



AUSTRALIAN SIKH GAMES

VOLLEYBALL RULES

All Team Managers and Captains should read, understand and become familiar with these Rules, rules of The Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) and the Australian Sikh Games General Championship Rules, Terms and Conditions. Ignorance of such shall not be deemed sufficient grounds for any appeal.

Please contact the Organising Committee for further information and/or clarification on these rules.

1. APPLICATION

- 1.1 These rules shall apply to each match in the Championship unless expressly excluded herein any particular case.
- 1.2 By direction of the Organising Committee, these rules may apply to any match under the control of the committee.
- 1.3 Unless a contrary intention appears, words in singular shall be deemed to include the plural and vice-versa.

2. DRAW

- 2.1 The competition shall be conducted in a round-robin series, and league format will be promoted upon receipt of all Official Entries and the allocation of teams into Divisions/Pools.
- 2.2 The Organising Committee, in association with the National Volleyball Coordinator, shall produce a program of matches showing the date, venue and time of matches. Such program shall be submitted to the competing teams not later than four (4) weeks prior to the date on which the Championship is due to commence.
- 2.3 Each program of matches shall provide for:
 - (a) A series of matches in which each team shall play other teams.
 - (b) The allocation of playing times to the matches in the series referred to in subparagraph (a) hereof, so that no team is given any advantage over any other team by reason of the time allocated to the matches.
 - (c) A commencement time for any final matches, which makes allowance for the possibility of extra-time and ensures that all matches will be completed in suitable conditions.



3. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND UMPIRES' MANAGER

- 3.1 The Organising Committee shall appoint suitably qualified persons to the position of Tournament Director and Umpires' Manager.
- 3.2 The duties of the Tournament Director shall be:
- 3.2.1 To generally supervise the Championship on behalf of the Organizing Committee.
 - 3.2.2 To conduct the Championship in accordance with these Rules.
 - 3.2.3 To appoint a duty team for each match of the Championship consisting of a First Referee, Second Referee, two linesmen (minimum) and two scorers.
 - 3.2.4 To arrange under his/her control, and only if it is necessary, any official meetings of team managers and / or coaches.
 - 3.2.5 To adjudicate upon:
 - (i) Any matter raised by any team manager in respect of any) of any aspects of the Championship, and,
 - (ii) Any matter raised by the officiating umpires or any of them, relating to the conduct of any participating team in respect of any match.
- 3.3 The Tournament Director may suspend for one or more matches of the Championship any player, reserve player or team official who has, by his behaviour, brought the game of Volleyball into disrepute before, during or after any match of the Championship.
- 3.4 The duties of the Umpire's Manager shall be to assist the Tournament Director in the discharge of those responsibilities described in Clause 3.2.1 of the Rules and, in addition, to make or to supervise all arrangements for the proper functioning of the Umpires appointed to each match in the Championship.

4. ENTRIES - REGISTRATION

- 4.1 At least fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement date of the Championship each participating team shall notify the Organising Committee, in writing, the names of its players and team officials in their team squad (limit is 14 players per team squad).
- 4.2 A Division 1 team must submit their "Top 8 players" list at the start of the tournament. These players can't be changed or play down in a lower division once the tournament commences.
- 4.3 For each match, a team may consist of up to 12 players from the same team/club, plus:
- Coaching staff: one coach, a maximum of two assistant coaches,
 - Medical staff: one team therapist and one medical doctor. Only those listed on the score sheet may normally enter the Competition/Control Area and take part in the official warm up and in the match.
 - 12 players in the Mixed Championship, with the following player composition:
 - 1. All male players must be over 35 years (no age restriction in case of the female players)
 - 2. At any time, during a match (on the court), there must not be more than 3 male players
- 4.4 After nomination (as per 4.1 above), no change or addition to the nominations will be accepted once the tournament has commenced, except in the case where a team has originally registered fewer than the above players.



5. COMPETITION RULES

5.1 The Games

- 5.1.1 The matches in the Championship shall be played in accordance with the Rules of the Game of Volleyball as approved from time to time by the F.I.V.B. and these Rules.
- 5.1.2 In any case where the Rules of the Game of Volleyball and these Rules appear to be in conflict, these Rules shall prevail.

5.2 Points

- 5.2.1 The following points shall be awarded for each match
 - (a) Three (3) points for the Winner
 - (b) Two (2) points for a Draw;
 - (c) One (1) point for the Loser;
 - (d) Minus two (-2) points for a forfeiting team.
- 5.2.2 The total points accumulated at the end of the series of matches referred to in Rule 2.3(a) shall determine the placing, and hence the Semi-Final and Grand-Final playoffs as determined in Rule 2.1.
- 5.2.3 If at the conclusion of the series of matches referred to in Rule 2.3(a) hereof, more than one team has obtained the same number of points, their ranking shall be decided as follows:
 - (a) The team having the higher **Set Ratio** (to three decimal points) shall be ranked higher (Set Ratio = Set Won / Set Won + Sets Lost);
 - (b) Should this number be the same, then positions will be determined by **Points Ratio** with the team with the highest points ratio (to three decimal places) will be awarded the higher placing in the round robin. (Points Ratio = Points Won / Points Won + Points Lost).
 - (c) Should the teams still be equal, there shall be no replay and the matter shall be settled under Rule 6 (Unforeseen Events).
- 5.2.4 Sets 1-4 (5 Set Format) or Sets 1-2 (3 Set Format) will be played to 25 points, with a lead of 2 points required to win. Set 5 or Set 3 of respective formats will be played to 15 points, with a lead of 2 points required to win.
 - (a) In the instance Sets 1-4 (5 set format) or Sets 1-2 (3 set format) don't reach 25 points due to time constraints, to win you must reach at least 13 points with a lead of 2 points for the set to be deemed complete and won;
 - (b) In the instance Set 5 (5 Set Format) Set 3 (3 Set Format) doesn't reach 15 points due to time constraints, to win you must reach at least 8 points with a lead of 2 points for the set to be deemed complete and won;
 - (c) If the scores are below 13 & 8 points respectively, the set will be considered incomplete and not count towards set scores, but the points scored in those sets will count towards count backs and overall standings.

5.3 Ineligible Players

- 5.3.1 If in the Championship any player plays in any match in which that player is ineligible to play, the team for which that player so plays shall be deemed to have forfeited every match in which such ineligible player has taken part.



5.4 FAILURE TO PLAY - Forfeit – Scratching - Failure to do Duty

- 5.4.1 If during the course of a match a team declines to continue a game or take it up where it left off, or if at any time during the match the number of its players on the court is fewer than five (5), this team shall be deemed to have lost the match and the opposing team to have won the match with the score standing at the time or by a score of 3-0 whichever is the greater having regard to set balance.
- 5.4.2 If a team scratches from the Championship before the completion of the series of matches referred to in Rule 2.3 (a) hereof, all matches it had played up till then shall be considered as not having been played not only by the scratching team but also the teams it had played, and the classifications shall be corrected accordingly.
- 5.4.3 A team refusing to play a match on its program shall be considered as scratching from the competition.
- 5.4.4 A Duty team failing to fill in scoresheets correctly to FIVB standard, complete, attend or provide the required amount of duty officials referred to in Rule 3.2.3 for a scheduled Duty will lose two (2) competition points.
- 5.4.5 If two teams from the same club scratch or intentional fix the result of the a game whilst versing each other or whilst being in the same pool, both teams involved will receive zero (0) points for that game(s).

5.5 DRESS - Team Numbers

- 5.5.1 Before the start of the championship, each participating team shall allot each of its players a number which, except with the permission of the Tournament Director, shall remain the same through the Championship and which shall be clearly visible on the back and front of the players jersey in accordance with F.IV.B Rules.
- 5.5.2 A Team's nominated libero(s) will wear a contrasting uniform and may change each set of a match. A team may redesignate libero(s) between sets.

5.6 COMPOSITION OF TEAM

- 5.6.1 Each participating team may change the composition of its team from one match to another on condition that only those players whose name appears on the entry form participate.

5.7 SUBSTITUTION

- 5.7.1 At no time shall there be on the court more than 6 players in each team.
- 5.7.2 All players taking part in any match shall be chosen from amongst those whose names appear on the team nomination form for the Championship.
- 5.7.3 Time off shall not be allowed for interchange.
- 5.7.4 The 12 Substitution rules will be used.

5.8 DURATION OF MATCHES

- 5.8.1 Each series of matches referred to in Rule 2.3(a) the games shall be best of three (3) sets with a 90 minute time limit (80 minute game + 10 min warm up), separated by an interval of 3 minutes between each set for change of courts. In the event that a Division is/not fully subscribed, the game time can be shortened/or extended as much as possible subject to venue limitations and discretion of tournament director.



- 5.8.2 The Semi Final and Grand Final shall be the best of five (5) sets untimed.
- 5.8.3 A time out lasts for a maximum of 30 seconds. Each team is entitled to a maximum of 2 time outs per set.
- 5.8.4 No time outs or substitutions can occur in the last 6 minutes of a game.

5.9 MATCHES STOPPED

- 5.9.1 If a match should be interrupted by the umpire on account of atmospheric or other extraordinary conditions, the following shall apply:
Play shall be resumed as soon as possible, with the score standing at the time of the interruption and shall be completed to the end of the regulation time.

5.10 ADMISSION TO THE COURT OF PLAY

- 5.10.1 No one except the players and umpires properly engaged in a given match may enter the court of play unless they are invited to do so by one of the officiating umpires or the Tournament Director.
- 5.10.2 The Team Manager is responsible for the proper conduct of all persons occupying the team bench.

6. UNFORESEEN EVENTS

- 6.1 Should circumstances arise which are not provided for in these Rules, they shall be dealt with by the Tournament Director and his decision shall be binding on all the parties concerned.

7. DIVISIONS

- 7.1 Division Composition should be:
- a) Division 1 shall consist of Maximum ten (10) teams;
 - b) Division 2 shall consist of Minimum four (4) teams;
 - c) Junior U19's & U16's shall consist of Minimum four (4) teams.
- 7.2 All team entries must be accompanied by a team list at the beginning of the tournament. Those players named in a higher division cannot play down in lower divisions, or across teams in the same division for their Club.:
- 7.2.1 A division 1 team must submit their "Top 8 players" list as referred to in Rule 4 at the start of the tournament. These players can't play down in a lower division.
- 7.2.2 A player must play at least two (2) games in the respective division to be eligible for the semi final and finals.
- 7.2.3 A player from the same club in a lower division is eligible to play in round matches for a team from the same club/ association only in a higher division. Players can't play across separate clubs.
- 7.2.4 A player from a team in a lower division is eligible to play in round matches, Semi-Final and Medal Final for a team from the same club/association in a higher division, irrespective of whether the player has played two (2) or more matches for the team in the higher division provided the Player has qualified to play in their lower division first as referred to in rule 7.2.2.