



PREAMBLE

The Monday Night Social Competition is a weekly competition which is offered to all players in the Redlands and Bayside South-eastern suburbs of Brisbane. The competition comprises 3 social mixed divisions based upon age and skill.

These By-Laws address arrangements associated with players and teams, the eligibility of players, requirements of participant teams and conduct of the competition. Unless otherwise listed in these By-laws, the Monday Night Social Competition is conducted in accordance within the official rules of FIVB as varied by Volleyball Australia (VA). Competition dates, location, Divisions offered and entry process will be available through the Redlands Volleyball Association (RVA) website: <https://www.redlandsvolleyball.com/monday-night-competition>

1 COMPETITION FORMAT

1.1 OVERVIEW

- 1.1.1 The Social Competition will take place on Monday Evenings.
- 1.1.2 Weekly time slots are: 6:00pm, 7:00pm and 8:00pm – the time reflects the start of the warm up.
- 1.1.3 All matches will be played using the “Three (3) Compulsory Sets Timed” format (excluding Finals and Medal Matches); 50 minutes plus a 10-minute warm up/changeover.
- 1.1.4 For timed matches set 1-3 to 25 points with a two-point advantage.
- 1.1.5 For Final and medal matches Set 3 to 15 points with a two-point advantage.
- 1.1.6 The 12 Substitution Rule will be used in all matches.
- 1.1.7 Teams may designate up to two Libero’s per set in all Divisions

TEAMS

2.1 OVERVIEW

- 2.1.1 The number of teams allowed to enter may be restricted depending on venue and time availability.
- 2.1.2 RVA reserves the right to refuse entry to any team.
- 2.1.3 RVA reserves the right to admit teams or vary entries in Divisions to ensure that a Division remains viable, optimal and team numbers are even (to avoid scheduled byes).

2.2 INCOMPLETE TEAMS (LESS THAN 5 PLAYERS)



2.2.1 If teams are incomplete, they will forfeit the first set at the scheduled start time and then a set every ten (10) minutes thereafter.

2.2.2 Teams may play with five (5) players. The sixth place on the court will be a blank spot that will be recorded on the score sheet as a X. When the blank spot (X) is the one to serve, the offending team automatically lose their serve and a point is awarded to the opposition team.

2.2.3 Teams with four (4) players present may borrow a guest player to make their team up to five (5) to prevent a forfeit. A guest player may also be used to make a team up to six (6) players, with approval from the Competition Manager.

2.2.4 Any guest players making a team up to six (6) without approval, will be declared ineligible, and the offending team will incur a forfeit for that game.

3 PLAYERS

3.1 ELIGIBILITY

3.1.1 For players to be eligible, they must hold a current recreational membership (or higher) with VQ. There will be “Zero Tolerance” regarding unregistered players at any stage of the competition.

3.1.2 Any unregistered players who take the court are in violation of By-Law 3.1.1, which will result in a forfeit being applied to their team.

3.1.3 Any team fielding an unregistered player or one listed under a false name will forfeit that match.

3.1.4 Only those players named on the scoresheet at the end of the match, and having entered the court during the match will be regarded as having played.

3.1.5 Players must only participate in one (1) team throughout the duration of the competition, unless given approval by the Competition Manager.

4 FINALS

4.1 FINALS ELIGIBILITY

4.1.1 To be eligible to play in Finals and Medal Matches (i.e. Semi-Finals and Gold & Bronze Medal Matches), a player must have played a minimum of 25% of all scheduled round matches for that team during the current season (not including byes).

4.1.2 Exceptions to this rule may be approved by the RVA Competition Manager. Factors such as competition standard, timeliness of application and fairness to all parties are to be considered in the approval process.



4.1.3 Teams fielding 'ineligible players' in Finals and Medals Matches will automatically forfeit all sets in which that player took the court.

4.2 FINALS FORMAT

4.2.1 All Finals and Medal Matches will be played using the "Best of Three (3) Sets" format; Set 1-2 to 25 points with a two-point advantage and Set 3 to 15 points with a two-point advantage.

4.2.2 In case of a forfeit during the finals, the offending team may be eliminated from the finals series. Only teams that have fulfilled their finals commitments, including duty, will be eligible for any medals or awards.

5 MATCH REGULATIONS

5.1 FORMAT

5.1.1 Matches that start late for any reason will still finish at the scheduled finish time.

5.1.2 Warmup (10 minutes) and access to the court will start at scheduled times (6:00pm, 7:00pm and 8:00pm). The 'match commencement whistle' for the match will occur ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start time. See By-Law '6 Match Protocol' for timing of the warmup.

5.1.3 No time outs or substitutions can be called in the last five (5) minutes of any match.

5.1.4 Incomplete sets will count as a set won if a team has 13 or more points and leads by two (2) or more points.

5.1.5 Any preliminary match (excluding Semi-Finals and Gold & Bronze Medal Matches) that is tied on sets will be awarded to the team that scored the most points in the match, if still drawn the winner will be the team that won the last point played.

5.1.6 If the 1st Referee has whistled for service prior to the siren for end of match, then that rally must be played, and shall count toward the scores. The 1st Referee alone shall determine whether the whistle preceded the siren.

5.1.7 The Competition Manager may give permission for a Libero to be re-designated as a normal court player in order to avoid a forfeit in the case of an injury.

5.1.8 The Monday Night Competition match ball is the Mikasa "MVA 200" & "V200W" 8-panel volleyball.



5.1.9 The net heights are as follows:

Junior Grade: 2.15m

A-Grade & Premier Grade: 2.35m

5.2 FORFEITS AND LATE STARTS

5.2.1 Any team(s) not ready at the match commencement whistle, will forfeit the first set with a 25-0 score. After a further 10 minutes' increments if a team is still not ready, they will forfeit the second set and third sets, with a 25-0 & 15-0 score respectively and the non-forfeiting team will be declared the winner three (3) sets to nil (0).

5.2.2 Where both teams have forfeited the first set but are then ready to play at the start of the second set, the match shall be played for the remainder of the 60 minutes as a "Best of Three (3) Sets Timed" format.

5.2.3 Where both teams have forfeited the first and second sets but are then ready to play at the start of the next set, the match will be played for the remainder of the 60 minutes and consist of one (1) set to 25 points.

5.2.4 The Competition Manager reserves the right to permit matches to commence late without penalty, due to unforeseen problems e.g. Notified traffic accidents, major events, subject to 5.1.2.

5.3 UNIFORMS

5.3.1 All players must wear appropriate clothing complete in the following details:

5.3.2 Enclosed Footwear, Shirt, Pants, Socks.

5.4 OFFICIALS

5.4.1 Teams will be scheduled for duty as is required by the RVA Competition Manager.

5.4.2 Duty may be before or after a team has played.

5.4.3 Duty teams must provide a 2nd Referee, two (2) standing Lines persons and one (1) Scorer. Any variations must be approved with the Competition Manager.

5.4.7 Duty teams without a minimum of Three (3) players reporting at the Scorer's bench at the coin toss will incur a penalty of one (1) competition point.

5.4.8 Duty teams must ensure that the scoresheet is completed, including final score



summary in accordance with the RVA standards.

5.4.9 All Scorers and Lines persons are prohibited from using mobile phones and other electronic devices during the match.

5.4.10 If a team is not present for duty and do not notify RVA 48 hours prior to the match, they will be required to duty an additional match at the discretion of the RVA Competition Manager.

5.5 PLAYER / COACH / SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

5.5.1 Players, coaches or spectators may be given a written warning by Competition Management regarding their conduct during competition. This will be emailed to the team contact no later than 5.00pm on the Wednesday following the match in question.

5.5.2 Competition Management have the power to issue sanctions to players, coaches or spectators as they deem appropriate.

5.5.3 Any player, coach or spectator who receives two (2) written warnings or two (2) Red Cards (excluding time delay sanctions) during the competition will be:

- a) suspended from being involved in the same team's next match, which does not include a bye.
- b) cannot be involved in any other matches or Divisions until the suspension imposed at 5.5.3 a) is completed.

5.5.4 Any player, coach or spectator who is sanctioned with expulsion (Red & Yellow together) will be:

- a) suspended immediately from the match in which they incurred the sanction.
- b) suspended from being involved in the same team's next two (2) matches, which does not include byes.
- c) cannot be involved in any other matches or Divisions until the suspension imposed at 5.5.4 a) and b) is completed.

5.5.5 Any player, coach or spectator who is sanctioned with disqualification or expulsion will be cited to appear within 5 days at a RVA Judiciary Committee at the discretion and direction by the RVA General Manager.

6 MATCH PROTOCOL

6.1 OVERVIEW



6.1.1 Scheduled Start Time (e.g. 6:00pm)

Time which teams will have access to the court and officially commence warmup (No teams are permitted to access the net (i.e. no spiking or serving) until directed by the 1st Referee.

6.1.2 Captains Whistle (e.g. 6:02pm)

Duty team conducts coin toss. Team captains/coaches must sign the team list.

6.1.3 Hitting Warmup Commence (e.g. 6:03pm)

1st Referee announces start of hitting warmup

6.1.4 Swap Hitting Sides Whistle (e.g. 6:06pm)

1st Referee announces change of hitting sides

6.1.5 Serving Warmup Whistle (e.g. 6:08pm)

1st Referee announces commencement of serving warmup (both team must stop hitting warmup).

6.1.6 End of warmup Whistle (e.g. 6:09pm)

1st Referee announces end of serving warmup

6.1.7 Match Commencement Whistle (e.g. 6:10pm)

1st Referee instructs teams to enter court, at this time rule 5.1.2 takes effect

6.1.8 First Whistle

1st Referee whistles for the first service of the match

7 COMPETITION STANDING & PENALTIES

7.1 PREMIERSHIP POINTS

7.1.1 Premiership points will be awarded in all Divisions as follows:

- a) 10 points for a win.
- b) 6 points for a loss.
- c) 8 points for draw.
- d) 8 points for a bye.
- e) -2 points for a forfeit.



7.1.2 Teams who have not paid their competition fees by the due date will not receive competition points until the amount is paid.

7.2 PREMIERSHIP TABLE

7.2.1 The ranking of teams on the premiership points table is determined in this order:

- a) The most premiership points.
- b) The highest ratio of sets won to sets played (2 decimal places).
- c) The highest ratio of points won to points played (2 decimal places).
- d) Result of the last match between the two (2) teams.

The set/point quotient equation is as follows:

$$(\text{Points Won} \times 100) / \text{Points Played}$$

8 MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

8.1.1 The Competition Manager is responsible for the efficient running of the competition. They are also responsible for recording the premiership points table and penalties register.

8.1.2 The Competition Manager is responsible for the supervision of all Referees and implementing the “on the spot protest resolution” procedure.

8.1.3 The Competition Manager has absolute authority in all matters relating to the Monday Night Social Competition and its associated operations.

8.1.4. The RVA Competition Manager’s role is to operate the competition within the terms of these By Laws, the RVA Constitution and the rules of the match. The Competition Manager reports to the RVA Committee.

8.1.5 All formal written complaints concerning management of the competition should be marked to the attention of the RVA Committee and will be dealt with as quickly as possible.

9 PROTESTS, APPEALS & REFERRALS

9.1.1 All match protests will be resolved using the “on the spot protest resolution” guidelines.

9.1.2 All appeals regarding score sheet penalties and ineligible players must be received by the Competition Manager within 3 business days of receipt of the breach notice.

9.1.3 Matters concerning discipline (Section 5.5) will be referred to the RVA Committee for action as outlined in RVA’s “Complaints Handling Procedure”.



9.1.4 Appeals against a decision of Competition Management must be lodged to RVA's Committee within 5 days of receiving a decision in accordance with RVA's "Complaints Handling Procedure".