



# SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

## VOLLEYBALL - PRIMARY

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These rules apply to State, Region and Division competitions. Any variations to these rules at Region and Division levels will be found on the relevant page on the SSV website.

- Match Format:** For Regions and Division match format, please consult the relevant page on the SSV website or contact the relevant Coordinator.
- State Format:** Split Round Robin, Cross-Over Semi-Finals, Final
- State Match Schedule:** There will be a Pre-Championships Briefing for all teams prior to the first round of matches.  
See the Volleyball Draw, on the SSV website, for the Match Schedule
- State Match Format:** All matches will be best of 3 sets. The first 2 sets to be played to 20 points with a 2-point advantage.  
If a team wins the first 2 sets in the Round Robin, the third set will not be played.  
The third set, if played, will be played to 15 points with a 2-point advantage.  
Teams to change ends at end of each set. There will be a 2-minute break between sets.  
Each team is allowed 2 x 30 second time outs per set. Time outs can be called by either the coach or the captain.  
There will not be a time limit imposed on matches, however, warmups will be restricted to 5 minutes.  
First named team shall toss the coin, other team has the call. Team winning the toss may elect to serve or receive. Receiving team has choice of ends.  
Teams may choose to either rotate 6 players through the court and substitute players or they can rotate all players through the bench.
- State Round Robin Winner:** Points will be allocated for Round Robin matches as follows: 4 points for a win, 2 point for a draw and 0 for a loss.  
The winning team in each Pool will be determined on matches won.  
If 2 teams are tied on matches won at the end of the Round Robin, the result of the head-to-head match between the two teams will be used to decide the winner.  
If more than two teams are tied on matches won, then sets % will be used to determine placings: Total Sets 'For' / Total Set 'Played' (Sets 'For' + Sets 'Against').  
If two or more tied teams have the same Sets %, then Points % will be used to separate them. Total Points 'For' / Total Points 'Played' (Points 'For' + Points 'Against').
- State Final:** The Grand Final will be played between the two Semi Final winners.
- Conditions:** See the School Sport Victoria's '[General Conditions of Competition](#)'. All players, teachers, spectators and officials are bound by the '[SSV Codes of Conduct](#)' and the '[Participant Behaviour Policy](#)'.  
A girl cannot play in a girls' team and a boys/mixed team in the same sport.  
The level of competition chosen by a student at District level remains binding through to Division, Region and State levels.
- Team Size:** A maximum of thirteen (13) players may be used in one day.  
Six (6) players are to be named for each game. Teams may nominate one (1) to two (2) libero player(s) for each set and still have 12 substitutions to choose from (12 subs can be made).  
Extra medallions will NOT be available.
- Rules:** Volleyball is conducted under the FIVB rules, unless otherwise stated.  
A full-size court will be used.  
A server will be able to step into the court from the baseline to serve the ball. The ball must be released from the hand before service, ie in the air. It cannot be hit/punched directly off the palm of the hand.  
The court shall be divided into two equal halves, separated by a net set at a height of 2.0 metres.  
Please see the [SSV Primary Schools Resource Manual](#) for more useful sport specific information.

- Officials:** Referees will be provided at the State Finals.
- Duty Requirements:** Each team must provide a scorer on the games they are involved in.
- Dress:** All team members must be attired in uniform shirts and uniform shorts. Shirts should have clearly visible numbers on both the front and back.  
Jewellery must NOT be worn.
- Lateness Penalty:** If a team is late for the start of their match for reasons beyond their control and the team communicates with the convener, then the convener will try to accommodate the team as best he/she can.  
If a team is 10 min late without notice or communication **or** in the convener's opinion their lateness makes the draw impracticable, then they will forfeit the first set 25-0. This continues for each 10 min.
- Equipment to Bring:** Each team is to provide:
- A scorer
  - One match volleyball.
- Match balls (Mikasa V-345W or Mikasa V320W) will be provided at the State Finals, teams will need to provide their own practice balls.
- A towel.
  - A first aid kit - Competing schools are responsible for ensuring that reasonable provision is made for the treatment of injuries. All schools participating in SSV Team Sports final are required to bring their own applicable first aid kit (appropriate to the location as there is potential for sporting activities to be some distance away from emergency services) – For more detailed information: [First Aid for Students & Staff](#) & [First Aid Kit Contents Checklist](#).
  - Sports Tape **MUST** be supplied by the student/competing team. Strapping for injury prevention as required **MUST** be performed by the student/competing team. NB. The First Aid Responder attending the state finals are **NOT** permitted to perform strapping.

**NOTE: An up-to-date team sheet must be handed to the convener on the day of competition. This team sheet must include players' uniform numbers.**