made along with a rationale.

In the case of a protest concerning a scorer's decision, the Referee Delegate and the first Referee will meet to resolve the protest.

Interruption of the game

As soon as the formal protest is made the game is interrupted.

The first Referee authorizes the teams to leave the playing court and come to the bench, but they are not allowed to leave the playing area. Players can use balls in the free zone.

1. Examination of the Protest

According to the rules in force, the Referee Delegate gathers the necessary information and decides to:

- a) Reject the protest; or
- b) Accept the protest and overrule the decision.

The Referee Delegate makes the decision, including for cases where there is no stated rule.

If the protest is rejected the game is resumed after having applied the Referee's decision.

If the protest is accepted, the game is resumed from the point prior to the Referee's decision.

Coaches may briefly and politely discuss rule interpretations and / or applications of the rules with the relevant Referee Delegate after the match has completed. This conversation must take place outside of the court and free zone.

2. To resume the game

The Referee Delegate's decision is communicated to Referees, scorer, coaches and captains.

ON THE SPOT RESOLUTION FLOWCHART

- Coach wishes to make a formal Protest.
- Coach informs the Second referee, who informs the First Referee.
- The First Referee stops the match. Players move to the bench. Players are allowed to use balls in the free zone.
- Referee Delegate is called over.



- Referee Delegate hears the coaches' protest.
- Referee Delegate decides to either
 - Accept the Protest
 - Reject the Protest



Protest Accepted
 The Referee Delegate has decided that the Protest is valid. Play is suspended while the Referee Delegate investigates the Protest.

Protest Rejected
 The Referee Delegate has decided that the Protest is **not** valid. The coach will be sanctioned with a personal sanction, Penalty (Red card). Play resumes where the match stopped, with the appropriate sanction recorded and applied.

If the Referee Delegate agrees that a protest is valid and should be considered, then a review of the decision and outcome is undertaken. After this point, no penalty is applied to the protesting coach regardless of the outcome of the protest.

Examination of the Protest

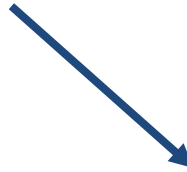
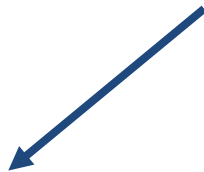
In the case of a protest concerning a Referee's decision, the Referee Delegate listens to the first Referee who makes a report on the well-founded reasons of their decision concerning the application of the regulations.

In the case of a protest concerning a scorer's decision, the Referee Delegate and the first Referee will meet to resolve the protest.



According to the rules in force, the Referee Delegate decides to:

- a) Overturn the decision; or
- b) Uphold the decision.



Decision Upheld

If the referee's decision is upheld the game is resumed after having applied the decision.

Decision Overturned

If the Referee Delegate **overturns** the referee's decision the game is resumed from the point prior to the protest.