



# Gladstone Volleyball Association Competition Rules

## Preamble

Gladstone Volleyball Association Social league is a weekly competition with multiple divisions. These Competition Rules address arrangements associated with the eligibility of players, requirements of participant teams, and conduct of the competition. Unless otherwise listed in these Rules, GVA's Social League is conducted in accordance within the official rules of FIVB as varied by Volleyball Australia. Competition dates, location, divisions offered and entry process will be available through the GVA website: [www.gladstonevolleyball.com.au](http://www.gladstonevolleyball.com.au)

### 1. Competition Format

- i. Competition standings are calculated by sets won, if tied then points ratio.
- ii. Division 2 & 3 serving team will rotate server after winning three (3) consecutive points on serve

### 2. Match times

- i. Warmup (5 minutes) and access to the court will start at the scheduled times (5:15pm, 6:00pm, 6:45pm, 7:30pm and 8:15pm). Matches will commence at 5:20pm, 6:05pm, 6:50pm, 7:35pm and 8:20pm).
- ii. Games that start late for any reason will still finish on time.
- iii. Any team(s) not ready at the match commencement time, will forfeit the first set. Thereafter, any team(s) not ready will forfeit the match after ten minutes
- iv. Games are the best of four (4) sets to 15 points within the time frame 45 minutes.
- v. Substitutions and Exchanges may be made between points at any time during the match and are unlimited in number. Division 2 & 3 Substitutions may be made from either side of the court and between any positions.
- vi. Division 1 Substitutions and Exchanges should be conducted in accordance with the FIVB rules (noting that 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee and Scorer may not be present)
- vii. Incomplete sets will count as a set won if a team has more than half the set points (ie 8 for a set to 15) and leads by one (1) or more points. Full sets are played to a lead of 2 points.

### 3. VQ Registration

- i. For players to be eligible, they must be a current financial member of VQ (Recreational Level). There will be "Zero Tolerance" regarding unregistered players at any stage of the season.



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- ii. Any unregistered players who take to the court are in violation of rule 3i, which will result in a forfeit being applied to their team. Registration is available online on the VQ website: [www.vq.org.au/membership/](http://www.vq.org.au/membership/)
- iii. It is the Player Reps responsibility to ensure that players are registered

### 4. Game Start Times

- i. Teams must be ready to play, including writing names on the scoresheet before the match commencement time.
- ii. All players that take the court must be on the team list – if a player takes the court without being on the team list, the offending team will be forfeited. Where the players taking the court are registered for the team scheduled to play, but the team list has not been correctly filled in the Competition Manager use discretion regarding forfeiture of the team.
- iii. Guest players under Rule 6iii must also be recorded on the team list for that match

### 5. Competition Standing and Penalties

- i. Points will be awarded in all divisions as follows:
  - a. 1 point per set won
  - b. 0.5 points for tied sets, providing minimum number of points criteria is met in accordance with Rule 2 vi.
  - c. 1 point for winning all sets in a game
  - d. 4 points for a bye
  - e. -1 points for an unnotified forfeit
- ii. Where score sheets are incomplete, missing or illegible the Competition Manager may use the best information available or may score both teams zero (0) sets and zero (0) points, at the Competition Manager's sole discretion.
- iii. The Competition Manager will act in a fair and consistent manner.
- iv. Where a team forfeits the opposing team will be awarded four (4) set points and zero (0) 'for' and 'against' points.

### 6. Incomplete teams (less than 6 players)

- i. If teams are incomplete, they will forfeit the first set at the scheduled start time and then the match after ten (10) minutes, in accordance with rule 2 iii
- ii. Teams may play with five (5) players. Teams may not play with less than five (5) players (excepting scratch matches for no competition points).



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- iii. Teams with four (4) or five (5) registered team players present may borrow one (1) or two (2) guest player(s) to make their team up to five (5) or six (6).
- iv. Guest players may play in the same division or 'up' a division.
- v. Guest players may play 'down' a division but must reduce the level of their play to match the level of the players on the opposing team. Any play deemed to be inappropriate and/or unsafe in the opinion of a committee member shall result in forfeiture of the offending team for that set and/or match and may result in the suspension of the guest player for the remainder of that match.
- vi. Guest players must be registered, financial members of both VQ and GVA.
- vii. Teams with less than four (4) of the registered players for that team forfeit the match in accordance with rule 6i. Teams may borrow guest players to play a 'scratch match' for no competition points if they have forfeited. The duty team will not forfeit competition points if they choose not to duty a forfeit match.

### **7. Allocation to Divisions**

- i. Players may not register to play with multiple teams in different divisions.
- ii. The Competition Manager and Player Rep(s) will allocate teams to divisions at their discretion, giving consideration to the number of Representative players and general ability (where known) of players within each team.

### **8. Finals format**

- i. All finals matches (including medal matches) will be played to time. If at the end of time teams are tied on sets, a point countback will be performed to determine the winner.

### **9. Eligibility**

- i. Un-financial players and teams are not eligible to take the court to play until full match fees are paid.

### **10. Duty**

- i. Teams will be scheduled for duty as is required by the Competition Manager.
- ii. Duty may be before or after a team has played.
- iii. Teams on duty are to be prepared to provide (as a minimum) a first referee and a scorer.



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- iv. The duty personnel must be present at the scheduled match starting time.
- v. A duty team will be penalised one (1) competition point for each duty member not present at the scheduled starting time.
- vi. The duty team is responsible for completing the score sheet, including final score summary and players list. Failure to do so may result in the loss of one (1) competition point.

### **11. Net height**

- i. For division 3 games, the net height should be set to 2.15m (Girl's Height)
- ii. For division 2 games, the net height should be set to 2.24m (Women's Height)
- iii. For division 1 games, the net height should be set to 2.35m (Boy's Height – approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$  way between Men's & Women's Height)