52nd Annual Seaside Volleyball Tournament

Saturday 7th Sunday 8th Monday 9th March 2026

Playing Rules

1. Games will be played best of five sets with a 60-minute time limit and a maximum 10-minute changeover period. Quarter Finals and Semi Finals will be played best of 3, third set to 15 and two points up with no time limit. Grand Finals will be played best of five sets with no time limit.
2. Current FIVB playing rules will apply, with the exception that only ONE MINUTE (maximum) will be allowed between sets. Time outs and substitutions WILL NOT be allowed during the last 5 minutes of play. All grades to play the 12-substitution rule.
3. (a) The duty team will be required to supply 1 referee, 1 umpire, 1 scorer and 2 lines people. WVA prefers qualified referees to officiate to ensure players' expectations are met and rules are interpreted fairly. It is also the duty team's responsibility to fill out the Best & Fairest votes located on the scoresheet. Failure to carry out duty fully will result in loss of 1 match point. It is the duty teams' responsibility to ensure teams are listed on the scoresheet.
   (b) 2 match points will be lost by a duty team arriving late or failing to appear.
4. (a) Match points will be allocated based on 2 for a win, 1 for a draw and 0 for a loss. Advantage rule to apply, which is teams must have at least 13 points with an advantage of 2 to win the set.
   (b) Top teams in each division to play off. This will be based on highest number of premiership points and in case of equal premiership points then percentage in sets won and lost and if necessary, percentage in points.
5. A team will forfeit the first set if they are not present at the allotted time. After 10 minutes the match will be forfeited at a score of straight sets.
6. Teams must present AT LEAST 6 players for each match. If through injury during a match a team is reduced to 5, the team can continue to play but the "blank" rule will be used. The team can continue in the tournament but once reduced to 4 players will forfeit from that point on.
7. Players recorded on the team sheet must be present, uniformed, with numbers on the front and back of shirts and available in 60% of the total matches during the tournament. Failure to abide by this rule will make that player ineligible to play in the finals.
8. Two players per **set** may play Libero. These players must be specified at the start of the set.
9. If a play is in progress when final siren sounds, that rally is to be STOPPED and the point not included.
10. The stadium has a heat policy, which will be implemented, and teams advised, when the temperature rises above 32 degrees C. Teams will be required to take a technical time out (45 seconds) during each set, for re-hydration, after a score reaches 8 points, another technical time out will be taken when a score reaches 16pts. The usual time outs for teams during a set are also available.
11. Team members are NOT PERMITTED TO ALTERNATE BETWEEN TEAMS, DIVISIONS OR POOLS. All teams including state representative teams are eligible for finals.
12. All players will play at their own risk and the Warrnambool Volleyball Association Inc. will not be held responsible for medical and associated costs incurred.
13. The tournament committee will have absolute authority as to the interpretation of these rules and will have the power to decide any issues not covered in these rules.
14. Referees are to supply THEIR OWN whistles.
15. Alcohol consumption is **strictly prohibited** in all playing venues.
16. Breaches of these rules or behaviour that reflects poorly on the tournament can result in disqualification.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE AWARE OF THESE RULES.

Entry Conditions

1. A maximum of 65 teams will be accepted, subject to Tournament Committee discretion.
2. Entries without accompanying fee will not be accepted after 21st February 2025.
3. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decide which teams will be accepted and to alter grading if necessary.
4. Bond money will be forwarded within 30 days of conclusion of event subject to a satisfactory report from the Technical Director and respective accommodation venues.
5. Teams must comprise of a minimum of 7 players.
6. Separate divisions available are:

Men	Honours, Division 1, Division 2, Division 3
Women	Honours, Division 1, Division 2, Division 3