



Hunter Junior Volleyball League

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1 AIMS & PURPOSE

The Hunter Junior Volleyball League (JVL) aims to:

- 1.1 To provide coaches, referees and participants a positive and well-administered premier junior indoor competition in the Hunter region
- 1.2 To assist the player, coach & referee pathway through local, intrastate & interstate development
- 1.3 To promote volleyball to the greater sporting community in NSW
- 1.4 To meet strategic outcomes of Hunter Volleyball.

2. JVL Technical Committee (JVLTC)

- 2.1 JVL will be delivered by Hunter Volleyball Inc and administered by its delegated representative (volunteer or staff member).
- 2.2 Hunter Volleyball may endorse the formation of a JVLTC as the league matures, in order to:
 - a) Support the Hunter Volleyball to successfully delivering JVL
 - b) Review and modify the Regulations of JVL annually
 - c) Oversee the implementation of the Regulations throughout the JVL season
 - d) Make decisions on any disputes, appeals or requests for dispensation (excluding the Rules of the Game)
 - e) Make recommendations to the Hunter Volleyball Committee for issues of misconduct that are not highlighted in the Regulations or are in breach of the Member Protection Policy.
- 2.3 A proposed JVLTC may comprise the following appointed roles, and any others required by Hunter Volleyball:
 - a) League Manager– representing the sport operations, teams and having intimate knowledge of the Regulations
 - b) Referee Delegate– overseeing the implementation of the Rules of the Game
- 2.4 In the absence of an endorsed JVLTC, Hunter Volleyball reserves the right to:
 - a) modify the Regulations at any time they see fit should unforeseen circumstances occur
 - b) rely upon information and advice from other individuals they determine in their sole discretion to be reasonable to assist in making any decisions however do not have a vote on the decision
 - c) conduct meetings face to face or via electronic means, with accurate minutes to be recorded and distributed.



3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Player Registration

- a) All players participating in Junior Volleyball League must be current registered Members of Hunter Volleyball. Proof of registration may be requested by the League Manager. The registration of each player must be in either the Primary Recreational Adult or Primary Recreational U18 category. All competitors must be current registered members before the commencement of the League.
- b) During round games, the team shall have two (2) competition points deducted from the team's total competition points for each match in which an unregistered player plays or has played. The forfeited points will not be reinstated.
- c) During the finals series, the team will forfeit the final series game.

3.2 Coach and other Official Registration

- a) All JVL teams are required to have qualified and accredited coaches, with a minimum of Level One accreditation for ALL Teams.
- b) All coaches are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the Volleyball Rules and abide by the Volleyball NSW Member Protection Policy and the Coaches Code of Conduct.
- c) All team officials must be listed on the scoresheet prior to the start of the match. Coaches must wear appropriate clothing including their team uniform (polo / shirt) or business attire and wear enclosed shoes at all times.

4. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

4.1 Duration and Format

- a) JVL will have a minimum of four teams per gender and expand with additional teams based on venue capacity.
- b) The JVL Draw will be created to deliver a fair and equitable distribution of matches, duty allocations and byes (if required) amongst all competing teams.

4.2 Divisions

DIVISION	NET HEIGHT
Junior Boys - U18	2.43m
Junior Girls – U18	2.24m

4.3 Composition of Divisions

- a) Players competing in the U18 Division may not turn 18 in the year of the competition, unless exemption granted by the JVLTC or Hunter Volleyball Committee.
- b) There is no minimum age restriction. However, all players must be training and playing at a reasonable standard to manage the rigours of competition in which player height, maturity and strength may vary greatly.



4.4 Divisional Structure

- a) Matches are to start at the scheduled time.
- b) The official start time is the scheduled time of the first serve according to the applicable pre-match protocol.
- c) Matches will have a fixed playing time of 50 minutes + 10 minute warm up.
 - i) Matches will be compulsory 3 sets, under the given time constrictions.
 - ii) Sets are played to 25 points. A team wins a set when they have a score of at least 25, with a lead of 2 points.
 - iii) A set that has not reached a normal conclusion when the final siren sounds, shall be counted as a completed set if the leading team has reached a score of at least 13 points, with a lead of at least 2 points.
 - iv) The winner of a match shall be determined by the number of sets won. If teams are equal on sets, then the match result is a draw.
 - v) If the final siren goes off to signify the end of the match during a rally, the rally must be played out.
 - vi) Time-outs are not permitted during the final 5 minutes of a match. A time-out which commences prior to the last five minutes shall be completed normally. It is the referee's responsibility to check the running clock, before authorising a time out.
 - vii) Substitutions are permitted during the final 5 minutes of a match, but teams delaying the substitution process during this time should expect the strict application of the rules in relation to time-delays.
 - viii) Teams may play with 5 players. If a team has less than 5 players and is declared incomplete at the starting time, it shall forfeit the first set. If, after a further five (5) minutes, the team is still incomplete then the team shall forfeit the 2nd set. If, after a further five (5) minutes, the team is still incomplete, it shall forfeit the 3rd set and the match.

4.5 No Rescheduled Matches

- a) All matches must take place according to the date, time and venue specified in the Draw. Teams unable to play at the allotted time slot will forfeit the match and therefore lose two (2) competition points from the team's total competition points.

4.6 Competition Rules

- a) The Competition will be played in accordance with the current FIVB Official Volleyball Rules (which include the Referee Guidelines and Casebook) at the start of the competition with the exception of amendments made within these Junior Volleyball League (JVL) Regulations.
- b) Where there is a conflict between the FIVB Rules and the JVL Regulations, the JVL Regulations will apply.



- c) The venues and equipment used in the JVL Competition may not fully comply with the FIVB rules and regulations (e.g. the “free zone” area may be smaller). All players who choose to participate in the competition accept that the venue and equipment may not be fully compliant.
- d) All players choose to play at their own risk.
- e) Hunter Volleyball does not recommend that players wear glasses or jewellery. Any player choosing not to follow these recommendations does so at their own risk
- f) By entering into JVL, all players/coaches are agreeing that they have and read and understood both the FIVB rules and the JVL Regulations as set out in this document.

4.7 Pre-Match Protocol

Mins to Match Start	Start Action
10	Coin toss takes place and Captains check and sign score sheets Duty Team check uniforms and team listed is in attendance
	Teams commence on court warm up
7	Spiking from position 4
5	Spiking from position 2
3	Teams serving
2	Teams clear the court
1	Teams called onto court for rotation check
0	First serve

4.8 Substitutions

- a) The following rules apply for substitutions for all JVL matches:
 - i. A team shall be allowed a maximum of twelve (12) substitutions in any one set. Players starting a set may be replaced by a substitute and may subsequently re-enter the set twice. Each substitute may enter the set three times. A player shall not enter the set for a fourth time (starting shall count as an entry). Players re-entering the set must assume the original position in the service order in relation to other teammates. No change may be made in a player's position in the service order unless necessitated by an injury requiring an abnormal substitution under the provisions of paragraph 4.8b (ii) below. Any number of players may enter the set in each position in the service order.
 - ii. If through any injury a player is unable to play and substitution cannot be legally made the team is entitled to make an EXCEPTIONAL substitution beyond the limits of paragraph 4.8a(i) (as per rule 7. of the FIVB Rules as amended by rule 4.8(b) below).
 - iii. If a team becomes incomplete within a set through expulsion of a player and substitution cannot be made under the rules, the team loses the set by default, keeping the points acquired. If a team becomes incomplete through disqualification of a player and substitution cannot be made under the rules, the team loses the matches by default, keeping the sets and points acquired.



- b) The FIVB exceptional substitution rule applies to JVL, however is amended to allow the libero to replace an injured player only where the team consists of 7 players for the match and there is a matching uniform available for the libero, but not until the 3-minute recovery time has expired and the injured player is deemed unable to continue. It is not essential that the libero who is replacing the injured player have a shirt number that is identical to the playing shirt number used when the player was a libero, however the player may not use any other player's number or switch numbers with the injured players or any other player listed on the scoresheet.

4.9 Libero

- a) The FIVB Rules will be amended as follows:
- i. A coach/captain may designate up to two liberos per set. The coach/captain may redesignate the team's libero(s) at the interval between sets. The libero(s) must be detailed on the team's line up sheet for each set.
 - ii. The libero(s) must wear a uniform (or jacket / bib) whose jersey at least must contrast in colour with that of the other members of the team and it must be numbered like the rest of the team members.
 - iii. The libero(s) must comply with the uniform rule and should maintain the same playing number as the original playing shirt number if possible. In the event the libero(s) do not have a contrasting shirt with the same number as their original playing shirt, a shirt with a new unused number (without tape) must be worn. The libero(s) may not use any other player's number or switch numbers with another player listed on the scoresheet.

5. UNIFORMS

No political, religious, alcohol or tobacco sponsors or statements are allowed on any team uniform including anyone in an official capacity.

5.1 Playing Shirts

- a) All teams must have a uniform which consists of playing shirts of matching style and colour which are numbered front and back.
- b) The Libero must wear a numbered shirt of contrasting colour to the normal team uniform shirt.
- c) Exceptions to Rule 6.1a are:
 - i. black armbands in a bereavement situation.
 - ii. Captains bar under the front number on the playing shirt.
 - iii. Playing shirts must be numbered 1–99.
- d) All players must be in playing uniform at the start of the official warm up protocol.



5.2 Playing Shorts

- a) Numbers are not compulsory on shorts.
- b) Shorts may feature nominal manufacturer logos which may differ within a team.

5.3 Socks

- a) Socks are not considered part of the uniform.

5.4 Coaching Uniforms

- a) The coaching uniform is encouraged to be a team shirt or polo and black pants/tights.
- b) Enclosed shoes are required at all times.

5.5 Exceptions

Players are permitted to wear the following provided it does not obstruct the official uniform:

- a) religious clothing
- b) compression gear.

6. COMPLETION OF SCORESHEET/ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

- a) The scoresheet must be signed by the Head Coach and Team Captain of both teams before the commencement of the match. Once the scoresheet is signed no changes or additions by either playing team is permitted. It is the responsibility of the Captain and the Coach to verify the accuracy of their Team List (including names and numbers) of every player competing in the match.
- b) Duty teams must identify each player shown on the Team List against the nominated playing numbers. Players that are not present at the venue and ready to play (in full team uniform) at the commencement of the second set are to be crossed off the scoresheet by the duty team scorer at the commencement of the second set.
- c) Player attendance and also player absences will be recorded by the Competition Manager each week, for the purposes of determining eligibility to compete in Finals.
- d) Any questions regarding completion of the scoresheet at the end of the match should be referred to the First Referee before they sign-off on the result.

6.1 Suspended Players

- a) Players under suspension either as a result of sanctions received during JVL or as a result of a decision made by the Hunter Volleyball Committee, including but not limited to current Financial Status, will be ineligible to compete in any match or be present at the JVL venue during the competition.
- b) Sanctions on an athlete imposed by the Volleyball Australia or Volleyball NSW, or any other recognised Affiliate will be respected by Hunter Volleyball and fully complied with.



6.2 Players Eligibility to play in Finals Series

- a) Players must play more than 50% of round matches for their team to be eligible to play in the Finals Series for that team, except as provided in clauses b) and c) below.
- b) Byes will not be counted towards matches played when determining eligibility for finals
- c) A player who has played 50% or less of matches for a particular team shall be eligible to play in Finals Series for that particular team if the player has been given special exemption from clause a) by the Hunter Volleyball Committee.
- d) The Finals Series is specified in the competition format for each year's JVL competition, and may include Playoffs, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Medal Finals subject to teams and venue availability.

6.3 Special Exemption to play in Finals Series

- a) A player seeking special exemption from clause 6.2c must apply in writing to the Hunter Volleyball Committee no less than 7 days before the exemption is to take effect. The request must be lodged with the Competition Manager who will forward the request to the Hunter Volleyball Committee for determination.
- b) The request must state the reasons why the player did not play the minimum required number of matches. In the event that the player was unable to play due to:
 - i. Injury, the request must be accompanied by a Doctor's Certificate stating the nature of the injury and the dates on which the injury prevented the player from playing. Requests without a Doctor's Certificate will not be considered.
 - ii. Representative commitments, the request must be accompanied by an email or other form of correspondence from a coach or other official confirming the State or other representative appointment.
- c) The Hunter Volleyball Committee shall reasonably consider each application on its merits in determining whether or not to grant special exemption to a player from the requirements of Rule 6.2a.

6.4 Sanctions – Players and Officials

- a) Sanctions may be applied against any player, coach or official by the first referee of any match up until the first referee signs the scoresheet at the conclusion of the match. No sanction may be imposed after the first referee has signed the scoresheet. Sanctions are determined in accordance with section 21 of the FIVB.
- b) In the event any player or official is sanctioned by a Referee during the course of a game, the following demerit point system shall apply:

Warning – No Sanction (Yellow Card)	No demerit point
Penalty (Red Card)	1 Demerit Point
Expulsion (Red & Yellow Card jointly)	2 Demerit Points
Disqualification (Red and Yellow separately)	3 Demerit Points



- c) A player or official who receives three (3) demerit points during the competition will automatically be suspended for one (1) match.
- d) If a player or team official who has been suspended under clause 5.16 receives a subsequent demerit point, they will be automatically suspended pending appearance before an VNSW Judiciary Committee that will determine whether they will be liable to any further disciplinary action.
- e) The Judiciary Committee shall consist of the Competition Manager, Chair of the NSWVRA, the VNSW General Manager or their nominated representatives. The Committee is to be convened as soon as practicable after the player receives the subsequent demerit point.
- f) Any player or official who is suspended may not enter the SVL venue during the course of the suspension, whether as a spectator or in any other capacity.

6.5 PROTESTS

- a) In the format of the JVL there is no scope for replaying matches at later times due to a protest made after the match being upheld. Therefore, a system of “on the spot” Protest resolution has been adopted. The Competition Manager and/or Chief Referee hold authority to resolve protests and make determinations on formal protests occurring during the match in order to re-establish the situation in accordance with the FIVB Rules and JVL Regulations.
- b) Where there is no Chief Referee, the Competition Manager will be responsible for resolving the protest. The Competition Manager may consult any senior referee at the venue at the time of the protest, only if that senior referee is not involved in the same match. At the conclusion of the match, Coaches/Captains may briefly discuss rule interpretations and or applications of the rules with the Competition Manager or Chief Referee.

7. COMPETITION POINTS:

- a) Competition points towards the championship ladder shall be awarded as follows:

Win	3 points
Draw	2 points
Loss	1 points
Uniform Breach	-.5 point
Duty Failure	-2 points
Forfeit	-2 points

- b) **Duty Failure**

- i. When a team submits a Scoresheet that is materially incomplete or incorrect to the First Referee, who will inform the Chief Referee and Competition Manager
- ii. When a team fails to provide the appropriate members fulfil their commitments, as set out in Rule 8.3.



- c) At the conclusion of the round games, if teams are equal on competition points in the competition ladder, then the following criteria will be used to decide final positions:

Step 1 Set Ratio

The team with the highest sets ratio (to three decimal points) will be awarded the higher placing in the round robin **Sets Ratio = Sets WON / [Sets Won + Sets Lost]**

Step 2 Point Ratio

If the tie still exists after calculating the Set Ratio, the order of ranking will be determined by Points Ratio, with the team with the highest points ratio (to three decimal points) will be awarded the higher placing in the round robin **Points Ratio = Points WON / [Points Won + Points Lost]**

Step 3 Aggregate Score (Points Won)

If there is still no clear placing after calculating the Sets Ratio and the Points Ratio, then positions will be determined by the highest total game points scored.

8. OFFICIALS

The Hunter Volleyball Committee will appoint the following personnel where practical to deliver the JVL.

8.1 Competition Manager

The Competition Manager will be responsible for the successful delivery of the JVL. The Competition Manager will be the responsible person in regard to all issues relating to the administration of the competition, the readiness of the venue and liaison with the Chief Referee appointed by the NSW Volleyball Referees' Association. If the Competition Manager is unavailable due to other commitments, then the person designated by the Competition Manager may act as interim Competition Manager until such time as he/she becomes available. If the matter is urgent the Competition Manager should make themselves available.

8.2 Referees

- a) A Chief Referee will be appointed to support the JVL and development of players as referees. In the event that a Chief Referee is not present when needed, the most senior referee determined by official referee grading/badge will be designated as the Senior Referee in the venue. The Senior Referee may provide assistance to the Competition Manager in the event of an Official Protest.
- b) It is the responsibility of the First Referee of every game to check each scoresheet to ensure that only players present and eligible to play during the match are listed on the scoresheet. The First Referee must also present the complete scoresheet to the Chief Referee for sign off prior to their next engagement.

8.3 Duty Team Requirements

- a) Duty Teams for all matches will be required to provide a First Referee, Second referee, two (2) line judges and one (1) scorer for each match.



- b) Duty teams are required to use their own whistles, unless provided at the venue.
- c) Duty Teams will be required to clean and clear the court after their match. They must wipe the score table, post padding and ball.
- d) Teams which do not have the required duty personnel in attendance (See Rule 8.3a) for their rostered duty by the time of the Coin Toss as specified in the Pre-Match Protocol will be subject to a Competition Point penalty as specified in Rule 7a.
- e) In the event that a team does not have the required duty personnel at the start of the match during a final series game, the team will be disqualified from the finals series.
- f) Duty Teams rostered for the first match of the day must assist with setting up the net and antennae. Duty Teams rostered for the last timeslot of the day on that court must assist with the taking down of the net and antennae.
- g) Duty team scorers are responsible for ensuring that only players present at the commencement of the second set remain on the scoresheet, with absent players crossed out.
- h) Duty teams must wear enclosed shoes and not be operating any electronic or listening devices while performing their duty.

9. MEDICAL

9.1 Medical Assistance

Hunter Volleyball provides first aid services including ice packs for injuries at the venue for participants and spectators. Hunter Volleyball does not provide performance services such as Physio/Chiro.

9.2 Blood

- a) If any on court player is bleeding or if blood is evident on any equipment or in the field of play, the match will be stopped.
- b) In the event of a bleeding player, the player should be removed from the game as per the FIVB rules concerning an injured player. That player cannot return to the court until there is no evidence of blood or bleeding on the player. See the FIVB Rules regarding Exceptional Substitutions and Injuries (17).
- c) In the event that there is evidence of blood on any equipment or in the field of play, the tournament director must be requested to take appropriate measures to remove the blood using appropriate cleaning solution. Only once the blood has properly been removed may the game resume. Any substitutions made in order to resolve the blood removal, including player return, is not required to be a legal substitution and will not count against a team's 12 substitution limit



10. JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE AWARDS

The following Individual Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Junior Volleyball League 2022.

Most Improved Player Coaches from each team will nominate one player from their team who has demonstrated the greatest personal growth and improvement over the course of the season. Through positive and considered collaboration the coaches will determine the single male and female award recipients, to receive their awards at the end of the JVL Season.

Most Valuable Player Coaches from each team will nominate one player from their team who has demonstrated the greatest contribution through teamwork and performance for their team over the course of the season. Through positive and considered collaboration the coaches will determine the single male and female awards recipients, to receive their award at the end of the JVL Season.

Referee Award Coaches will nominate a referee who has demonstrated competence and improvement in the adjudication of matches throughout the season, contributing to a positive environment for competitive play amongst the teams and sportsmanship among players.

The Hunter JVL Regulations have been developed with reference to Volleyball NSW's Sydney Volleyball League 'Rules & Regulations 2022' available at www.volleyballnsw.com.au/competitions/svl/.

