

The Great Public Schools' Association of Queensland

RULES OF COMPETITION

VOLLEYBALL

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1. ADOPTED RULES

GPS Volleyball competitions are conducted in accordance with the Official Volleyball Rules as recognised by the Federation Internationale De Volleyball (FIVB), except where these differ from the GPS competition Rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence. Reference should also be made to all GPS By-laws, Policies and Procedures. These rules are to be read in conjunction with information available on GPS Net.

2. ELIGIBILITY

To compete in a GPS competition, students must meet the eligibility criteria stated in the GPS Eligibility Bylaw.

- 2.1 Students enrolled in Years 5 to 12 of a GPS member school are eligible to participate in the competition.
- 2.2 Students enrolled in Years 7 to 12 are eligible to play in the 1st VI division. 1st VI players must first be registered with the GPS Office.
- 2.3 Only Year 12 students will be eligible to play in the Open 2nd VI division and below.
- 2.4 A player may only play in one match per fixture. An infringement of this rule will result in the forfeit of a set by the infringing team.
 - a. Exception: Up to four (4) nominated players in the 1st VI team may play two games in a fixture. These players must be indicated on the scoresheet. An infringement of this rule will result in a forfeit by the infringing team.

3. BEHAVIOUR

All misconduct by participants or other personnel that occurs during the normal proceedings of a Sport or Activity will be actioned as according to the Governing body and the GPS Code of Conduct.

- 3.1 If a player is sanctioned by disqualification, the player will be suspended from GPS Volleyball competitions for one (1) round. The round in which the suspension is applied must be the next scheduled fixture in the same season (as per the draw) and cannot be a bye.

4. STRUCTURE

GPS competitions must have a minimum number of five (5) teams from five (5) member schools competing in a division.

- 4.1 The competition will follow the schedule as set by the GPS Calendar and the Competition Draw.
- 4.2 The competition is comprised of a 1st VI division, and multiple year level divisions from Years 5 to Open (Year 12).

5. OFFICIALS

- 5.1 In all divisions, the referee must be an accredited or competent referee other than the coach of either team.
- 5.2 The GPS Association, with the assistance of the host school, will appoint the 1st referee for 1st VI, 2nd VI, 11A, 10A and 9A matches and a 2nd referee for 1st VI and 2nd VI matches. For all other matches, the host school must supply one referee.
- 5.3 The host school must supply a minimum of four (4) linespersons for the 1st VI match, and a minimum of two (2) linespersons for all other matches.
- 5.4 Scoring duties will be appointed by the host school, with the visiting team having the option to assist.

6. ADDITIONAL RULES

- 6.1 Uniforms of competitors and personnel must comply with the GPS Uniform Policy. 1st VI, 2nd VI, 11A, 11B, 10A & 9A divisions must wear numbered players' jerseys.
- 6.2 All games must be played on indoor courts with the exception of Year 5 and 6 competitions which can be played on outdoor courts (no grass courts).

Playing Area

6.3 Net Height

Division/Year Level	Net Height
1 st VI	243cm
Open	
Year 11	235cm
Year 10	
Year 9	224cm
Year 8	215cm
Year 7	
Year 5/6	

- 6.4 Service Line: In Year 5 and 6 competition the Service Line (serving only) will be 3 metres from the baseline indicated by using markers. The rally is to be played with a full-size court.

Service: Year 5 and 6 Competition

- 6.5 A player has a three-serve cap.
- 6.6 A server is permitted to serve the ball directly out of the hand.

Substitutions

- 6.7 All divisions will permit rolling substitutions.
- Exception: 1st VI, 2nd VI, 11A, 11B, 10A & 9A divisions will adopt the Volleyball Australia Tournament Regulations 'Twelve (12) Substitution Rule'.
- 6.8 All divisions will play 'libero per set' whereby libero players may be reallocated for each set.
- Exception: 1st VI will play 'libero per match' unless redesignated as per FIVB rules.
 - Exception: Liberos Are not permitted in the Year 5 and 6 Competition.

Match Ball

- 6.9 The host school will supply two (2) match balls for each match.
- 6.10 The 1st VI division fixtures will be played using a Mikasa V200W match ball.

Sets

- 6.11 The match is won by the team that wins two (2) sets.
- Exception: The 1st VI division match is won by the team that wins three (3) sets.
- 6.12 The deciding set is played to fifteen (15) points with a minimum lead of two (2) points.

7. RESULTS

- 7.1 Points, Premierships and Championships will be awarded in accordance with the GPS Championships & Premierships Policy.
- 7.2 1st VI Competition points:

RESULT	POINTS
Win or Win by Forfeit	2 points
Draw	1 point
Loss/Bye or Forfeit	0 points

- 7.3 Reviews & Protests of results will be conducted in accordance with the GPS Reviews & Protest Policy.

8. CANCELLATIONS

When required, cancellations will be conducted in accordance with the Abandonment of GPS Competitions and

Activities Policy.

9. AMENDMENTS

No amendment to these Rules of Competition is authorised unless such amendment is issued by the Executive Officer of the GPS.