OFFICIAL VOLLEYBALL BYLAWS

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1. Preamble

These By-Laws repeal any and all existing By-Laws and practices currently used by the Blackwood Community Recreation Centre in the administration of the volleyball competitions. These By-Laws are to be read in conjunction with the FIVB Official Volleyball Rules 2021-2024. Any queries not covered by these By-Laws shall be referred to the aforementioned Playing Rules.

The Blackwood Community Recreation Centre reserves the right to make judgements based on fairness and for the betterment of the competition on issues that arise and are not covered in the aforementioned By-Laws.

All persons attending the Centre must abide by the Code of Conduct as outline in the *Blackwood Recreation Centre Team Sport Policy*.

Interpretation – The bylaws shall be interpreted by the responsible match umpires. Appeals against interpretation may be lodged with Sport Coordinator and must be in writing.

IMPORTANT! All Players play at their own risk.

Any person who participates whilst pregnant accepts full and sole responsibility of any injury they sustain or the unborn child sustains. Participants shall not make any claim against the Blackwood Recreation Centre or any of the officials, staff or any other player.

2. Player Eligibility/Team Registration

Teams must submit a registration form via the Blackwood Recreation Centre website with a full team list of all players before the commencement of the season. Each season a registration fee is charged to the team.

2.1. Players may only play for one registered team per competition.
2.2. All players' full names must be recorded on the scoresheet
2.3. Attending players should be marked off/highlighted each week
2.4. Players must be 15 years of age before playing in the senior competition.
2.5. Fill in Player/s from another team can only fill in to make the minimum team requirement (six players) and full name must be put on the team scoresheet
2.6. Players are required to play 3 games to qualify for finals
  2.6.1. A player may only participate in the finals series for one team per competition. Once a player takes the court in a semi-final or grand final for a team, they are deemed committed to that team for the remainder of the finals series and are not eligible to play finals for any other team in the same competition.
  2.6.2. A player who participates in a semi-final for one team is therefore ineligible to participate in a semi-final or grand final for another team in the same competition

3. Game play

3.1 Regular season:
  3.1.1 Games will consist of 60 minute games.
  3.1.2 All sets will be the first to 25 points, with at least two-point margin at the end of the set, no upper limit.
  3.1.3 The last set is considered complete if one team reaches 16 or more points with a minimum of two-point advantage at the end of the allocated 60 minute game time.
  3.1.4 Regular rounds resulting in a draw will not have extra time.
3.2 Finals Matches:
  3.2.1 Only qualified players will be allowed to play finals matches.
  3.2.2 In the finals, the matches are best of 5 sets, the final set (5^{th}) is up to 15 points with a two-point margin.
  3.2.3 The final series will follow this similar format: (can also sometimes include placings 5^{th}- 8^{th})

SEMI- FINALS 1st v 4th and 2nd v 3rd

GRAND FINAL Winners of the Semi-Final matches

3.3 Late Players:

3.3.1 If, at the start time of any game, a team does not have 6 players on court, that team loses the first set and a scratch set will commence. When the 6th player arrives, the game will commence. No time outs are permitted during the scratch set.

3.3.2 If during the scratch set a sixth player arrives, the scratch set will immediately cease, and the second set will immediately commence.

3.3.3 If at the end of the first scratch set, a team still does not have 6 players, that team loses a point every time the 6th person is to serve.

3.4 Adjacent Court Space:

3.4.1 If a player can play the ball without entering the adjacent court, (i.e. feet cross the line) before, during and after the competition of the playing of the ball, the rally shall continue.

3.4.2 If the ball enters the playing space of an adjacent court then the ball is deemed to be out of bounds.

3.4.2.1 For safety reasons, players are requested to not enter the playing area of the adjacent court.

3.5 Time Outs:

3.5.1 Each team may have 1 x 30 second time out per set

3.5.2 No times outs are allowed during a scratch set or in the last 5 minutes of the scheduled playing time.

3.6 Premiership Points:

3.6.1 Points will be allocated as follows: Win – 3 pts; Draw/Bye – 2 pts; Loss – 1 pt.; Forfeit – 0 pts

4. Finances; Forfeits

4.1. It is the team's responsibility to ensure they are financial.

4.2. Teams will be required to pay the nominated registration fee at the start of the season and the nominated Team Match fee before every game. Refer to the Financial section of the Blackwood Recreation Centre Team Sport Policy for further information.

4.3. A forfeit will result when:

4.3.1. A team plays with players that breach any of the eligibility rules.

4.3.2. No show on match day or prior forfeit of any team will result in a forfeit fee, which is to be paid at the time of forfeit.

4.3.3. When a forfeit occurs a 3 - 0 score will result.

5. Team captain responsibilities

5.1. The team captains are the contact person for each team. They pass on any information from the centre to the players, and act as a spokesperson for the team. This person must be over 18 years of age. If there is no member of the team of this age, the team must allocate a parent or another person to be the point of contact for the team to take the following responsibilities:

5.1.1. Ensure all players are ready to take the court at the start of their allotted game time.

5.1.2. Ensure the team/players are registered and financial.

5.1.3. Ensure that the score sheet is filled in correctly including fill-in players.

5.1.4. Ensure adherence of the centre's policies. Most importantly the Centre's Code of Conduct as outlined in the Team Sport Policy.

5.1.5. Organise the team to assist with the set up and pack up of the courts where required.

5.1.6. If issues or enquiries arise during the game, only the Captain is to approach the referee.

6. Complaints

All on-court complaints must be directed in the first instance to the umpire by the team captain. Only the team captain is to approach the referee.

All further complaints should be directed to the Sports Co-Ordinator.

7. Suspensions & Tribunal

Please refer to the *Blackwood Recreation Team Sport Policy* for the full complaints process