

BEACH VOLLEYBALL (men, women and mixed)

2017

AUS Beach Volleyball competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of the [Federation Internationale de Volleyball](#) (FIVB) except where these differ from AUS sports rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence. As no 4 a side rules exist at international level, the variations included below are definitive.

1. Team/squad size

1.1. Men and women pairs competitions

- Minimum registered players – 2
- Maximum registered players – 2
- Maximum cross registrations – 1
- Minimum number of players that can take the court without incurring a forfeit – 2

1.2. Mixed fours competitions

- Minimum registered players – 4
- Maximum registered players – 6
- Maximum cross registrations – 3
- Minimum number of players that can take the court without incurring a forfeit – 4
- Minimum number of women on the court at any one time – 2

1.3. Players who register in a mixed team are ineligible to cross register in a pairs team and visa versa.

2. Substitutions

2.1. Mixed fours may utilise a maximum of 4 substitutions per match.

3. Competition format

3.1. In fours competition, if a team has more than 1 contact on their side of the net, one of those contacts must be by a woman. Therefore, it is a fault if a woman does not touch the ball when 2 or 3 hits are used by a team to return the ball to the opposing side of court.

4. Match time/duration

4.1. All matches will be the best of 3 sets, rally point.

4.2. The first two sets will be the first to 21 points with a minimum of 2 points lead.

4.3. The final set will be the first to 15 points with a minimum of 2 points lead.

4.4. A summary of match time/duration is also available via the [AUS supplement – games time summary](#).

5. Ladder Points

5.1. Points for each match shall be awarded as follows;

- Winning team: 3 points
- Losing team: 1 point
- Forfeited team: 0 points

5.2. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of ladder points at the completion of the preliminary rounds, the higher placed team(s) will be decided when the first of the following criteria in order, favours the team:

- a) With the higher percentage of sets won divided by total sets played during the competition;
- b) With the higher percentage of points won divided by total points played during the competition;

- c) If two teams are tied, the winner of the match played between the relevant teams during the preliminary competition;
- d) If more than two teams are tied after the application of the above criteria then the higher placed team shall be decided upon by:
 - The higher percentage of sets won divided by total sets played in matches only between the tied teams;
 - The higher percentage of points won divided by total points played in matches only between the tied teams.

6. Drawn matches

- 6.1. There can be no drawn matches in Beach Volleyball. All sets will be played as per these rules until a winner is determined.

7. Forfeits

- 7.1. Beach Volleyball teams are subject to penalties under the [AUS Guideline – forfeit of competition requirements](#).
- 7.2. Any team not ready to start at the official match time, forfeits the first set. If the team is still not ready to play 10 minutes after the official match time, the match is forfeited.
- 7.3. A forfeit set score is 21 points to nil (0).
- 7.4. A forfeit match is 2 sets to nil (0) with each set recorded as 21 points to nil (0).
- 7.5. When neither team is ready to commence at the advised starting time, both teams forfeit the first set. If neither team is ready to start after 10 minutes, the result is a double match forfeit.
- 7.6. Where both teams have forfeited the first set but are then ready to play within 10 minutes, the match shall be played as one set to 21 with a minimum of 2 points lead.
- 7.7. Should the commencement of a match be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by AUG or Competition Management), the match shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full match duration is not possible, the revised match duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams. If resolution between the teams is not possible then the Competition Manager or delegate will make the final decision regarding match format, which will not be subject to appeal.
- 7.8. In the event of a Match being abandoned, the [AUS abandonment guideline](#) will be implemented.

8. Uniform requirements

- 8.1. Each athlete shall wear the uniform of their university. The university shall submit a description of its uniform if requested.
- 8.2. The specific uniform requirements for Beach Volleyball are as per FIVB standard with the following AUS uniform requirements:
 - Matching shorts or bathers and jersey (singlet, crop top, tank top)
 - All jerseys to be clearly numbered on the front, with numbers a minimum of 10cm high and 1.5 cm wide. Jersey's must be numbered 1-2 only for doubles and numbered 1-6 for mixed
 - Wearing a hat is highly recommended and glasses can be worn at the players own risk
 - Players must play barefoot unless authorised by the referees or competition manager
- 8.3. Minimum uniform requirements for AUS events must be met:
 - A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
 - Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed short
 - All participating competitors are to be correctly attired in appropriate, matching team uniforms
 - Exceptions may be made for some sports in cold weather, providing permission is granted by the appropriate officials. Additionally, the exceptions will only be granted providing they are the same colour, and the extra clothing does not cover up any identification numbers or colours



- All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible, and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt
- Mouth guards are strongly recommended for all sports where there is a potential for collision. It is compulsory to wear a mouth guard in those sports where it is stated
- All participants must retain the one number throughout the tournament (if numbered jerseys are used)
- Numbers on shirts are restricted to one or two digit numbers
- Players should not take the field of play in any costume or part of a costume. If they do, players will be asked to remove costume items or incur a code of behaviour report

9. Competitor welfare

- 9.1. All team members and support staff are encouraged to follow the highest level of personal safety in preparing their attendance at the event in respect of hydration, sustenance, sunscreen and shade.
- 9.2. All team members and support staff who avail themselves of the beach environment are requested to swim between the flags and within their own capabilities.

10. Team duties

- 10.1. Team duty requirements for Beach Volleyball are:
 - Each team will be rostered to provide a duty team for a number of matches over the duration of the competition.
 - Each team will be required to provide 2 people to fill the roles of first referee, and combine the role of second referee and scorer.
- 10.2. The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with that team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g. team manager.
- 10.3. Teams that do not fulfil team duties will be fined as per the [AUS Guideline - forfeit of competition requirements](#).

11. Award ceremonies

- 11.1. Medal ceremonies will be held at the completion of the competition.
- 11.2. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to those teams finishing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the competition.
- 11.3. Pennants will be presented at the closing presentation to the following teams
 - For regional university games events
 - Mens champion
 - Womens champion
 - Mixed champion
 - For the Australian University Games
 - Overall mens pairs champion
 - Mens pairs champion division 2
 - Overall womens pairs champion
 - Womens pairs champion division 2
 - Overall fours champion
 - Fours champion division 2
- 11.4. The following trophies will be presented to the overall champion teams at the Australian University Games
 - Mens Pair Champions - AUS Overall Mens Champion trophy
 - Womens Pair Champions - AUS Overall Womens Champion trophy
 - Mixed Fours Champions - AUS Overall Mixed Champion trophy

Rule amendments

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