

Bendigo Volleyball Association Inc. Dragon City Tournament Conditions 2018

1. Only players registered with Volleyball Victoria Inc or an equivalent State body may compete in this tournament.
2. The Bendigo Volleyball Association Inc. has Codes of Conduct in place for all Players, Officials, Spectators, Coaches, etc. Participants and visitors to the Tournament are required to abide by these Codes of Conduct, any breach during the Tournament will be dealt with by the Organising Committee.
The Codes of Conduct are displayed on the Association Notice Board and on the Association web site.
3. All rounds will be played to a 60 minute time limit, with a 10 minute change over between matches.
No time-outs or substitutions will be permitted during the last 2 minutes of any time limit match. A single Ding Dong (Avon calling) indicates the start of the last 2 minutes.
Please be advised that any clocks on display throughout the Stadium, are NOT in synchronism with the Association's automatic Timer and give only a general indication of the time.
4. Premiership points will be allocated on the basis of Win - 3, Draw - 2, Loss - 1, and Forfeit - 0.
All Round matches will be played to best of 5 sets, or until time period is completed.
The finishing order of ALL teams in every Division will be determined firstly, by premiership points, secondly, set percentage and finally point percentage.
5. **Grand Final qualification for all Divisions are TBA after entries received.** will be the teams finishing in 1st & 2nd place on the respective ladders after completion of the Round Robin matches.
For W1, M3 & W3 the teams finishing in 1st place will play off in the Grand Final against the team winning the Preliminary Final.
Preliminary Finals will be played to best of 3 sets, between the teams finishing in 2nd & 3rd positions. (3rd set to 15 with 2 point advantage, change of ends at 8pts), no time limit.)
The losing teams, of the play offs between 4th & 5th in W1, M3 & W3 will be required to provide the Duty teams, for the respective Prelim. Finals.
For Finals, Duty teams may be supplied by Local teams, the 3rd placed team of a particular Division, or the loser of any Prelim. Final .
Any team required for Duty in a Final will receive a compensatory payment of \$100.
All Grand Finals will be played to best of 5 sets, no time limit.
6. An unfinished set will not be included as part of the final set score, unless one of the teams has reached 15 points and holds a 2 point advantage. (or 8 points with a 2 point advantage in the fifth set of Round Robin matches.) All points in an unfinished set will count towards point %.
7. During round matches, if sets are equal, at the end of the time limit and neither team can claim the final set as per Para. 6, above.
The winner of the match will be the team who has scored the highest number of points overall.
A drawn match can only occur if sets are equal and total points scored are equal at the end of the scheduled time limit for the match.
8. The start and finish of each match, will be indicated by a continuous gong. A match is completed at the first sound of the continuous gong that signifies the end of the match.
If a ball is in play when the gong commences, the point will not be recorded as part of any team's score.
The 2-minute zone will be indicated by the sound of a single ding dong. (Avon calling). **(No time out or subs). Referees should be aware of these signals.**
9. Australian 12 sub score sheets will be used in all matches. Scorers are expected to be familiar with them before they commence their duties.
10. Duty Teams are required to supply a 1st Referee, a 2nd Referee, 2 linespersons and at least one scorer. A scoreboard operator is encouraged but optional.
All Duty members must be in position, on the appointed court, at the scheduled starting time of the match.
Any absence will incur a \$5 bond deduction for each Duty person missing.
11. Team captains of the playing teams should provide a notation on the Score sheet to indicate if Duty members are absent.
Teams will be advised by the Committee at the conclusion of the match, of any penalties imposed
12. Teams must present at least six players for each match. **If a team forfeits a match (other than through injury), their bond will be retained by the BVA Inc and a \$100 fine will be imposed on the team.** If an injury occurs, during a round match only, reducing a team to five members, the team will be permitted to play without further penalty. Teams playing with five players must play with a "blank" in the empty position, maintaining other rotational positions.
Should a team be reduced to less than five 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 percentages.
If an injury occurs during any Finals match, reducing a team to five players, the Final **may** be forfeited after the completion of injury time, if the player/s cannot continue.
13. A player must be available to take the court in at least 60% of a particular Divisions' matches to be eligible for finals.
14. **All members of the team must be uniformly attired, including shirts, shorts and socks. Faded shirts and/or shorts, if in the opinion of the Tournament committee, are significantly different, will be penalised. Penalty for out of uniform will be \$5 per team member per match. This will be strictly enforced.**
15. All players will play at their own risk and the Bendigo Volleyball Association Inc. will not be held responsible for any medical and/or associated costs incurred.
16. The interpretation and decision of the Bendigo Volleyball Association Inc. Tournament Committee will be final on all matters covered in these rules.
17. **Duty teams are responsible for the match balls, at the end of each match, the ball should be returned to the Referee's stand.**
18. Any disputes or protests that arise during a match shall be referred to the Tournament Committee for immediate resolution.
A tribunal will be available for empanelment if required.
The Tribunal will be comprised of at least 3 of the following. BVA President, Secretary, Finance Director, Competition Director, Tournament Chief Referee or others as available.
19. **Substitutions**
 - 12 sub rule.
 - A Libero player may be changed each set provided their number is the same as listed on the scoresheet and must also be listed on the rotation slip at the start of each set.
 - **The latest FIVB Libero rules apply.**
20. 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.
(Any such substitutions do not count towards a teams maximum number of substitutions)
Blood on the floor, the ball, or any other equipment, must be cleaned up using the blood kits available throughout the Stadium, before play resumes.
21. 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 technical time-outs during each set, for re-hydration, after the score of the leading team reaches 8pts, and again when the score of the leading team reaches 16pts. The usual time outs for teams during a set are also available.
22. **The Volleyball Australian Referee's Commission has moved to strictly enforce Rule 20.1.2 throughout all Competitions in Australia. The rule states:- "Participants must accept referee's decisions with sportsmanlike conduct, without disputing them". In case of doubt, clarification may be requested ONLY through the Game captain. Please advise YOUR referee that this must be strictly adhered to during the course of this Tournament.**