

UniSport Australia Guideline

Indigenous Nationals – Volleyball

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The Indigenous Nationals volleyball guidelines are based on UniSport and official rules of [FIVB](#). However, due to the nature of the event, some changes or additions have been made, which have been outlined in this guideline. These changes noted below take precedence.

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 12
- Maximum registered players – 16
- Minimum number of players that can take the court without incurring a forfeit – 6
- Maximum number of males on the court at any one time – 3
- Minimum number of males on the court at any one time – 1
- Each team must rotate clockwise after winning back the serve.
- Teams can only substitute from the front right corner position after they win the serve. The new player coming onto the court becomes the server.
- Each team will not be required to provide a libero.

2. Game time/duration

- 2.1. All matches will be best of three sets
- 2.2. All three sets will be the first to 15 points with a minimum two points lead
- 2.3. The rally point system will apply to all matches.
- 2.4. There will be no time out for injury unless the safety of the player is at risk. The umpire in consultation with the competition manager will determine the extra time to be played in this situation.
- 2.5. The game clock will begin running as per scheduled draw unless there are adverse unforeseen circumstances.

3. Match format

- 3.1. Preliminaries are a round robin pool format, with points for each match being awarded as follows:
 - a) Winning team: 3 points
 - b) Losing team: 1 point
 - c) Forfeiting team: 0 points
- 3.2. Teams will be re-ranked according to competition points, following the preliminary rounds, with only the top team from each pool progressing to the finals (depending on the number of teams entered into the competition).
 - a) If there is an unequal number of teams across pools in the preliminary rounds (i.e. one pool of 3 teams), eliminated teams shall be re-ranked according to win percentage (games won/games played) instead of competition points. A draw is considered 50% of a win.
 - b) Should teams still be level on win percentage, then rule 3.4 shall apply
- 3.3. Finals are a single elimination format, with only the winner of each game progressing through to the next round of finals.
- 3.4. In the event of two or more teams having the same number of competition points at the conclusion of the preliminary matches, the higher placed team will be decided by applying the following criteria:
 - a) The team with the higher percentage of sets won divided by total sets played during the competition;
 - b) The team with the higher percentage of points won divided by total points played during the competition;
 - c) If two teams are tied, the head-to-head result between the two teams concerned;
 - 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:
 - i. The higher percentage of sets won divided by total sets played in matched only between the tied teams

- ii. The higher percentage of points won divided by total points played in matched only between the tied teams
- iii. In the event that this still does not separate teams, then a toss of a coin will decide the winner.



4. Forfeits

- 4.1. Volleyball is run under the [UniSport guideline – Breach of Competition Requirements](#).
- 4.2. A forfeit will be declared five minutes after the scheduled start of play where either team is unable to commence play.
- 4.3. One point will be awarded against a team every minute, or part thereof, they are late in taking the court until the forfeit time is reached.
- 4.4. The forfeit match score is two sets to nil (0), with each set recorded as 15 points to nil (0).
- 4.5. Should the commencement of a match be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by the competition management) the match shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full game duration is not possible, the recommended revised game time duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams. If resolution between the teams is not possible, then the competition manager (or their delegate) will make the final decision regarding match duration, which will not be subject to appeal.

5. Other specifications

- 5.1. The net height will be 235cm.

6. Team duties

- 6.1. Team duty requirements for volleyball are:
 - Each team may be rostered to provide a duty team for a number of matches over the duration of the championships
 - Duty teams will consist of five people from one team to fill the roles of linesperson (standing) x 2, 2nd referee x 1, scorer x 1 and manual scoreboard operator x 1
- 6.2. The persons 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.

7. Uniform requirements

- 7.1. The specific uniform requirements for Indigenous Nationals volleyball are as per the [FIVB](#) rules with the following UniSport uniform requirements:
 - a) Shirts and shorts
 - b) Numbers on the back of shirts to be a minimum of 16cm high and must be between 1 and 99
 - c) All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt.
 - d) Shirt number to remain the same for each player for the entire tournament.
 - e) Libero uniforms will not be required for this competition.

8. Presentations

- 8.1. Medal presentations will be conducted at the conclusion of the final match.
- 8.2. One 'Most Valuable Player' and one 'Best Spirited Player' will be selected based on votes made by referees, which will be awarded at the closing ceremony.

*All competitions will be held in accordance with UniSport [event and participation guidelines](#).