

Canterbury Volleyball Association

Beach Volleyball Tournament Procedures and Rules

Tournament Entry

1. Entry to all tournaments, including payment of the tournament entry fee, must be completed via CVA webpage (www.canterburyvolleyball.org)
2. CVA entry deadlines and fees for all tournaments are published on the CVA website
3. There are limited entries and entry to the draw is not guaranteed. Should a team not make the draw the team will be refunded straight away.

Wildcards

1. Teams must apply for a Wildcard before the entry registration deadline for each event. Apply by e-mailing beach@cva.nz
2. The number of wildcards issued at each event are awarded at the discretion of CVA
3. Teams granted a wildcard will be seeded at the discretion of CVA

Withdrawals

1. If a team withdraws from a tournament after the entry deadline has closed, that team shall forfeit its entire entry fee
2. A team that withdraws from a tournament before the entry deadline lapses shall be entitled to a refund of its entry fee

Registration and technical meeting

1. All CVA events will be preceded by a Technical Meeting to be held on the morning of the first day of the event, unless otherwise advertised
2. All teams will be required to check-in upon arrival on the morning of the first day of the event and prior to the Technical Meeting
3. All players must be in attendance at the Technical Meeting

Competition format

The draw format will be published on the CVA website prior to the tournament and is available on-line during the tournament

Match Timing and Scoring

Intervals Between Matches

1. A maximum 5-minute net time applies between matches, unless otherwise indicated
2. All teams are expected to warm up prior to net time off the sand and be ready to start net time as soon as the previous game is completed
3. For teams required to complete back-to-back games or teams playing straight after refereeing, a maximum 10-minute net time is provided

Variation of Match Format

1. The Tournament Director may decide to use a reduced scoring format in some or all matches of a tournament
2. Technical time outs will not apply unless specified by the tournament director
3. Any variations will be provided at the technical meeting

Scheduling and punctuality

1. It is the Players' responsibility to regularly check on the tournament's order of play. The draw is always available on-line
2. Teams are required to commence play at the instruction of the Referee. This will be no more than 5 minutes after the last scheduled game has finished (for teams that have not played or refereed the previous game) or 10 minutes after the last scheduled game for teams involved in a previous game
3. If either team is not ready to commence play at the allocated match start time it shall:
 - a) default the first set 0-21 (or relevant set score)
 - b) after another 5 minutes the team shall default the second set 0-21 (or the relevant set score)

Failure to complete a match

1. A player must complete a match in progress unless he / she is reasonably unable to do so. Notwithstanding a medical time out.
2. Violation of point 1 shall cause a team to automatically default the match in question. In this case the defaulting team keeps it's points and any sets won. The non-defaulting team is given all of the points necessary to win the match.

Incomplete or cancelled events

1. The Tournament Director has the right to stop or cancel play, as he/she deems necessary for player safety.
2. If a tournament has not started or the first round is incomplete and the event cannot be resumed with adequate time to complete the event, the tournament will be declared "cancelled".
3. Where possible a "cancelled" tournament will be rescheduled to another date. Teams will be notified as soon as possible where a cancellation occurs.
4. Teams may need to re-enter for any rescheduled tournaments. Those teams that do not re-enter will have their entry fee refunded.
5. If a tournament is "cancelled" after the first round but before all subsequent rounds are completed, and not rescheduled, then the number of rounds played will determine the ratings, points and prize money made available. These will be allocated in proportion to the number of completed rounds. For example, if half the scheduled matches are played before the tournament is "cancelled" then 50% of ratings, points and any prize money will be made available.
6. In the event of a "cancelled" tournament, CVA will not be responsible for any loss incurred due to the cancellation.

Misconduct

During competition, the following misconduct categories shall apply. Sanctions are below.

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct - argumentation, intimidation, etc.
2. Rude conduct - acting contrary to good manners or moral principles, expressing contempt.
3. Offensive conduct - defamatory or insulting words or gestures.
4. Aggression - physical attack or intended aggression.
5. Theft - taking something that is not yours.
6. Audible Obscenity - players shall not use an audible obscenity within the tournament precinct.

For the purpose of this rule, “audible obscenity” shall be defined as the use of language commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the Referee, opponents or spectators.

7. Visible Obscenity - players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the tournament “precinct”.

For the purpose of this rule, “visible obscenity” shall be defined as any actions or gestures by a player that commonly have an obscene meaning, understood by a reasonable person, or of an inappropriate nature.

8. Abuse of the Ball - players shall not violently, dangerously, in frustration or anger, throw or kick the ball except in the reasonable pursuit of a rally.

For the purpose of this rule, “abuse of the ball” shall be defined as intentionally striking, kicking or throwing a ball out of the immediate area of the playing court, or striking a ball dangerously or recklessly.

9. Abuse of the Net or Court Fixtures - players shall not violently, dangerously, recklessly, in frustration or anger, hit or pull on the net, other court fixtures, signage or other facilities.
10. Theft of CVA/Tournament Equipment

CVA imposes a zero tolerance policy in relation to the theft of any equipment. Players found to be in breach of this provision shall be liable to automatic suspension from CVA competitions.

11. Verbal Abuse - players shall not at any time abuse the match officials, their teammates, opponents, spectators or tournament officials.

For the purpose of this rule, “verbal abuse” shall be defined as statements that imply dishonesty or lack of integrity, or are derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

12. Physical Abuse - players shall not at any time physically abuse or intend physical harm to any match official, team mate, opponents, spectators or Tournament official.

13. Unsportsmanlike Conduct - players shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, giving due regard to the authority of all tournament officials and the rights of teammates, opponents and spectators.

For the purpose of this rule, “unsportsmanlike conduct” shall be defined as any conduct by a player that is clearly abusive, detrimental to the success of the tournament or the sport. This shall include “sledging” by players both on and off the court area and any attempts to influence the referee’s decisions or interfere with an opponent’s play.

Sanctions

1. The tournament director has the authority to exclude any player or team from the tournament should their behaviour meet the misconduct criteria.
2. If a player is excluded from the remainder of a tournament, he or she shall receive no VNZ national ranking points for that tournament.
3. A Player excluded from a tournament must show cause to the CVA committee as to why they should be allowed to continue to participate in any further CVA events for the rest of the season.
4. The CVA committee will rule upon any disputes or protests arising *after* the conclusion of an event.
5. Players or teams wishing to appeal to the CVA committee must lodge their appeal in writing with the Canterbury Volleyball President within fourteen days of the incident giving rise to the appeal.