



## HANDBOOK

# 2019-20 Tas Beach Volleyball Series

- **Round 1:** 16 November 2019 (pairs: men/women)
- **Round 2:** 30 November 2019 (pairs: mixed)
- **Invitational:** 21 December 2019 (pairs: men/women)
- **Old School: 12 January 2020 (pairs: mixed)**
- **Round 3:** 25-27 January 2020 (pairs: men/women/mixed – fours: mixed)
- **Round 4:** 15-16 February 2020 (pairs: men/women/mixed)
- **State Championships:** 29 Feb-1 March 2020 (pairs: mixed/men/women)

## Welcome to all players!

Welcome to Beach Volleyball in Tasmania! Please familiarise yourself with the guidelines set out in this handbook.

Prior to commencement of competition, the Tournament Director will provide a briefing regarding the guidelines in this handbook and will answer any questions players may have.

Please note that ultimately decisions will rest with the Tournament Director.

Any further questions should be directed to a Beach Volleyball Officer.

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## 1. EVENT REGISTRATION:

- a) Any players not already members of Volleyball Tasmania (VTi) wishing to compete in any tournament will be required to pay the specified membership fee. Players may choose to register for a single event, single season only, or for 12 months from the start date of the season during which they joined.
- b) Teams must submit entries prior to the Tournament entry close date. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- c) Players are encouraged to arrive 1 hour prior to the start of the tournament. This is to confirm event registration and to ensure games are run on time. Players/Teams arriving late may have to forfeit their match [see MATCH DELAYS AND FORFEITS Rule 5(b)].
- d) All players must be registered at least 15 minutes prior to commencement of competition or they may forfeit their first match.
- e) Players will be expected to have played a minimum of 2 rounds before registering for the State Championships round. A maximum of 2 wild cards per division may be offered.

## 2. MATCH FEES:

- a) Teams must pay the tournament entry fee up front before start of play.
- b) Payments will usually be accepted between 8-8.45am in the Registration tent. The Tournament Director will be on site to collect fees.
- c) Pre-payment of match and membership fees may be accepted – contact the Tournament Manager for payment information.
- d) Payment of entry fees on the day of competition is by cash only. Cheques will not be accepted and EFTPOS/Credit Card facilities are not available.
- e) Volleyball Tasmania will not refund entry fees due to forfeited games.

## 3. TEAMS:

- a) Player and team names will be recorded upon event registration.
- b) Once registered, team line-ups may not be changed.
- c) If a player/team withdraws due to injury/other commitments, the team will forfeit [see GAME DELAYS AND FORFEITS Rule 5].

## **4. INJURIES:**

- a) In the event of an injury, normal FIVB rules apply; and
- b) Basic First Aid facilities/ ice packs will be located in the registration tent.

## **5. GAME DELAYS & FORFEITS:**

- a) Teams are to be ready to play (i.e. registered/paid and warmed-up) by the rostered starting time of the match
  - during pool play this is 10 minutes from the completion of the previous game; and
  - during finals players must check the whiteboard for their next game and be ready to play within 10 minutes of the previous game finishing on their court.

Rules for delays in starting the match will be enforced as follows:

- If a team delays the starting time of the match by less than 10 minutes they will lose one or more timeouts (first set).
  - If the delay is over 15 minutes, the first set will be forfeited. If the matches are single sets then the match is forfeited.
  - If the delay is over 30 minutes in a best of 3 set match then the match is forfeited.
- b) A forfeiting team receives no match points.
  - c) In a forfeit situation, the Tournament Director may alter the Roster to improve game scheduling and times. All affected teams will be advised of any time/roster changes.

## **6. DUTY:**

- a) Tournaments are structured so that all teams are required to undertake refereeing duties.
- b) Prior to the start of the tournament, it will be the responsibility of players/teams to check their duty times, which will be displayed on a whiteboard near the Registration tent.
- c) Duty Referees must adhere to requirements set out in REFEREES Rule 7. Duty teams will be penalised match points if requirements are not met.

## **7. REFEREES:**

- a) All Referees will officiate to the current international FIVB rules.
- b) Further responsibilities of the Referee include:
  - Ensure the game is started on time and enforce the delay/forfeit rule [Rule 5 (b)].
  - Maintain situational awareness and warn players of stray balls, children etc while a game is in play.
  - Ensure that other players are warming up outside of the court barriers.
- c) Qualified referees (provided by Volleyball Tasmania) may officiate finals matches where possible.
- d) Volleyball Tasmania runs Referee courses on an ad-hoc basis. Please see the Tournament Director or Beach Officer for more information.

## **8. PLAYING RULES:**

- a) It is the duty of all players to be familiar with the rules of Beach Volleyball. In all competitions conducted by Volleyball Tasmania, current FIVB international rules will apply, subject to special rules as advised by the Tournament Director. Current FIVB international rules will be made available upon enquiry; however this information can also be downloaded from the internet at:

<http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Rules/rules.htm>.

## **9. COMPETITION FORMAT:**

- a) Competition format will vary depending on the number of entries. The Tournament Director will provide a format briefing prior to the start of play.
- b) In some events Divisions may be offered. It should be noted however that player numbers may dictate the availability of divisions and teams may be 'placed' in a division.
- c) In some smaller competitions, teams may be initially grouped into separate pools. After pool match play, teams are then separated into separate divisional "cross-over" games (e.g. the top teams to Division AA and the bottom teams to Division A and B).
- d) The results of cross-over matches will determine the make-up of finals.

- e) Teams are seeded and pool matches drawn up on the day prior to the event by the Tournament Director. Teams are seeded based on points earned from the previous 5 rounds of competition (dating back to the previous season also). Unseeded and wild card player entry seeding will be determined by the Tournament Director.
- f) The King of the Beach tournament format is generally varied and includes a range of games such as pairs, threes or fours, played in mixed, female or male teams. A score is kept for individual players based on set scores.
- g) The Invitational tournament will include 8 ranked players from division A, based from the previous season's Player of the Season results. The format is a round-robin in which players are paired based on their ranking.
- h) The Old School tournament has a double elimination format with no divisions. Teams are filtered through winning and losing brackets. After losing two games, you generally keep playing but cannot win the tournament. If a team makes it to the final with no losses, they have a second chance of winning.

## **10. SCORING SYSTEM:**

- a) Match results are determined by the number of sets won. Generally the scoring system is as follows:
  - i. Pool matches are generally 1 set only.
  - ii. Cross-over and finals matches are generally best of 3 sets.
- b) Set points scoring will be either 21-21-15 or 15-15-12.

## **11. TIME LIMITS:**

- a) In general, Beach Volleyball games are not timed.
- b) All games are played until a winner is determined [see SCORING SYSTEM Rule 10].
- c) There will be 10 minute change-over time between matches. During the 10 minutes, players may warm-up on court.
- d) Normal FIVB time-out rules apply.
- e) Time permitting; a 30 minute lunch break will be taken approximately around noon. This generally happens at the conclusion of the pool games. The Tournament Director will advise all players on the day.

## **12. AWARDS & PRIZES:**

- a) Prizes, certificates and/or Best Player awards may be presented either after completion of the finals matches or at the next Beach Volleyball function.
- b) Each season Volleyball Tasmania will award Player of the Season (POTS) trophies. These awards will go to the male and female players receiving the most number of votes during our competitions.
  - One vote per game in Men's and Women's Pairs & Fours events is awarded by the 1<sup>st</sup> referee to the Best and Fairest player of the match.
  - Two votes are awarded in mixed pairs and mixed fours events, one to the female Best & Fairest Player and one to the male Best & Fairest player.
  - Names are written on the scoresheet (in the space provided) and returned to the Tournament Director/Competition Organiser at the end of each match.
  - After each competition the POTS points' status will be updated on the Volleyball Tasmania website.

## **13. KICKING VOLLEYBALLS:**

- a) Only when an official match is in progress may the ball be contacted with the feet. However, if the action is deemed by the Referee to be dangerous to any person(s) a misconduct sanction (yellow card) is to apply.
- b) Any offender will receive a misconduct sanction (yellow card) from the referee.
- c) Any repetition will result in a misconduct penalty (red card and rally/point penalty). Repeated repetition will result in expulsion for the remainder of the set or disqualification for the entire match (red/yellow cards).

## **14. ARBITRATION:**

- a) The Tournament Director will adjudicate in the event of any dispute arising from the interpretation of these rules and his/her decision will be final.

## **OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION:**

Competitions are generally held on Kingston Beach. Unless tide conditions or

other events dictate the location they will be held at the southern end of the beach opposite the shops.

## **FACILITIES:**

- Players are encouraged to bring their own food and ample drink for the day.
- A drinking water tap can be accessed within the registration tent or on the footpath of the Esplanade.
- Take-away shops are located at the southern end of the Beach. To avoid a game delay/forfeit, it is highly recommended that shops are visited prior to the tournament start or during the lunch break.
- Toilets – are located near the shops at the southern end of the beach and on the other side of Browns River.



## **FACEBOOK INTERNET & WEBSITE:**

- All participants are encouraged to become a member of the “Beach Volleyball Tasmania” group on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hobartbeach/>). Here you will be kept up-to-date with all the latest beach volleyball news, events, photos and much more.
- Also visit [www.volleyballtasmania.com.au](http://www.volleyballtasmania.com.au) for updates and results; submit your email address to the Secretary to be included in the VTI member mailing list.

## **BEACH COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- The Beach Committee is a voluntary sub-committee of Volleyball Tasmania, with the responsibility to promote and run beach volleyball tournaments and events throughout the summer.
- The Committee hold regular meetings to discuss relevant issues and policies that relate to Beach Volleyball events and Volleyball Tasmania.

If you would like to join the Committee – contact us!