



## AUSTRALIAN SIKH GAMES

# VOLLEYBALL RULES

All Team Managers and Captains should read, understand and become familiar with these Rules, rules of The Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) and the Australian Sikh Games General Championship Rules, Terms and Conditions. Ignorance of such shall not be deemed sufficient grounds for any appeal.

Please contact the Organising Committee for further information and/or clarification on these rules.

### 1. APPLICATION

- 1.1 These rules shall apply to each match in the Championship unless expressly excluded herein any particular case.
- 1.2 By direction of the Organizing Committee, these rules may apply to any match under the control of the committee.
- 1.3 Unless a contrary intention appears, words in singular shall be deemed to include the plural and vice-versa.

### 2. DRAW

- 2.1 The competition shall be conducted in a round-robin series, with the two teams at the top of the pool after a series of matches playing off in the Grand Final.
- 2.2 The Organizing Committee shall produce a program of matches showing the date, venue and time of matches. Such program shall be submitted to the competing teams not later than four (4) weeks prior to the date on which the Championship is due to commence.
- 2.3 Each program of matches shall provide for:
  - (a) A series of matches in which each team shall play each other team.
  - (b) The allocation of playing times to the matches in the series referred to in subparagraph (a) hereof, so that no team is given any advantage over any other team by reason of the time allocated to the matches.
  - (c) A commencement time for any final match, which makes allowance for the possibility of extra-time and ensures that all matches will be completed in suitable conditions.



### **3. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AND UMPIRES' MANAGER**

- 3.1 The Organizing Committee shall appoint suitably qualified persons to the position of Tournament Director and Umpires' Manager.
- 3.2 The duties of the Tournament Director shall be:
- 3.2.1 To generally supervise the Championship on behalf of the Organizing Committee.
- 3.2.2 To conduct the Championship in accordance with these Rules.
- 3.2.3 To appoint a duty team for each match of the Championship consisting of a second referee and 2 linesmen.
- 3.2.4 To arrange under his control, and only if it is necessary, any official meetings of team managers and / or coaches.
- 3.2.5 To adjudicate upon:
- (i) Any matter raised by any team manager in respect of any) of any aspects of the Championship, and,
  - (ii) Any matter raised by the officiating umpires or any of them, relating to the conduct of any participating team in respect of any match.
- 3.3 The Tournament Director may suspend for one or more matches of the Championship any player, reserve player or team official who has, by his behaviour, brought the game of Volleyball into disrepute before, during or after any match of the Championship.
- 3.4 The duties of the Umpire's Manager shall be to assist the Tournament Director in the discharge of those responsibilities described in Clause 3.2.1 of the Rules and, in addition, to make or to supervise all arrangements for the proper functioning of the Umpires appointed to each match in the Championship.

### **4. ENTRIES - REGISTRATION**

- 4.1 At least 14 days prior to the commencement date of the Championship each participating team shall notify the Organizing Committee, in writing, the names of its players and team officials.
- 4.2 Not less than 30 minutes prior to the starting time of any team's first match in the Championship, the Team Manager shall deliver to the Tournament Director a completed and signed Entry Form providing all the information required therein.
- 4.3 Each team may nominate a maximum of:
- 10 players in the Open Championship
  - 8 players in the Veteran Championship (over 35 years)
  - 8 players in the Mixed Championship, with following player composition
    - .1 All male players must be over 35 years (no age restriction in case of the female players)
    - .2 At any time, during a match (on the court), there must not be more than 3 male players
- 4.4 After nomination (as per 4.3 above), no change or addition to the nominations will be accepted, except in the case where a team has originally registered fewer than the above players.



## 5. COMPETITION RULES

### 5.1 The Games

- 5.1.1 The matches in the Championship shall be played in accordance with the Rules of the Game of Volleyball as approved from time to time by the F.I.V.B. and these Rules.
- 5.1.2 In any case where the Rules of the Game of Volleyball and these Rules appear to be in conflict, these Rules shall prevail.

### 5.2 Points

- 5.2.1 The following points shall be awarded for each match
  - (a) Two (2) points for the winner;
  - (b) No point for the loser.
- 5.2.2 The total points accumulated at the end of the series of matches referred to in Rule 2.3(a) shall determine the placing, and hence the Grand-Final playoffs as determined in Rule 2.1.
- 5.2.3 If at the conclusion of the series of matches referred to in Rule 2.3(a) hereof, more than two teams have obtained the same number of points, their ranking shall be decided as follows:
  - (a) The team having been awarded the greater number of points balance shall be ranked higher;
  - (b) Should this number be the same, the winner of the match between those two teams shall be accorded the higher place;
  - (c) Should the teams still be equal, there shall be no replay and the matter shall be settled under Rule 6 (Unforeseen Events).

### 5.3 Ineligible Players

- 5.3.1 If in the Championship any player plays in any match in which that player is ineligible to play, the team for which that player so plays shall be deemed to have forfeited every match in which such ineligible player has taken part.

### 5.4 FAILURE TO PLAY - Forfeit – Scratching

- 5.4.1 If during the course of a match a team declines to continue a game or take it up where it left off, or if at any time during the match the number of its players on the court is fewer than five, this team shall be deemed to have lost the match and the opposing team to have won the match with the score standing at the time or by a score of 3-0 whichever is the greater having regard to set balance.
- 5.4.2 If a team scratches from the Championship before the completion of the series of matches referred to in Rule 2.3 (a) hereof, all matches it had played up till then shall be considered as not having been played not only by the scratching team but also the teams it had played, and the classifications shall be corrected accordingly.
- 5.4.3 A team refusing to play a match on its program shall be considered as scratching from the competition.



## **5.5 DRESS - Team Numbers**

- 5.5.1 Each team in the Championship shall nominate two distinctively colored sets of jerseys with numbers. The colors must be submitted to the Organizing Committee, in writing, not later than 14 days prior to the commencement of the Championship.
- 5.5.2 Before the start of the championship, each participating team shall allot each of its players a number which, except with the permission of the Tournament Director, shall remain the same through the Championship and which shall be clearly visible on the back of the players jersey.

## **5.6 COMPOSITION OF TEAM**

- 5.6.1 Each participating team may change the composition of its team from one match to another on condition that only those players whose name appears on the entry form participate.

## **5.7 SUBSTITUTION**

- 5.7.1 At no time shall there be on the court more than 6 players in each team.
- 5.7.2 All players taking part in any match shall be chosen from amongst those whose names appear on the Entry Form for the Championship.
- 5.7.3 Time off shall not be allowed for interchange.

## **5.8 DURATION OF MATCHES**

- 5.8.1 Each series of matches referred to in Rule 2.3(a) shall be the best of 3 sets, separated by an interval of 3 minutes between each set for change of courts. The GRAND FINAL shall be the best of 5 sets.
- 5.8.2 A time out lasts for a maximum of 30 seconds. Each team is entitled to a maximum of 2 time outs per set.

## **5.9 MATCHES STOPPED**

- 5.9.1 If a match should be interrupted by the umpire on account of atmospheric or other extraordinary conditions, the following shall apply:
  - Play shall be resumed as soon as possible, with the score standing at the time of the interruption and shall be completed to the end of the regulation time.

## **5.10 ADMISSION TO THE COURT OF PLAY**

- 5.10.1 No one except the players and umpires properly engaged in a given match may enter the court of play unless they are invited to do so by one of the officiating umpires or the Tournament Director.
- 5.10.2 The Team Manager is responsible for the proper conduct of all persons occupying the team bench.

## **6. UNFORESEEN EVENTS**

- 6.1 Should circumstances arise which are not provided for in these Rules, they shall be dealt with by the Tournament Director and his decision shall be binding on all the parties concerned.