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Competition By-laws for 2017

1. The **Team Contact** is responsible to ensure that each **Player** is financial or the **team fee** is paid before the commencement of their fourth match of the season. Teams playing with unregistered players, other than guest players will forfeit the match.
2. Once registered the players must abide by the rules of the association and the game itself. **The rules are as per FIVB international standards except where covered by a Bylaw.**
3. No player shall be permitted to enter a game unless they are properly attired in a shirt of the same color with matching motif as the rest of the team by the fourth match (*this will be at the discretion of the team captains and referees*). *Each Player in all Grades is encouraged to have numbered shirts (to FIVB standards).*
4. To shield against forfeits, a team consisting of **at least 5 registered players** can commence a match.
 - ❖ If a team does not have 5 players after 10 minutes playing time, they forfeit the first set.
 - ❖ If a team does not have 5 players after 15 minutes playing time, they forfeit the match.
Note – Latecomers whose name appears on the scoresheet can enter the match at any time.
5. A team must give a minimum of **fourty eight (48) hours'** notice of a forfeit to a committee member or lose one premiership point. **The forfeit does not mean that duty responsibilities are lost and it is the responsibility of that team to ensure all duties are completed.**
6. Players may only transfer after the captain of the team they wish to leave has signed a transfer form. New players can register (preferably before the third match) at any time during the season, but must conform to the finals qualifying by-law number 7 below before playing in a final.
7. To qualify to play in a final, a player must be fully registered **and have played in a qualifying number of games for their registered team [to be determined by the match committee]**. Each Team's player's registration will be finalized 5 weeks before the finals.
8. The Captain of each team shall tick off each competing player, write in any guest players prior to the match and sign the scoresheet at the completion of each match.
9. The referee's decisions during the course of a match will be final. Should any disputes arise during a match, the captain of the team raising the dispute shall make a signed record of the dispute on the back of the scoresheet. The management committee will make final settlement of the dispute, and the teams in dispute will be notified within one week.

❖ **NOTE:** Any Sanctions applied to a team may remove any points awarded on that night. The First Referee may request to remove any points gained by a team if any member of that team was behaving in a manner that affects the Spirit of the Match.
(The type of behavior that this would cover could be abusive language, swearing, ball abuse etc.)
Sanctions include either a **Yellow** or **Red** card.

10. Duty teams must fulfill their duties when rostered. Failure to do so will result in a deduction of one premiership point from their total.

A Grade	1 First Referee for A Grade 1 Second Referee for A Grade 1 Score Keeper for A Grade 2 Lines Persons for A Grade (if possible)
B Grade	1 First Referee for B Grade 1 Second Referee for B Grade 1 Score Keeper for B Grade 2 Lines Persons for B Grade (if possible)

Duty team responsibilities:

- ❖ The Duty Team is responsible for the setup of the court if they are the first match on that court.
- ❖ They are also responsible for the clearing of the courts after the last game.
- ❖ The score sheet must be endorsed as correct [completed, captains signing, etc...] with any sanctions recorded and MVP, sportsmanship and improvement awards given.

11. Players can only play for one team during a season, that being the team that they are registered with (unless the player is permanently transferred). (B Grade players may be considered as a “Guest” player in A Grade for training purposes as this is a separate competition, however this does not apply to A Grade Players playing in B Grade) “Guest” players are players **not** registered with this Association, and such players may only be used as a sixth player or as a reserve. Guest players can only play five times per season, but teams may use any number of different guest players throughout the season. The spirit of this by-law is to introduce new players to the game.

12. This is a Mixed Competition and therefore all teams must have at least one and preferably two registered male/female players. For Junior teams (i.e. under 19), this by-law is relaxed if required. All other teams should have both male and female players registered and playing regularly. The spirit of this law is that if a team has no female players available for a match they should make every effort to have a female guest.

13. Matches are timed at 50 minutes with a 10-minute warm up – games therefore commence at 10 minutes past the starting time on the fixture sheet.

14. Matches are best of 5 sets.

- ❖ Scoring is to 25 points [a point for each rally] per set (except a 5th set which is to 15 points), with a 2-point margin and uncapped.
- ❖ No unfinished set shall be counted unless it is a deciding set. A win will be awarded if the score is above 8 with a 2-point margin. This means the deciding set can be at either 2 sets all [2-2] or 1 set all [1-1] even though matches are traditionally best of 5 sets.
 - This is an encouragement to have more games finalized and fewer games drawn.

15. Match points scoring:

- ❖ 3 Points are awarded for a win
- ❖ 2 points for a draw
- ❖ 1 point for a loss
- ❖ -1 for a forfeit
- ❖ A Point shall be deducted for failure to do duty or the duty teams’ failure to set up the court on time.