

2021



COMPETITION HANDBOOK

This Handbook aims to be a guide for Organisers, Players and Officials; however, it is not a comprehensive list of all rules and regulations.

Please read this Handbook fully, there are changes from year to year.

By taking the court in any Volleyball Otago Competition match, players, whether registered or not, to be bound by these rules and regulations.

Failure to comply with these rules and regulations may lead to your team being penalised.

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ADMINISTRATION SECTION

General Information

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General Volleyball Otago Assn Committee Members

- Andy Campbell – *Kings High School Coach and NZ Junior Men’s Coach*
- Pete Sefo – *Kavanagh College Coach*
- Yuki Wanatabe – *John McGlashan College Coach*
- Taine Grimsey – *St Hilda’s Collegiate Coach*
- Marlene Galbraith – *Scorpien Volleyball Club President*
- Kerry Fraser – *Kavanagh College Volleyball Director*
- Mike Cop – *VNZ Referee Development Manager and Otago Men’s Coach*

The Committee are a team of volunteers who are and have committed their own time and energy to ensuring the game we love has a home in Otago. We take our responsibility of being the current caretakers of volleyball in Otago and always have a focus on leaving the game in a better place. Just like any other volunteer powered organisation – there are always an endless list of tasks and no time to do things.

We appreciate the support from our volleyball community and do this to give back to a sport that has individually benefited all our lives.

Web- www.volleyballotago.nz

Covid-19

This past year we have faced the very unexpected reality of a global pandemic which affected many sports in the 2020 season and resulted in some very important Government recommendations which we have implemented for the health and safety of our community.

While we have managed to stay at Alert level 1 for a prolonged period of time the threat of community transmission remains, and we will adhere to any requirements due to movement of alert levels should this situation arise.

Our main focus of contact tracing and maintaining clear communications with all players via our database should any occasion arise means the implementation of team lists with contact details. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this task.

This allows us to operate in a manner like previous seasons with only a few stipulations in place as follows:

Good personal hygiene must be maintained at all times. rubbish such as used tissues must be disposed of inside the bins supplied around the facility, protective equipment is not to be shared and all equipment should be cleaned prior to use.

If anyone is unwell, they must stay away.



Season Dates and Calendar

Junior and Middles Volleyball – 12/02, 19/02, 26/02, 05/03, 12/03, 19/03, 26/03, 09/04 – 8 Weeks

Senior Volleyball – 15/02, 22/02, 01/03, 08/03, 15/03, 22/03, 29/03, 12/04 – 8 Weeks

Seeding Tournament – 20th/21st Feb (Teams attending Mainland champs have to attend, if teams wish to attend this tournament and are not attending Mainland Championship, they must inform VO)

Otago Champs – 6^h/7th March (Teams going to Nationals Secondary Schools must attend this event)

Venues

Edgar Centre – Monday and Friday

Bayfield – Friday (Middles) Dependent on Entries may need to play lower Junior Divisions at Bayfield.

Competition Management

The Competitions will be managed by Volleyball Otago and is affiliated to the national body of Volleyball New Zealand.

The school competitions are managed on a practical level by our Competitions Manager who can be contacted at competitions@volleyballotago.nz

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Competition Days

Monday:

Senior competition 4.10pm-9pm

Friday:

Middles competition 4pm-6pm

Junior competition 4.10pm-8.40pm

- Please note that games are scheduled for Otago Anniversary weekend. Please let the Competitions Manager know a minimum of 1 week prior if you have teams unavailable to play. There will be NO volleyball scheduled over the Easter weekend.

** Please note these times are subject to entry numbers and court availability and games will be allocated at the discretion of VO

Draws and Results

A confirmed draw will be created in advance and issued to schools via email to school/team contacts and will also be available on the Volleyball Otago website at <https://volleyballotago.nz/>

We ask you to consider the online draw as the definitively correct version.

Teams to play each other in the Round One draw of the 2021 Competitions will be selected at random.

VO reserves the right to make changes to any published draw if necessary.

Requests to re- schedule

Requests must be submitted a minimum of 7 days before the games are played. With the huge growth we are experiencing within Volleyball, the logistics of changing up draws can be very difficult and time consuming, so we please ask you to carefully consider this before making requests.

While we will endeavour to accommodate your requests wherever possible, with so little extra court time available requests may not necessarily be granted.

Competition Fees

Competition fees will be set at the beginning of each section of Term 1 and Term 4 play for each subsequent year. This will be detailed on the team registration forms and schools will be invoiced. There is NO separate entry fee to the Edgar centre or other venues.

Failure to pay

Failure of a school/ team to pay any fees, penalties or fines by the due date may lead to the 'Financial Suspending'. The consequences of Financial Suspension can include being ineligible to accumulate competition points, being ineligible for finals, being withdrawn from the competition.

REGISTRATIONS

Team Entries

VO will use Spawtz as a database for Schools to register teams for the 2021 season

Senior Team Registrations due: **10th February at 10am**

Middles and Junior Team registrations due: **9th February at 10am**

Schools will be required to enter team names, which division they would like to be entered in and a contact person. All teams must be graded as "A", "B", "C" etc as determined by the results of the previous season.

Teams entering the Competition, agree to pay the fees set out.

VO may refuse to accept or may place on a waiting list any team entries that arrive after the due date.

Player Registrations

As per our efforts to communicate clearly during times of COVID-19 precautions, all players MUST be registered via the Google form provided by the VO. These will be email to teachers in charge of Volleyball once team registrations have been completed.

Player Registrations due: Senior Comp 22 February 2021

Middles/ Junior comp 19th February 2021

Additional registrations or any changes to the team may be entered; by emailing the competitions manager and advising of the new player and their details. They must be completed prior to the player taking the field of play.

Player eligibility

All players in the competition must play within their appropriate/ respective grade.

Premier Boys and Girls – If a person is playing in the Premier Grade they are not permitted to play down a grade. If a player is playing in Senior or social grade and fills in for a higher-grade team they are allowed to do so twice, once they have played for the grade above twice, they must remain in that team.

Junior Division 1 Girls and Boys – Same rule applies from above, no players allowed to play down a grade. (Player must be Y9 or Y10 in the year of 2021)

If you have any questions regarding this then please get in touch with the competition's manager.

COMPETITION SECTION

Fair play

Participants must behave respectfully and courteously in the spirit of FAIR PLAY, not only towards the referees, but also towards other officials, the opponent, team-mates, and spectators. Participants, officials, and spectators are expected to always conduct themselves fairly and in a proper manner, including maintaining a high standard of conduct so as not to prejudice the interests of volleyball or bring themselves, the game, or Volleyball Otago into disrepute.

Any breaches by players, officials and supporters will be dealt with by VO.

Referee abuse

Volleyball Otago relies heavily on teams carrying out duty refereeing. Therefore, abuse of our volunteer referees is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Duty teams experiencing abusive conduct or dissent may indicate on the scoresheet that abuse occurred or communicate it directly to the Competitions Manager.

A player or team cited for abuse may be called to explain themselves.

Failure to correct their conduct may lead to further consequences.

Rules of Volleyball

All Divisions of the Competition will be played under the FIVB Official Volleyball Rules 2017-2020.

These rules can be found at

https://www.fivb.com/en/volleyball/thegame_glossary/officialrulesofthegames

Competition Fixtures

Draws for Friday are released on a Tuesday night and draws for Monday are released on a Wednesday night.

Warm up time should be done off court and there will be 3 Minute net time for top Premier and Junior Division 1 Grades only. No Net time for Grades below Junior Girls Division 2. Roll on/Roll Off.

If game begins at 4:10, and next game starts at 5:50 then the game must start at 4:10, not begin net time at 4:10, game **MUST** finish with 10 minutes left so other team can have net time. This is regardless of the score.

All competition matches will be allocated time slots as follows:

Middles

Games 30 Minute Duration

Games are best of 3, all sets to 25

Referee supplied if possible and games played between 4-6pm depending on court availability.

Junior Boys Division 1 and Junior Girls Division 1 & 2

Players must be enrolled as Y9 & Y10 in 2021. An indication of the team's strength must be notified at entry.

Games 60 Minutes duration.

Games are best of 3 sets, all 3 sets to 25.

In the case that the set score is 1-1, and time allows for a third set the third set plays until the end of the 60-minute duration. Whoever is ahead at the end of the time period wins the game.

Games times as follows: 4:10-5:10, 5:20-6:20, 6:30-7:30, 7:40-8:40

Junior Boys Division 2 & 3 and Junior Girls Division 3,4,5,6 & Social

Games 45 Minute Duration

Games are best of 3 sets, all 3 sets to 25

In the case that the set score is 1-1, and time allows for a third set the third set plays until the end of the 60-minute duration. Whoever is ahead at the end of the time period wins the game.

Games times as follows: 5:40-6:25, 6:25-7:10, 7:10-7:55

Premier Boys and Girls

Games 1 Hour 30 Duration

Games are **best of 5 sets**, first 4 to 25, fifth to 15

Games play until time, if in the fifth set and time is out then last point is played.

Game times as follows: 4:10-5:40, 5:50-7:20, 7:30-9:00

Seeding for the Season will be taken from Term 4.

Premier Boys Grade will allow for 8 Teams Maximum – Seedings as so:

OBHS Blue, KHS Vikings, Bayfield Green, OBHS Red, Bayfield Gold, JMC

Premier Girls Grade will allow for 8 Teams Maximum – Seedings as so:

OGHS Sirens, Bayfield A, Columba A, Taieri A, SHCS A, Queens A, OGHS B, Kavanagh A

Teams that play in the Premier Grade, priority is given to teams attending Mainland Champs or Nationals.

Senior Grades

Games 1 Hour Duration

Games are best of 3 sets

Games play until time, 3 Minute Net Time each.

Social Grades

Games 45 Minutes

Games are best of 3 sets

Games play until time, no Net time.

Defaults

Teams must advise VO by email through their school contact, at least 1 week prior to the match's advertised start time of both their intention to default, and their reasons for the default. This allows for just enough time for the draws to be adjusted.

If a team defaults:

1st Default is a warning; 2nd default a \$20 Fine. The fees will be added to the school's invoice.

Competition format

Formats are driven by the number of available weeks of play and number of teams within each grade.

Seeding for the season will be taken from term 4 in 2020. For teams that play in the Premier Grade, priority is given to teams attending Mainland Champs or Nationals. One more team can play in the Premier Girls Grade and priority will be placed to teams attending VNZ events.

Formats as follows:

Premier Boys (6 teams)	8 weeks (1 full round robin + 1 extra RR game, semi-final, final)
Premier Girls (8 teams)	8 weeks (1 full round robin, final)
Junior Boys Division 1 (6 teams)	8 weeks (1 full round robin + 1 extra RR game, semi-final, final)
Junior Girls Division 1 (8 teams)	8 weeks (1 full round robin, final)

All other grades will have formats confirmed once team entries are in.

Competition Points for match results

All games must have a result- there are **NO draws**. Competition points shall be awarded as follows:

Senior Premier Grade (5 sets)-

3:0	3 points
3:1	3 points
3:2	2 points
2:3	1 point
1:3	0 points
0:3	0 points

All other grades (3 sets)-

2:0	3 points
2:1	3 points
1:2	0 points
0:2	0 points

Determining Ranking after pool play/ round robin

Placing will be taken from the points tables which can be found on the results page on the Volleyball Otago website. If there are equal placings then set countback will be applied. If a tie still remains, then a point countback will be applied.

Post Pool Play offs (semi-finals and finals)

Games may run overtime during semi- finals and finals as the winner **MUST** be decided. If the game is tied, then the first team to score once time is up will be declared the winner.

Team Duty- Refereeing

The middles competition will have referees allocated wherever possible (please be prepared to cover if necessary).

All other grades will be made of teams allocated onto a duty roster. This will be distributed to schools and displayed on a link on the Volleyball Otago website (please use the website version as the definitive copy).

This is a necessary component of our sport and failure to comply leads to a \$20 Fine being invoiced to your school.

Duty requirements for the top Grades (Senior Premier, Junior Division 1 games) – Must have at least:

- 1st Referee
- 2nd Referee
- 2 Scorers
- 2 Linesmen

Duty requirements for Junior Division 2 and below, Senior and Social Grades – Must have at least:

- 1st Referee
- 2nd Referee
- 1 Scorer
- 2 Linesmen

Score sheets MUST be completed as accurately as possible. The following is an example of a correctly filled out score sheet:

BHS2

Time: 5:00 Game: Taieri Yellow VS Columba Y8 Duty: Bree Day
 Team A Taieri Yellow Team B Columba Y8

Set 1		Set 2		Set 3	
A	B	B	A	A	B
Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
1 16	1 16	1 16	1 16	1 16	1 16
2 17	2 17	2 17	2 17	2 17	2 17
3 18	3 18	3 18	3 18	3 18	3 18
4 19	4 19	4 19	4 19	4 19	4 19
5 20	5 20	5 20	5 20	5 20	5 20
6 21	6 21	6 21	6 21	6 21	6 21
7 22	7 22	7 22	7 22	7 22	7 22
8 23	8 23	8 23	8 23	8 23	8 23
9 24	9 24	9 24	9 24	9 24	9 24
10 25	10 25	10 25	10 25	10 25	10 25
11 26	11 26	11 26	11 26	11 26	11 26
12 27	12 27	12 27	12 27	12 27	12 27
13 28	13 28	13 28	13 28	13 28	13 28
14 29	14 29	14 29	14 29	14 29	14 29
15 30	15 30	15 30	15 30	15 30	15 30

Winner: Taieri Yellow Sets 2:1

Time: 5:30 Game: Taieri Blue VS Kavanagh Red Duty: Bree Day
 Team A Kavanagh Red Team B Taieri Blue

Set 1		Set 2		Set 3	
A	B	B	A	A	B
Points	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
1 16	1 16	1 16	1 16	1 16	1 16
2 17	2 17	2 17	2 17	2 17	2 17
3 18	3 18	3 18	3 18	3 18	3 18
4 19	4 19	4 19	4 19	4 19	4 19
5 20	5 20	5 20	5 20	5 20	5 20
6 21	6 21	6 21	6 21	6 21	6 21
7 22	7 22	7 22	7 22	7 22	7 22
8 23	8 23	8 23	8 23	8 23	8 23
9 24	9 24	9 24	9 24	9 24	9 24
10 25	10 25	10 25	10 25	10 25	10 25
11 26	11 26	11 26	11 26	11 26	11 26
12 27	12 27	12 27	12 27	12 27	12 27
13 28	13 28	13 28	13 28	13 28	13 28
14 29	14 29	14 29	14 29	14 29	14 29
15 30	15 30	15 30	15 30	15 30	15 30

Winner: Taieri Blue Sets 2:0

Here is the link for filling out the scoresheet for a 5 set Senior game: <https://youtu.be/tH9z8Decm3U>

Score sheets, Results and Protests

Game day score sheets will be located on each court.

Before the match team captains or management should check that:

- All players are in correct coloured and numbered uniforms if required.

After the match team captains should always check that:

- The final score is recorded correctly.

If a captain disagrees with the details on a Score sheet, the captain/ team manager needs to advise their teacher in charge of Volleyball to follow up with the Competition Manager.

The referees should ensure both team captains have a chance to review and sign the score sheet and must return the score sheet to the clipboard for collection. Once the score sheets have been returned to the competitions manager, results for each division will be available from the Volleyball Otago website. If you consider any results to be incorrect, please notify the competitions manager by email so we can review the score sheet.

NOTE: Score sheets are the sole official record of the match. As it is the requirement of BOTH Teams Managers or Coaches to check & confirm details, it is therefore the only official document for independent review of who played, all VO incidents, injuries, personal penalty cards and points scored during the game. Therefore, it is essential that cards are correctly completed. In the event of a complaint, incorrectly completed cards shall result (in many cases) with the complaint being thrown out for lack of information.

Uniforms and Equipment

Uniforms:

All teams are required to wear the same uniforms (School PE uniform is fine).

For Division 1 teams in the Junior and Middles competition numbered shirts are to be worn if possible.

For Premier Boys and Girls teams in the Senior competition, all players must wear numbered tops in the same top/uniform. A Libero allowed, must be clear that they are wearing an alternative kit which has a number on it.

Miscellaneous

Volleyball Otago will deal with all other matters not provided for in this handbook.