

### PLAYING CONDITIONS

1. All participants should be registered members of their respective state association.
2. All round matches will be played no time limit compulsory three sets to 25 with a 2 point advantage. There will be a 10 minute changeover between matches. Times are guaranteed earliest start times.
3. Premiership points will be allocated as follows:-
  - 2 points for a win.
  - 0 points for a loss.
  - Then 1 point for each set won. I.e: if you win 3-0 you gain 5 points. If you win 2-1 you gain 4 points and your opponent gets 1 point.
  - So there is a maximum of 5 points up for grabs each game.
  - -1 point for a forfeit.
  - Ladder positions will be decided firstly on premiership ranking points, if equal, set percentage, if still equal points percentage, if still equal head to head.

- Finals for MD2, WD1 and WD2 will be played between the two winning preliminary final teams – 2<sup>nd</sup> v 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> v winner of 4<sup>th</sup> v 5<sup>th</sup>. All five WD2 teams will duty on Sunday the MD3 last two games. The loser of WD2 4<sup>th</sup> v 5<sup>th</sup> will duty 2<sup>nd</sup> v 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> will duty 16 v 18 at 1.10pm court 3, while the winner of 4<sup>th</sup> v 5<sup>th</sup> will duty 15 v 17 at 1.10pm court 4.
  - All of these matches are played best of three sets, the first two sets to 25 with a 2 point advantage. If a third set is required it is played to 15 with a 2 point advantage swap ends at 8.
  - MD1, MD3 and Juniors finals will be between the top two teams on the ladder at the conclusion of the round matches.
  - All Grand finals will be played best of five sets under normal scoring conditions, no time limit. Local personnel where possible will be used.
  - Where Horsham teams are listed as finals duty teams they will be responsible for the duty as long as they are not in the final.
4. Teams rostered for duty are to supply referee, net referee, scorer and 2 linesmen. The provision of a scoreboard operator is encouraged but optional. Penalties for lack of duty members at the start of or during a match will be the loss of 1 premiership point per duty member absent. Referees are required to award MVP votes at the end of each match. Failure to do so will mean the loss of 1 premiership point. Teams penalized under these conditions will be notified after the match has been completed. Duty teams are asked to collect the scoresheets and match balls from the tournament office each time and return them once the match is complete.
5. Teams must present at least 6 players to play at the start of the tournament. If through injury during a tournament match only this number is reduced to 5 the team will be permitted to play without penalty. Teams playing with 5 players must play with a blank in the empty position maintaining other rotational positions. Should a team be reduced to less than 5 players, the match or remainder thereof will be forfeited, but any points gained during the unfinished match will be retained for the purpose of calculating percentage.
6. Juniors Division – teams may use a rolling rotation if they have more than six players, but must stick to this for the set they choose to do it in. They can change to subs in the following set should they wish. If one team chooses to rotate there is no compulsion on the opposition team to do likewise.
7. If a team fails to show at the GEST they forfeit the first set. If after 10 minutes they still haven't shown they forfeit the match 3-0 75-0.
8. All players must take the court in 50% or more of round robin matches to be able to qualify for finals.
9. All members of the team must be uniformly attired, including shirts and shorts. Penalty for out of uniform will be 5 points to the opposition per member out of uniform per set. If your uniform is black shorts then everyone wear black shorts. **Please note taped numbers will not be accepted.**
10. A libero player is per set and must be indicated on the rotation slip at the beginning of each set.
11. All players will play at their own risk and the Volleyball Horsham will not be held responsible for any medical or associated costs incurred.
12. Any disputes or protests that arise during a match shall be referred to the chief referee David Berry for immediate resolution. (0487824599)
13. In any division, coaches are reminded of their code of conduct when dealing with officials especially junior officials. Any coach breaking the code of conduct will be referred to the chief referee upon completion of the match. In essence any adult coach/parent helper/team official that opens their mouth in the direction of the referee will be penalised accordingly. **THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
14. The Stadium has a heat policy, which will be implemented and teams advised, when the temperature rises above 32 degrees C. Teams will be required to take a technical time out (45 seconds) during each set, for re-hydration, after a score reaches 8pts, another technical time out will be taken when a score reaches 16pts. The usual time outs for teams during a set are also available.
15. Blood Rule – anyone who is bleeding, or has blood on their clothing, must be immediately substituted and the blood removed – cuts, etc shall be completely covered, clothing cleaned or changed. Blood on the floor, the ball, or any other equipment, must be cleaned up using the blood kit available, before play resumes.
16. The interpretation and decision of the Volleyball Horsham committee will be final on all matters covered and not covered in these conditions