

VOLLEYBALL AUSTRALIA BEACH VOLLEYBALL SELECTION POLICY 2019-2020

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Preamble

A. This Selection Policy applies to Men's and Women's Beach Volleyball National Teams for 2019 and 2020. It will apply to the following selection decisions:

1. Selection of teams/athletes to compete in the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships.
2. Selection of teams/athletes to compete in 2019 and 2020 AVC Asian Beach Volleyball Championships.
3. Selection of teams/athletes to represent Australia in the 2020 Asian Beach Volleyball Continental Cup.
4. Selection of teams/athletes to compete in FISU University Games or FISA University Beach Volleyball Championships held in 2019 and 2020.

The nomination and selection criteria for the 2019 Samoa Pacific Games, the 2019 World Beach Games, and the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games will be determined by VA in conjunction with the AOC, and there will be separate Selection Policies for these events.

B. The Policy will be applied by the VA Selection Committee, which will make recommendations to the VA board for approval.

A separate Selection Committee will be appointed for each gender consisting of:

- High Performance Director (Chair)
- VA Beach Volleyball Head Coach
- Head Coach of the VA Centre of Excellence
- One or two other person(s) with international Beach Volleyball experience, but unconnected to the teams/athletes standing for selection.

If a member of the Selection Committee has a direct coaching relationship or other close connection with a team or athlete being considered for selection, that person will disclose the relationship and may or may not take part in the selection decision concerning that team or athlete, at the Chair's discretion.

- C. The criteria listed below will be applied in each selection decision. However, the weight given to each criterion will be totally at the discretion of the Selection Committee, and the weight may vary dependent on the selection decision being considered, and the timing of that decision.
- D. The dates for the making of the various selection decisions are listed below as indicative and these may change at the recommendation of the Selection Committee.
- E. The Selection Committee may propose any amendments to this Policy to the VA Board at any time. Such amendments are only valid when adopted by the VA Board .

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Nomination for Selection

Athletes wishing to be considered for selection may be required to submit an Expression of Interest to VA within the time specified by VA in relation to each competition to which this Policy applies.

Selection Criteria

In making the selection decisions referred to in A above the Selection Committee will take into account the following Selection Criteria:

- VA, FIVB, AVC and AOC eligibility criteria.
- Relevant FIVB Rankings at the time of making the Selection Decision.
- AVC Beach Volleyball Rankings and Australian Beach Volleyball Rankings
- Individual and team international results in 2018, 2019 and 2020 as appropriate.
- The perceived ability of the team/athletes to achieve the best results in the event concerned in the Selection Decision.
- Where relevant, the performance of the team/athletes against teams from highly ranked Asian teams.
- The perceived ability of the team/athletes to qualify for and medal at 2019 World Championships and the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.
- The team's/athlete's availability to compete in and prepare for the event under consideration; e.g. availability to train at the national training centre where appropriate.
- The team's/athlete's commitment to the 2020 Olympic Games, and to following the national direction as specified by the VA Beach Volleyball Head Coach and the HPD.
- The perceived potential for development as individuals for the 2024 Olympics and 2022 Commonwealth Games. The Selection Committee may in its discretion or at the Board's direction specify that a particular competition is to have a developmental priority.
- Timely provision to the VA HPD and Head Coach of the team's/athlete's performance plan, injury and fitness and competition readiness status, and their commitment to performance monitoring and reporting.
- Attendance at national camps as notified by the VA HPD and Head Coach.
- Domestic Tour results in 2019 and 2020 will be taken into account at the Selection Committee's discretion. The Committee may determine that National Tour events in late 2019/early 2020 may be used to make any final decision, provided advance notice of this has been given to the teams/athletes concerned.
- The Selection Committee may also determine that participation and results of a designated selection tournament, or play-off may be used to make any final decision, provided advance notice of this has been given to the teams/athletes concerned.
- Injury status and competition readiness.

Selection Timelines

The following are indicative dates for the Selection Decisions mentioned above. They may change as circumstances, entry closing dates and calendars change.

2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships	On or before the 23 April 2019
Asian Senior Beach Volleyball Championships	On or before 12 March 2019
Other competitions	On or before the deadline named by the FIVB, AVC or AUS.



Eligibility Criteria

In order to be chosen by VA as a member of a National Beach Volleyball team to compete in International events (including International events held in Australia), each athlete must:

- a) have a current and valid Australian Passport;
- b) not have represented another country in any sport for the preceding two years;
- c) be a registered and financial member of a State or Territory volleyball governing body that is a Member of VA (as the term "Member" is defined in the Constitution); and
- d) be compliant with all applicable anti-doping policies, including those of FIVB, the AOC, AVC and VA; and
- e) be free of any injury or illness which will or has the potential to impair, inhibit or prevent the athlete from performing at the requisite level;
- f) be compliant with any eligibility guidelines published from time to time by the FIVB, AVC, IOC or the AOC, including rules and guidelines which apply to eligibility to represent Australia in the sport of volleyball;

Appeals

The sole grounds upon which an athlete may appeal his or her non-selection in a Team or for an event are:

1. The Selection Policy has not been properly followed or implemented.
2. The athlete was prevented from having a reasonable opportunity to meet the Selection Criteria.
3. There was no material on which the decision of the athlete's non-selection could reasonably be based.

Any appeal from an athlete against his or non-selection by VA will be resolved according to the following procedure:

- a) The appeal will be heard by the VA Appeal Tribunal (**Tribunal**).
- b) The appellant must be the athlete who has not been selected.
- c) The appellant must give written notice, including grounds of his or her appeal to VA's CEO within 48 hours of the being informed of the Selection Committee's decision.
- d) The Tribunal will comprise the following persons, as appointed by the VA Board:
 - o A barrister or solicitor who will act as Chair;
 - o A person with a thorough knowledge of the sport and who preferably has had recent international competition experience in the sport; and
 - o One other person of experience and skills suitable to the function of the Tribunal.
- e) No person is eligible to be appointed to the Tribunal if he or she is a member of the VA Board or the Selection Committee, or if by reason of his or her relationship with the appellant or any member of the Board or Selection Committee he or she would be reasonably considered to be other than impartial.
- f) The Tribunal will convene a hearing as soon as possible after the submission of the grounds of appeal. The Tribunal is not bound by the rules of evidence but must observe the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.
- g) The VA CEO or the Chair of the Tribunal may impose any other procedure for the appeal which, in either's belief, is fair and appropriate in the circumstances.
- h) Prior to the hearing, the Selection Committee will provide the Tribunal and the appellant with a written statement as to the reasons for the decision against which the appeal is made.
- i) The Tribunal will give its decision as soon as practicable after the hearing and may provide the VA CEO and the appellant with a statement of the reasons for its decision.

The decision of the Tribunal will be final and binding on the parties and it is agreed that neither party will institute or maintain proceedings in any court or tribunal other than the Tribunal.

Failure to observe the above time limits will render any appeal a nullity provided that an athlete may apply to the VA CEO for an extension of time in which to commence an appeal. The VA CEO has discretion whether to grant an extension of time, although shall only do so in circumstances where the delay is caused by extenuating circumstances outside the control of the athlete concerned.