



# **AUSTRALIAN BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOUR**

# **SPORT REGULATIONS**

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# 1 AUSTRALIAN BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOUR (ABVT)

## 1.1 AIMS & PURPOSES OF THE ABVT

1.1.1 The ABVT aims to achieve the following goals.

- To provide professionally administered Beach Volleyball competitions for Australia’s developing athletes.
- To provide an elite performance pathway for athletes, coaches and officials to develop to the national and international level.
- To develop event management skills within staff and volunteers to enable hosting of National and International events.
- To promote Beach Volleyball to the greater Australian population.
- To provide exposure and marketing opportunities to the commercial partners of VA & its members.
- Meeting Event outcomes within the VA Strategic Plan for Volleyball in Australia.

## 1.2 ABBRIVIATIONS

ABVT	Australian Beach Volleyball Tour
ASADA	Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority
AVC	Asian Volleyball Confederation
BVAC	Beach Volleyball Advisory Committee
FIVB	Federation Internationale de Volleyball
TCC	Tournament Control Committee
VA	Volleyball Australia
VARC	Volleyball Australia Referees Committee
ABVRS	Australian Beach Volleyball Ranking System
VARS	Volleyball Australia Results System
WCSC	Wild Card Selection Committee

## 1.3 ABVT CONTACTS

Position	Name	Phone	Email
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ABVT Competition Manager	Nathan “Wombat” McLeod	0422 359 100	<a href="mailto:beachvolleyball@avf.org.au">beachvolleyball@avf.org.au</a>

## 1.4 EVENT CALENDAR

1.4.1 The ABVT Calendar can be found on the [VA Website](#).

1.4.2 It is the responsibility of all teams/athletes to have the most up to date information and entry details of any entered event.



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## 1.5 STAFF & COMMITTEES

- 1.5.1 The ABVT is managed by Volleyball Australia's Events Department.
- 1.5.2 At an ABVT event, a Tournament Control Committee (TCC) is created and made up of:
- Tournament Director
  - ABVT Competition Manager
  - ABVT Referee Delegate
- 1.5.3 The TCC may rely upon information and advice from other individuals they determine in their sole discretion to be reasonable to assist in making any decisions concerning the events sporting regulations, operations and tournament play.
- 1.5.4 If a private company is contracted as the Promoter of any event, the TCC will add one (1) additional member to the TCC at the relevant event.
- 1.5.5 Any person of the TCC may nominate a representative to replace them during the event for operational reasons if required.
- 1.5.6 All decisions will be made by majority rules however if there is an equal split, the Volleyball Australia will ultimately hold the deciding vote.

## 2 COMPETITION

### 2.1 RULES & EQUIPMENT

- 2.1.1 The ABVT will be using the FIVB Beach Volleyball Official Rules (current) unless where specifically amended in this Regulations or at the Technical Meeting of a specific event. Copy of the rules can be viewed on the FIVB website [http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Document\\_Refereeing/FIVB-BeachVolleyball\\_Rules\\_2017-2020-EN-v05.pdf](http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Document_Refereeing/FIVB-BeachVolleyball_Rules_2017-2020-EN-v05.pdf)
- 2.1.2 The TCC reserves the right to amend any Competition Rules, Match Formats or the Event Structure during the event should unforeseen circumstances (e.g. extreme weather) occur.
- 2.1.3 By entering into a VA event, all participants are bound by the VA Player Rights & Responsibilities Policy.
- 2.1.4 The official ball used for the ABVT will be the Mikasa VLS 300.

### 2.2 ABVT FORMAT

- 2.2.1 The ABVT will offer two levels of events: ABVT Tour Events, the highest level of competition offered domestically in Australia, and the ABVT Challenge Cup. Volleyball Australia will deliver the ABVT Tour and the ABVT Challenge Cup will be delivered via a promoter model.

### 2.3 ABVT EVENT FORMAT

- 2.3.1 All ABVT Tour events will be split into gender specific Divisions with the highest-level being Division 1 and progressively working down to encompass all entered teams. There will be an open single elimination qualifying tournament prior to the 1st competition day of Division 1 as set out in clause 2.2.5



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- 2.3.2 A team may choose to enter directly into a division other than Division 1 if on offer. If a team enters into Division 1, is placed into the Qualifier and proceeds to be eliminated, they will automatically earn a place into the next lower relevant division based on that events seeding policies.
- 2.3.3 There are no age restrictions for players entering into the ABVT however underage players must have parent/guardian consent.
- 2.3.4 Duty of Care to all participants extends only to the event precinct and times.
- 2.3.5 ABVT Division 1 will be using this Elimination Pool Format unless event requirements dictate otherwise. There will be a maximum of 4 games per day for any teams.

The event will have an Open Single Elimination Qualification Tournament followed by the Main Draw made up of:

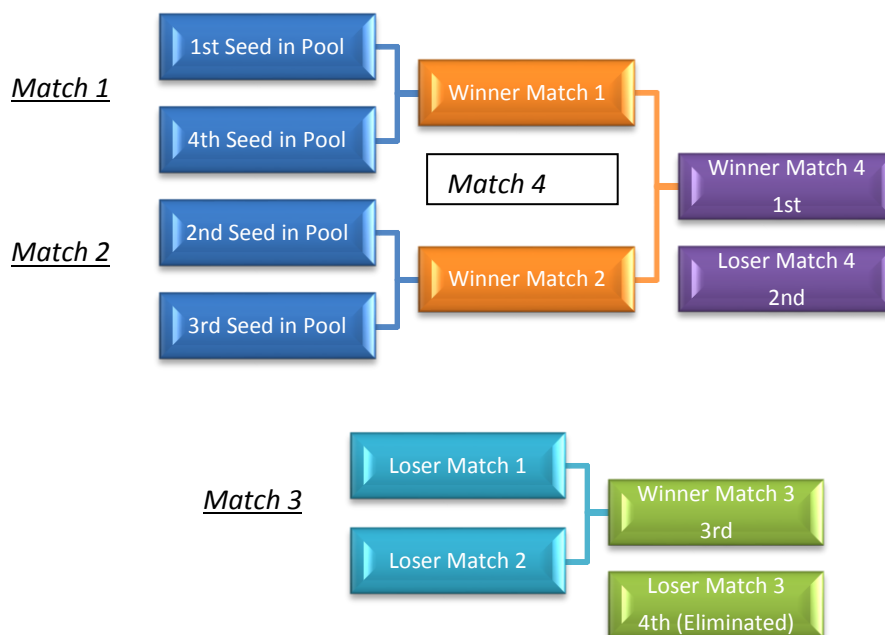
- 8 x Australian Teams have direct entry
  - 4 x Wild Cards (see details under 2.3)
  - 4 x teams from the Qualifying Tournament
  - 16 x team Main Draw – 4 pools of 4 teams
  - Event Format
    - Teams in each Pool is seeded 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>
      - Match 1 & 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> plays 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> plays 3<sup>rd</sup>
      - Match 3 – Losers of Match 1 & 2
        - Winner is placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the pool
        - Loser is placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the pool and eliminated
      - Match 4 – Winners of Match 1 & 2
        - Winner is placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the pool and automatically proceeds to the Quarter Finals
        - Loser is placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the pool
    - Modified Round of 16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pools
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> in pool is drawn
      - 3<sup>rd</sup> in pool is drawn – cannot play an opponent from the same pool from the first 2 rounds
      - 4 games with winners progressing to Quarter Finals
    - Quarter Finals
      - 1<sup>st</sup> in pools vs winners of Elimination Round
    - Semi Finals
    - Bronze & Gold Medal Matches
- 2.3.6 This is the template for a 4 team pool under the Elimination Pool. As described in 2.2.1, the teams are seeded in their pool and progression is achieved depending on matches won.



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2.3.7 The TCC reserves the right to amend the competition format for Division 1 at any time. This will be advertised as early as possible and confirmed at the events Technical Meeting.

2.3.8 All other Divisions on offer will have a competition format set by the Event Promoter and approved by the TCC with the best interest of the division and its athletes considered. The format will be advertised as soon as possible and confirmed at the events Technical Meeting.

## 2.4 ABVT EVENT ENTRY INFORMATION & WILD CARDS

2.4.1 All Entry Information, Key Dates and other event specific information including any associated costs will be advertised on the [VA website](#) or can be requested through Volleyball Australia Events Department.

2.4.2 All referenced days prior is from the first day of competition including any Qualifying Tournament.

2.4.3 Any Australian team entering into a Division 1 (including Qualification Tournament) of an ABVT event, each player must have **EITHER**:

- Played in 2 recognised events from the below list within the previous 90 days
  - State recognised Beach Tour
  - Australian Volleyball League (or equivalent competition) or;
- Have competed in at least one recognised AVC or FIVB Beach or Indoor Volleyball event within the previous 90 days or;
- Obtained written dispensation to compete from the TCC prior to entries closing.



- 2.4.4 For a team to be classified as Australian, each **PLAYER** must either:
- Be an Australian Citizen
  - Hold a current Australian Passport
  - Hold a current Australian Visa that allows the individual to remain for 12 months or more (I.E. not a holiday/tourist Visa)
  - Hold a current Australian Student Visa
- 2.4.5 For a team to be classified as an International Team, each **TEAM** must:
- Not have lived in Australia for the past 2 years
  - Have a letter of approval to participate from their National Federation
  - Meet all FIVB Regulations regarding National Tour events
- 2.4.5.1 In principle, only 1 team per gender from any country other than from Oceania may be accepted into an ABVT event at the sole discretion of the TCC.
- 2.4.5.2 An Australian player wishing to play with an International player (combination team) will be classified as an International Team for team number purposes however will not be recognised as representing any country, as per FIVB regulations.
- 2.4.6 All approved Australian entries will be ranked using the ABVRS. The ABVRS, as default, shows players points from their best 10 results in the previous 365 days. For the purposes of an ABVT Tour Event, a team's ranking will be based on the combined points of both players for their best 5 events each in the last 365 days, up to the published entry closing date for the entered event.
- 2.4.6.1 The top 8 ranked teams will be given automatic entry into Division 1.
- 2.4.6.2 All remaining teams will be placed into a Single Elimination Qualification Tournament.
- 2.4.7 A maximum of 2 Australian Wild Cards (AWC) may be issued for the Main Draw of Division 1 into each ABVT event per gender.
- 2.4.7.1 Priority will be given to U21 teams identified through the Junior Pathway or teams with extraordinary current results.
- 2.4.7.2 An Australian team wishing to apply for a Wild Card into an ABVT event must complete their entry through that events system meeting all requirements 14 days prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> competition day. Along with the completed entry, a team must submit a letter to [trent.clarke@volleyball.org.au](mailto:trent.clarke@volleyball.org.au) including specific details on why a Wild Card is required when compared to coming through the stated process.
- 2.4.7.3 Wild Cards to Australian teams will only be issued in extraordinary situations.
- 2.4.7.4 The Wild Card process must also be followed for any team wishing to request any dispensation to an entry requirement.
- 2.4.8 A maximum of 2 International Wild Cards (IWC) will be issued for the Main Draw and an additional maximum of 4 IWC will be issued for the Qualifying Tournament per gender.



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- 2.4.8.1 An International team wishing to apply for inclusion into an ABVT event must complete their entry through that events system meeting all requirements. Along with the completed entry, a team must submit a letter to [trent.clarke@volleyball.org.au](mailto:trent.clarke@volleyball.org.au) including details on the most recent playing experience, any national or international results, a clearance from the relevant National Federation and any other relevant information to support the team's inclusion.
- 2.4.9 In the case where there are more Wild Card applications than available places, a Wild Card Selection Committee (WCSC) may be created and at their sole discretion, will decide all Wild Cards. The WCSC will be comprised of:
- Volleyball Australia CEO – representing the commercial and political interests of the ABVT & VA
  - Volleyball Australia Beach Volleyball High Performance Director - representing the High Performance and Development opportunities for VA athletes
  - ABVT Tournament Director - representing the State Tours, the Tour itself and the operational deliverables of the ABVT
- 2.4.9.1 Any person of the WCSC has the right to nominate a different representative as they deem necessary.
- 2.4.10 In the event that less Wild Cards (AWC or IWC) are offered than positions available, the next highest ranked Australian team/s will be promoted from the Qualifying Tournament to the Main Draw.
- 2.4.11 Entry into all ABVT events will close 28 days prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> competition day for International Teams (including teams comprising of 1 x Australian player and 1 x International player) and 14 days prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> competition day for Australian Teams unless advertised otherwise.
- 2.4.11.1 International teams entered will be notified of their entry (successful or not) 21 days prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> competition day to an event.
- 2.4.12 The entry fees and process for each event will be advertised by VA.
- 2.4.13 Australian entries will only be accepted from players that are current registered members of a Member State to the highest level. Verification of membership will occur prior to acceptance of the team into the competition draw.

## 2.5 ABVT EVENT SEEDING

- 2.5.1 Australian Teams entered into an ABVT Event will be seeded by:
1. Combined ABVRS Points from each player's best 5 results on the ABVRS in the previous 365 days
  2. Drawing of Lots
- 2.5.2 International Teams entered into the Event will be seeded by:
1. Combined FIVB Entry Player Ranking Points and compared to Australian Teams with FIVB points
  2. In the case of no FIVB points, a team will be seeded at the sole discretion of the TCC using any information supplied and available to them
- 2.5.3 All Main Draw Teams will be reseeded at the conclusion of the Qualification Tournament.



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2.5.4 The TCC reserves the right to amend the seeding for any team at their sole discretion using any information supplied and available to them.

2.5.4.1 In principle, an International Team cannot hold the #1 Seed of the Main Draw at the sole discretion of the TCC

## 2.6 ABVT CHALLENGE CUP EVENTS

2.6.1 ABVT Challenge Cup event status will be determined by Volleyball Australia after receiving an application no later than 30 September in the year commencing the summer period.

2.6.2 The requirements that promoters must meet in order to be awarded Challenge Cup Status will be published and distributed by Volleyball Australia no later than 31 August in the year commencing the summer period.

2.6.3 If, prior to the date as outlined in 2.4.1, a promoter wishes to seek exception from any requirements as published by Volleyball Australia in 2.4.2 above, an application must be made, in writing, to the Director of the ABVT. Volleyball Australia will have absolute discretion on the outcome of this application and there will be no appeal process.

2.6.4 If, after being awarded Challenge Cup status, but prior to the commencement of event, a promoter finds themselves unable to fulfil any requirements as outlined in 2.4.2, they must notify Volleyball Australia immediately and either apply for emergency consideration under 2.4.3, or elect to downgrade their event to a State level event. No event status change will be considered retrospectively.

2.6.5 If a promoter fails to meet the requirements outlined in 2.4.2, the event will not be sanctioned by Volleyball Australia in the ABVRS.

2.6.6 All promoters of Challenge Cup events have the ability to set their own tournament format, seeding policy, entry fee, prizemoney and any other conditions, as long as all requirements as outlined by Volleyball Australia have been met.

## 2.7 EVENT MEETINGS & ATHLETE EXPECTATIONS

### 2.7.1 Athlete Meeting Requirements

2.7.1.1 All Athletes must attend the Preliminary Inquiry and the Technical Meeting. Non-attendance may result in automatic withdrawal from the competition. Under special circumstances, exceptions may be considered by the TCC.

2.7.1.2 If a player/s is wishing to be granted exemption from a meeting, they must apply in writing to the TCC at least 7 days prior to the first Meeting of the event.

2.7.1.3 Coaches, referees or other support staff are welcome to attend however cannot replace athlete attendance.

### 2.7.2 Preliminary Inquiry

2.7.2.1 A Preliminary Inquiry will be held before each round. This Preliminary Inquiry is conducted by the Tournament Director before the Technical Meeting and is used to check the attendance and eligibility of each athlete.

2.7.2.2 The Preliminary Inquiry will be conducted at a time and place to be advised by VA.

2.7.2.3 At the end of the Preliminary Inquiry, the Tournament Director will approve the final list of the participating teams allowed to enter the competition.

2.7.2.4 Attendance by both team members at the Preliminary Inquiry is compulsory.



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### 2.7.3 Technical Meeting

- 2.7.3.1 A Technical Meeting will be held after the Preliminary Inquiry. This Technical Meeting is conducted by the Tournament Director.
- 2.7.3.2 The Technical Meeting will be conducted at a place to be advised by VA.
- 2.7.3.3 The Tournament Director will chair the meeting and provide athletes with technical information about the competition. They may give the floor to other relevant people for additional comments, e.g. promoter representative, National Federation Delegate or the Referee Delegate.

### 2.7.4 The Technical Meeting may cover the following but not limited to:

- Technical aspects of the competition & schedule;
- Medical Support/Services & Anti-Doping Information
- Media & Marketing activities;
- Information on the Rules of the Game, refereeing instructions, Duty Instructions & interpretation of the Rules;
- Any other useful information;

## 2.8 WITHDRAWAL & CHANGING OF PLAYERS

- 2.8.1 Any player or team withdrawing from an event must do so in writing to the TCC.
- 2.8.2 If withdrawing for medical reasons, or a “special case” exists, a request for a refund on entry fees may be made to the TCC contained within the withdrawal letter. Proof may be requested.
- 2.8.3 Change of players in a team is only allowed if the TCC believes there is just cause for the change (i.e. medical or special conditions). The team will be responsible for all financial implications. No player changes to teams will be allowed after the conclusion of the Preliminary Inquiry.
- 2.8.4 A new team (with a change of player as approved above) does not automatically retain its ranking within the tournament. Any changes to the draw or seeding will be made at the discretion of the TCC and all athletes will be informed at the Technical Meeting.

## 2.9 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 2.9.1 The TCC is the highest authority of any ABVT Event. The TCC can use any information supplied and available to them at their discretion to make decisions with regard to all aspects of an Event, including but not limited to entries, seeding, competition format and player, coach and officials conduct.
- 2.9.2 The TCC decision is final.
- 2.9.3 The TCC has the right to impose a sanction on a team if they deem a dispute or protest to be unwarranted or not in the spirit of the event.

## 3 AWARDS

### 3.1 MEDAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY

- 3.1.1 It is mandatory for the top 3 placed teams to participate at the Medal Presentation Ceremony in full playing uniform. Unless authorised by the TCC, no other clothing, uniform, or accessories are permitted.



- 3.1.2 The Awarding Ceremony will take place immediately after the final gold medal match of the event unless otherwise advertised.
- 3.1.3 Event Staff will advise all athletes of any additional specific details of the ceremony.

### 3.2 AWARDS, PRIZES & PRIZE MONEY

- 3.2.1 All awards, prizes and money are to be equally split between both genders.
- 3.2.2 Prizes and Prize Money will be advised at the Technical Meeting at every event.
- 3.2.3 ABVT Event Prize Money will be paid to the top 50% of Division 1 teams, up to a maximum of 8 teams. The breakdown of the prize money will be as follows:

Placing	Percentage of prize money on offer (per gender)	Example on \$5000 per Gender
1st	35%	\$1750
2nd	25%	\$1250
3rd	15%	\$750
4th	9%	\$450
Equal 5th	4 x 4%	4 x \$200

- 3.2.4 No prize money will be awarded for the Qualifying Tournament
- 3.2.5 Prize money for any other Divisions is at the discretion of VA.
- 3.2.6 Promoters of Challenge Cup events will set their own prize money, in line with 2.4.2, and will advertise this amount prior to entries closing. Promoters will confirm the prize money for each division at the Technical Meeting.

### 3.3 ABVT TRIPLE CROWN BONUS POOL AND CHALLENGE CUP

- 3.3.1 The ABVT Tour Events will form a Triple Crown and will have a winner takes all Bonus Pool of \$1,000 per gender for the highest placed team across all ABVT Events. This will be determined by the Total Points earned at ABVT Events only incorporating all divisions.
- 3.3.2 In the case of a tie, on points, the Bonus Pool will be evenly split between the two teams and dual winners will be announced.
- 3.3.3 The ABVT Challenge Cup will be awarded to the highest placed team across all ABVT Challenge Cup Events. This will be determined by the Total Points earned at ABVT Challenge Cup only incorporating all divisions.
- 3.3.4 In the case of a tie, on points, the Challenge Cup will be awarded to the two teams and dual winners will be announced.
- 3.3.5 In all Bonus Pools or Awards outlined in 3.3, only teams will attract points and individual points will not be carried over to additional partners.

### 3.4 ABVRS POINTS TABLE

- 3.4.1 Click on the below link to view the updated ABVRS Points Table.

<http://www.volleyballaustralia.org.au/events/201920%20ABVRS%20Points%20Table.pdf>



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## 4 ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES & SERVICES

- 4.1.1 Individuals performing a duty may request an assessment by the Referee Delegate to assist with the skill development. This request must be submitted at the commencement of the tournament. The Referee Delegate will attempt to schedule all requests considering volume and any match clashes. A written assessment and feedback form will be provided as well as verbal feedback following the match. There is no limit to the number of assessments that an individual may request, however these are not guaranteed and are subject to time constraints.
- 4.1.2 The following referee positions must be accredited to the minimum of;
- Event appointed Referees who are selected through the VA/VARC EOI process – Level 2 Talent Development Referee
  - National Referee Delegate (s) – Level 3 Elite Referee (Selected by VARC and VA)
- 4.1.3 The Event Refereeing Cohort is the group of all appointed Officials appointed to the event including the Referees and National Refereeing Delegate along with any support staff that may be appointed.

### 4.2 REFEREEING

- 4.2.1 Where required by the event, athletes will be required to perform the roles of a duty team during an event. A Duty Team will fulfil the roles of a 1<sup>st</sup> referee and a 2<sup>nd</sup> referee/scorer.
- 4.2.2 When member/s of the event's Officiating Cohort is appointed to a match, duty teams must check with the appointed officials on court as to what role they are required to fulfil (if any).
- 4.2.3 Any person officiating a match (in any role) will be deemed an Official. They will therefore be bound by the [VA Officials Code of Ethics](#).
- 4.2.4 Unless an Event Official is appointed to a game, the following pre-match protocol is to be followed:
- T – 15 Previous Game completed & teams able to warm up on own side of net
  - T - 12 Duty Team ready at court
  - T - 9 Call for the coin toss, scoresheet is signed (captains and service order is indicated on the scoresheet) and commence Official Warm-up
  - T - 8 Hitting warm-up starts
  - T - 2 Finish Official Warm-up and playing teams to return to players area
  - T - 1 Player introductions or referees call for players to prepare for match start
  - T - 0 Match Starts at advertised time or 15mins after previous match finishes

### 4.3 COACHING

- 4.3.1 Coaching is not permitted during matches as per FIVB Rules.

### 4.4 MEDIA & PROMOTIONS

- 4.4.1 Publicity and promotions may be conducted by the sponsors in conjunction with VA.



- 4.4.2 Player participation may be requested for promotional activities, particularly any event launches prior to each round. If your attendance is requested, you will be contacted by the appropriate designated representative of VA and given further details on the activity. Your co-operation is requested to ensure maximum exposure and publicity for your profile, the sport and that of the event.

#### 4.5 EVENT FACILITIES & SERVICES

- 4.5.1 Each ABVT event will focus on a centre court facility consisting of but not limited to seating, PA system, music & commentary, public interactions & promotions, VIP marquee facilities, access to toilets, athlete facilities, referee facilities, media, competition management, several outside courts and medical services.
- 4.5.2 Event Operational Areas including VIP, Competition Office and Operations Compound have restricted access. Access to these areas for anyone, including athletes, is by invitation only of the TCC representatives only.
- 4.5.3 Qualified senior first aid personnel will attend each round to administer any first aid treatment required by competitors, staff or spectators.
- 4.5.4 The ABVT will comply with all conditions of the [VA Anti-Doping Policy](#) and the rules and regulations of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA), the FIVB, the World Anti-Doping Agency, and the Australian Olympic Committee, as appropriate. Testing may be conducted at any event and players will be notified via standard ASADA procedures.

**Further information can be obtained via** - ASADA website [www.asada.org.au](http://www.asada.org.au)

#### 4.6 UNIFORMS & PERSONAL ACCESSORIES

- 4.6.1 Athletes must wear the official top/singlet provided by the ABVT at all times; during a match, on the field of play, during official warm-up periods, during post-match interviews, during the medal ceremony and during press conferences.
- 4.6.1.1 If no uniform is provided/required, players may choose to wear their own tops however they must be of the same style & colour
- 4.6.2 Men and Women must provide their own shorts/bikini bottoms. Teams must wear shorts/bikini bottoms of the same colour and style.
- 4.6.3 Upon the request of the TCC, athletes must submit their own shorts/bikini bottoms for approval during the Preliminary Inquiry.
- 4.6.4 During severe weather conditions (hot or cold) the TCC may allow players to use additional garments that do not obscure the official uniforms. These may include but not limited to a tight shirt, long tight pants or other additional clothing. It is requested that these be as consistent in style and colour as possible within a team. Players will be advised through any of the Referees, Referee Delegate or Tournament Director when additional garments are allowed. Players cannot wear additional clothing without TCC approval.
- 4.6.5 Sunglasses, Caps & visors, arm & wristbands and medical clothing including compression garments are not considered part of the official team uniform. They may be of a different design/style within teams and may be worn at any time.
- 4.6.5.1 For any medical garments, it is requested that the effected player have information relating to the requirement of the garment from a medical practitioner prior to the event and available to the TCC upon request.



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- 4.6.6 Religious or Cultural Garments are allowed however must not obstruct the official team uniform. It is also requested the TCC is made aware of this upon a team's entry.

#### 4.7 PERSONAL & EVENT SPONSORS

- 4.7.1 VA is committed to building the profile of the ABVT athletes. To support this campaign VA will endeavour to feature player information in promotional activities such as television programming, website content, printed materials and editorial content concerning the ABVT.
- 4.7.2 VA is committed to supporting ABVT sponsors and asks that players be similarly committed to such support. Sponsors that do not conflict with VA or Event sponsors or conflict with rules outlined in this handbook will be permitted to appear on Players during ABVT events at the discretion of TCC. Player sponsors that conflict with ABVT sponsors will not be permitted at any time unless advised in writing by the TCC.
- 4.7.3 VA and Event sponsors will constantly be updated. To get current accurate information, please contact VA.
- 4.7.4 It is the Players responsibility to contact VA with their sponsorship arrangements prior to the Event to ensure there is no conflict. VA reserves the rights to refuse a player wearing specific promotional material if a sponsor is directly conflicting with a VA or Event sponsors or any garment, accessory or the like is bringing the sport into disrepute.
- 4.7.5 No political, religious, tobacco sponsors or statements are allowed.
- 4.7.6 Once athletes have received confirmation that there are no potential conflicts, they are authorised to have the confirmed sponsor's logos on their shorts/ bottoms located in any position and of any size. There is no limitation in the number of sponsors to be displayed on the shorts/ bottoms.
- 4.7.7 Athletes are authorised to use the following accessories:
- Visor/cap/hat/head band
  - Sunglasses
  - Therapeutic/Medical support braces for knee/elbow
  - One (1) watch
- 4.7.8 Athletes are responsible for presentation, care, security and costs of their own accessories.

#### 4.8 DISPENSATION TO COMPETE IN AN ABVT EVENT

- 4.7.1 If a player wishes to participate and compete in any non-ABVT Event, a player has the right to seek dispensation to play in such event. To receive dispensation, a player must notify VA in writing prior to nomination for and acceptance into such event. VA shall notify a player of its decision regarding authorisation within ten working (10) days of receipt of their written request. Such authorisation will not be unreasonably withheld.



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## 4.9 NON-SANCTIONED EVENT PARTICIPATION

4.9.1 Players may face sanctions if competing in a non-sanctioned event. Permission is expressly granted for players wishing to participate in:

- VA sanctioned beach volleyball competitions and events
- VA-sanctioned Member State beach volleyball competitions and events
- An event delivered by a Member State Sanctioned private promoter
- Non-conflicting FIVB Sanctioned events as per the FIVB Homologation conditions.

## 4.10 MISCONDUCT AND SANCTIONS

4.10.1 All sanctions and penalties will be followed as per the Rules of the Game in the first instance.

4.10.2 If a penalty other than a loss of rally occurs during a match, a member of the TCC must be informed immediately.

4.10.3 If no cards are physical available, the referee is to verbally advise both teams and the scorer.

4.10.4 The TCC can issue sanctions at any time through an event.

4.10.5 Any player expelled from a tournament will automatically be ineligible for any awards or prizes and that team will forfeit all entries fees and tournament points.

4.10.6 The TCC has the right to impose sanctions relating to any regulation not being followed and can be given to any member of an official delegation including recognised supporters. Sanctions will be placed against a team they are representing or supporting if they are a non-playing person. If the individual has completed their participation in an event, the TCC will advise on any penalties and how they will be implemented.

4.10.7 Sanctions may include but not limited to:

- Loss of point, set & matches within an event
- Expulsion from Tournament
- Loss of Tournament Points
- Refused entry into future events
- Reduced or withdrawn awards and prizes
- Monetary fines
- Event Management Requirements – e.g. assistance with raking courts or cleaning the venue

4.10.8 Any sanctions imposed by other recognised governing bodies will be respected.

4.10.9 All sanctions are cumulative and payable/dealt with in full prior to acceptance into any future VA or sanctioned events. If a monetary sanction is imposed during event that offers Prize Money, the sanction fee will be deducted from Prize Money earned for that event.

4.10.10 Sanctions can be issued after the conclusion of an event.

## 5 POLICES & FORMS

5.1.1 All Policies, forms and Conditions used are found on the [VA website](#), by contacting the VA office or at the event through the VA appointed Technical Delegate.



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