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PART I INTRODUCTION

EVENT OVERVIEW

Super Sikhs Sports and Cultural, based in Sydney Australia have been hosting events since 2010.

The World Club Championships has the goal to bring the best players, teams, and officials from across Australia, New Zealand and North America.

The competition is an invitational competition with several qualification checkpoints for teams to gain an invitation.

This competition caters for teams competing from a South Asian Background; State representative teams, associations, clubs, training academies & international invitational teams.

Whilst previously, this event has only included Sikh players, the addition of players from a South Asian Heritage will allow more opportunities to compete at an international level.

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

Unless the context requires otherwise, the following acronyms and terms shall have the following meanings:

ARD: Assistant Referee Delegate - is appointed by Super Sikhs and is responsible for assisting the RD with appointed referees and implementing the rules of the game and will serve as the RD in their absence.

CCA: Competition Control Area.

Commencement: In relation to a match is determined by the 1st referee's whistle to begin the first rally.

CM: Competition Manager.

Super Sikhs: Super Sikhs Sports and Cultural Assoc

South Asian Heritage: Indian, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Bhutan & Maldives.

Delegation: Is a collective group of teams, and their members, connected with a an affiliated club, association, or training academy.

Entrant(s): In reference to Associations, Clubs, IF's and/or organisations who enter teams into the event.

The Event: World Club Championships

Field of Play: The area including the court, team benches, scorer's table, warm up and penalty areas, substitution zones, free zones and service zones.

FIVB: The Fédération Internationale de Volleyball is the governing body responsible for all forms of Volleyball on a global level.

FIVB Rules: FIVB Official Volleyball Rules 2017 - 2020.

GEST: Guaranteed Earliest Start Time.

HOD: Head of Delegation - is designated as the official spokesperson or first point of contact, for ALL teams within their delegation.

Competition Points: Points awarded to teams dependent upon and following the outcome of a match.

MPP: Volleyball Australia's Member Protection Policy

NSO: National Sports Organisation.

OMST: Official Match Start Time.

Participants: All athletes, team staff, referee's and volunteers.

RD: Referee Delegate - is appointed by Super Sikhs and is responsible for managing all appointed referees and overseeing the implementation of the rules of the game.

Referee(s): the group of official referees during the event; includes duty team members.

RS: Referee Supervisor - is appointed by Super Sikhs and is responsible for providing support and feedback to referees under the leadership of the RD and ARD.

SVA / TVA: State Volleyball Association / Territory Volleyball Association

Start of Competition: At the end of the 'Technical Meeting'.

TCC: Technical Control Committee

TD: Technical Delegate - is responsible for managing all aspects of the event.

Event Officials: All event staff, including volunteers and referee's.

VARC: Volleyball Australia Referee Committee.

PURPOSE OF THIS HANDBOOK

This handbook has been developed to establish the standards and guidelines set forth by Super Sikhs and serves as the primary source of information with relation to the Championship.

The intended purpose of the handbook is to provide participants with a resource that will enable them to better understand the Championship, and includes, event information, entry requirements, nomination processes, event rules and regulations, and other pertinent information.

REVISING THE HANDBOOK

Super Sikhs has the sole authority to approve any additions, amendments, changes, and deletions to this handbook and the World Club Championship event.

Super Sikhs will annually review this handbook and may update its contents as required. This will be done in consultation with relevant stakeholders.

Any revisions of the current handbook will be posted on the Super Sikhs website and electronically distributed to all relevant stakeholders, SSO's / TSO's and registered teams.

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TECHNICAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

The TCC is responsible for maintaining the smooth operations of all activities during the event and is authorized to oversee any matters relating to the competition, including participant disciplinary actions.

All rulings made by the TCC are final and are not subject to appeal.

The TCC will consist of the following officials:

- Technical Delegate (TD)
- Events Director
- Referee Delegate

NOTE: In the event that any nominated official is unavailable during the event, a suitable replacement, including a designee, will be given authority to act on behalf of and make decisions for the unavailable official.

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PART II GENERAL INFORMATION

EVENT INFO

1.1. DATES

The 2022 World Club Championship, Australia will be held between Saturday 13th August and Sunday 14th August 2022. The event will have one and a half (1.5) days of competition and teams will be required to attend pre-event opening ceremony/team meetings:

(See Appendix 1 - Key Dates)

1.2. ENTRY FEE

All Divisions - \$500.00 (AUD) per nomination.

This includes:

Minimum 4 matches for the event,

Medals for competition winners.

An additional \$500 per team will be charged as a “team bond”. This is to cover any fines incurred during the event as outlined in Appendix 4: Schedule of Fines. This will be refunded at the end of the event if fines are not incurred by the team.

1.3. VENUE

The 2022 World Club Championship will be held at Netball Central at Sydney Olympic Park, New South Wales.

[Netball Central](#)

2 Olympic Blvd, Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127

1.4. OFFICIAL EVENT BALL

All games will use the Mikasa V200W ball or equivalent.

DIVISIONS OF PLAY

There will be one (1) main division of competition at the World Club Championship — Premier Division. As the event grows and develops, this too will grow to include additional levels of competition within each division.

The purpose of the competition is to identify, through competition, the best teams in Australia, New Zealand and North America from South Asian Heritage (entrants).

1.5. AGE / GENDER CLASSIFICATION

The World Club Championship will have one (1) age/gender classifications:

Open Men

1.6.

DIVISION CAPS

Each division will be capped in order to ensure that the competition schedule does not exceed the venue capacity.

For the 2022 World Club Championship, entries will be capped at 8 per division.

NOTE: All divisions will have a soft cap and Super Sikhs may accept additional teams or reduce the number of teams based on court availability.

1.7. DIVISION MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

A division will consist of no fewer than five (5) teams.

If a division has too few entries, or falls below the required number of teams, due to team withdrawals, then the division will either be incorporated into the division above it, or it will be dissolved.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

1.9. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

The World Club Championship is an open event is targeted towards players & teams from a South Asian Heritage.

To compete, all team players need to have a South Asian Heritage: Indian, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Bhutan & Maldives.

At the discretion of Super Sikhs, invitations may also be extended to international and invitational teams that don't meet the eligibility criteria to compete at the event.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

2.1. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

All players must meet the following criteria to be eligible for participation:

All Players must have a South Asian Heritage.

COACH ELIGIBILITY

2.3. COACH ELIGIBILITY

All nominated coaches can be from any heritage background

It is recommended that a Coach holds a Coaching accreditation.

TEAM OBLIGATIONS

2.4. PLAYING COMMITMENT

It is each Team's responsibility to be at the venue prepared to take the court to play their match at the GEST.

Players are subject to all the policies and procedures of Super Sikhs Sports and Cultural

2.5. COACHING COMMITMENT

Coaches will be responsible for the following:

- Receiving and understand the contents of their team information kit that is distributed. Which is not limited to upholding all competition rules & policies.
- Assisting with maintaining venue cleanliness and making sure that they and their players leave their playing area in a clean and tidy state.

2.6. PRE-EVENT TEAM OPENING CEREMONY

All teams will be required to participate in the opening ceremony as part of the pre-event process.

2.7. TEAM EXPENSES

All accommodation, bond, levied fines (beyond team bond), meals, nomination fee and transportation costs for participating teams is the responsibility of an entrant.

2.8. TEAM EQUIPMENT

Super Sikhs will not be able to provide teams with a dedicated changeroom, however, the venue will have common change room facilities available, and it is strongly suggested that teams be prepared to dress prior to arrival at the venue and bring their own equipment.

All teams will be required to provide their own:

- Warm-up balls.
- Adequate First Aid kit.

OFFICIATING

2.9. TEAM DUTIES

All participating teams will be rostered for match duty at times close to their scheduled playing times; immediately following a match they contested, or, two (2) match slots prior to the start of their next match

All participating duty officials (anyone on the rostered team performing a duty) must have a valid referee accreditation in accordance with [section 2.14 Minimum Referee Grading](#).

Proof of a valid accreditation must be submitted prior to, or during the team check-in.

NOTE: Any other member of a team's delegation can serve as a member of the duty roster, as long as they have a valid accreditation that meets the criteria listed.

All duty team members are considered a part of the team's delegation and any actions by a duty team member that violates any of the rules or policies of this event will be subject to sanctions by the TCC and/or Super Sikhs ([See section 2.23 Sanctions](#)).

2.10. DUTY SCHEDULE

Teams will be expected to provide duty during all stages of the competition; however, the TCC will attempt to provide referees for all medal matches.

If the TCC is unable to guarantee referees for these matches, the duty teams will be appointed.

This will be communicated via the competition draw/schedule.

2.11. REPORTING FOR DUTY / DUTY ROSTER

Duty teams must present at the start of the official warm-up prior to their scheduled duty match assignment and provide the following minimum personnel:

- One (1) 1st Referee
- One (1) 2nd Referee
- Two (2) Line Judges
- One (1) Scorer

Optional: One (1) Assistant Scorer

NOTE: Duty teams may change line judges and assistant scorers during the interval between sets.

(See Appendix 2: Warm Up Protocol)

2.12. FAILURE TO REPORT FOR DUTY

Failure to provide duty personnel will result in a fine ([See Appendix 4: Schedule of Fines](#)).

A duty team that fails to perform a duty, for any reason other than competing in a match, will be subject to various fines and/or sanctions ([See Appendix 4: Schedule of Fines](#)).

2.13. TEAMS ON DUTY

Whilst acting as an official during their duty, teams will be under the control of the RD's / RS's and will conduct themselves professionally and appropriately.

Duty personnel will present themselves in keeping with the standard of the competition and the image of the game and must wear appropriate close-toed footwear and be neatly dressed in their uniform and/or track suit.

The following items will be prohibited for use by duty personnel:

- Hats, bandanas or similar headwear, unless otherwise exempt
- Mobile phones, music devices or headphones.
- Line judges must remain standing throughout the match.

Duty teams will be responsible for ensuring the following:

- Both Coaches have verified their team list prior to the commencement of the match
- The score recorded has been fully completed on the scoresheet
- Both team captains verify the final result of the match before the teams leave the competition court

2.14. MINIMUM REFEREE GRADING

All 1st referees must meet the following accreditation requirements:

- VA Level 2 (Candidate) Referee Accreditation

All 2nd Referees must meet the following minimum referee accreditation requirements:

- VA Level 1 Referee Accreditation

Accreditation must be obtained prior to the event start date ([Appendix 1: Key Dates](#)).

NOTE: Any officials who do not have a refereeing accreditation will be deemed ineligible for the competition.

2.15. DUTY TEAM EQUIPMENT

All referees are required to provide their own whistle.

NOTE: Hand-whistles may be available for loan; any item not returned from loan will incur a fine ([See Appendix 4: Schedule of fines](#)).

All other equipment will be provided, including:

- Penalty Cards
- Flags
- Scoresheets &

2.16. SCOREBOARD REFEREE

PROVISION

Super Sikhs will provide referee supervisors for the event to manage on the spot protests, officiating disputes, and where possible, assist duty teams by officiating matches.

2.17. REFEREE COMMITMENT

All appointed officials, unless otherwise negotiated with the TD, must stay and officiate for the period they have been nominated and attend all training activities held during the event.

2.18. REFEREE EXPENSES

Super Sikhs will meet the following costs associated with the appointed Referee:

- Accommodation for the required number of nights (unless local referees are appointed)
- Meals / Per Diem for required number of days

NOTE: This does not include members of the Referee Corp that are part of the duty team

Any additional expenses will need to be paid by the referee.

2.19. REFEREE RESPONSIBILITIES

REFEREE DELEGATE (RD)

The RD is responsible for managing all appointed referees and holds official TCC authority to solve problems and make determinations on formal protests occurring during the match in order to re-establish the situation in accordance with the FIVB Official Rules amended by the Youth Champs rules.

The RD will also serve as a member of the TCC and will be required to attend any and all formal protests and discussions relating to rules infractions and enforcements.

ASSISTANT REFEREE DELEGATE

The ARD's are responsible for assisting the RD with managing all appointed referees and will have the full of the RD and VARC to implement the rules of the game.

In the absence of the event RD, the ARD's will also serve as an Acting RD and will be responsible for carrying out the responsibilities of that roll (see subsection above - [Referee Delegate](#)).

REFEREE SUPERVISOR

The RSs are responsible for providing support and feedback to referees under the leadership of the RD and ARD's.

EVENT SERVICES

2.20. MEDICAL SERVICES

Super Sikhs will provide Sports Chiropractors and First Aid Services.

During all competition days, these services will be provided from 30-minutes before the first scheduled match until the end of the last match daily.

In addition, all local hospital(s) will be informed of the dates and times of the event and teams will be provided with contact details and address of the local sports medicine clinics as part of their team information kit.

NOTE: Each team / delegation is responsible for providing their own qualified sports trainer/s or physiotherapists during all games and official training sessions.

2.21. OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER

Super Sikhs will appoint an official photographer for the event.

The photographer will provide a range of photographic services, including, action shots and any other photos requested by Super Sikhs

EVENT POLICIES

2.22. EVENTS POLICIES

The World Club Championships will operate under guidance of the Super Sikhs Policy and other policies as detailed and relevant on the Super Sikhs website.

www.supersikhs.com.au

SANCTIONS

2.23. SANCTIONS

Any substantiated violation or infraction of Super Sikhs Constitution, Bylaws, policies, procedures, competition rules and regulations will be administered a penalty and/or sanction in accordance with the severity of the violation or infraction as determined by the TCC.

Sanctions for non-compliance of Team Eligibility and Player Eligibility will be considered by the TCC at the event.

The team officials and HOD of the teams in breach need to show cause to the TCC, as to why a sanction should not be imposed on that team.

Depending on severity of breach, levels of sanctions may vary from warnings, forfeiture of competition points, fines and/or expulsion from the event. A review of future inclusion in subsequent events may occur.

The TCC decision shall be final.

2.24. FAILURE TO TAKE THE COURT

Any team (minimum of 6 players), which fails to take the court at the start of the match, as signalled by the 1st Referee, will be sanctioned as follows.

Description- Penalty (inc. GST)

Failure to take the court at the signalled start of the match by the 1st Referee- Forfeit 1st Set

Failure to take the court after 10 minutes from the signalled start time- Forfeit 2nd Set

Failure to take the court after 20 minutes from the signalled start time- Forfeit match, Fined \$500

2.25. MATCH MISCONDUCT AND SANCTIONS

To protect the image of the sport and all participants the following outlines disciplinary actions to be applied according to accumulated or excessive misconduct.

Misconduct sanctions will be cumulative during the event:

Warning	Yellow Card	1 point
Penalty	Red Card	2 points
Expulsion	Yellow and Red Cards together	4 points
Disqualification	Yellow and Red Cards separately	4 points

Any event participant who accumulates four (4) points, or multiples of, will be automatically suspended for one (1) match for each four (4) points.

Participants who receive a sanction of Expulsion or Disqualification will automatically be referred to a Disciplinary hearing, where a suspension may be reduced, endorsed or increased dependent upon the situation.

Should a member of the official team incur two (2) red cards during the event, the TCC will meet to deliberate on further disciplinary action.

Should a member of the official team be expelled or disqualified during the event, they will be immediately suspended for their team's next two (2) scheduled matches. Suspension means that the offender cannot be present in the playing hall, or its viewing galleries or stands, for the duration of the match.

Should a member of the official team bring the game or the sport into disrepute they will be called before the TCC to explain their actions. Repetition of the above penalties is considered to bring the game or sport into disrepute. The TCC will decide what action, if any, should be taken. Penalties range from a warning through to a fine and expulsion from the event.

It is each Team's responsibility to be at the venue prepared to take the court to play their match at the GEST.

2.26.MAJOR INFRACTIONS

The TCC may apply the following disciplinary sanctions singly or in combination, for major infractions:

- Verbal or written warning.
- Verbal or written apology.
- Service or other voluntary contribution to Super Sikhs
- Removal of certain privileges.
- Suspension from certain Super Sikh teams, events and/or activities.
- Suspension from all Super Sikhs activities for a designated period of time.
- Payment of the cost of repairs for property damage.
- Other sanctions as may be considered appropriate for the offense.

2.27.FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS

All delegations must have at least one (1) representative attend the General Technical Meeting.

All Super Sikh appointed Referees must attend the Referees Workshop, the General Technical Meeting and all daily referee briefings.

A \$50 fine per team will be imposed on the entrant for non-attendance of the aforementioned meetings.

TEAM NOMINATIONS

For official entry into the competition, entrants must submit their teams via the online registration portal found on the event website.

www.supersikhs.com.au

(See Appendix 1: Key Dates).

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PART III COMPETITION REGULATIONS

MEETINGS

Prior to the start of the event, the TCC will hold an online general technical meeting for HODs, Team Officials, Referees and Event Staff.

The meeting agenda will include (but is not limited to) the following:

Welcome by the Technical Delegate Introduction

of the Event Staff.

Event / Venue Overview

Event Technical Matters / Policies

NOTE: A representative from each delegation must be present at the Technical Meeting. Failure to do so will result in a fine *(See Appendix 4: Schedule of Fines)*

TRAINING

Contact Super Sikhs if you require a training court booking. Court hire will be charged at a rate of \$80 per court for a 1 hour session.

CLOSING CEREMONY / MEDAL PRESENTATION

The Closing Ceremony and Medal Presentations will be held at 1800 (6:00 pm) on Sunday 14th August 2022, or immediately following the conclusion of the last final, at the competition venue.

FIVB RULE MODIFICATIONS

The World Club Championship shall be played in accordance with the current FIVB Rules unless otherwise amended in this handbook.

2.28.PLAYING AREA

In addition to FIVB Rule 1 - the playing area may be defined by the following methods:

A court boundary line and its vertical projection.

The nearest obstruction and its vertical projection.

Or any other method deemed appropriate by the TD.

(See Appendix 5: Playing Area)

2.29.LIGHTING

For Super Sikh sanctioned competitions, the minimum lighting on the playing area should be 500 lux measured at 1m above the playing surface.

2.30.HEIGHT OF THE NET

Mens: 2.43m

2.31. TEAM COMPOSITION

In addition to FIVB rule 4.1.1 For the match, a team may consist of a minimum of six (6) players and a maximum of fourteen (14) players, two of which must be designated as a Libero on the team scoresheet per match.

Non-playing team staff may consist up to five (5) of any of the following personnel:

Coaching Staff: one (1) head coach, up to two (2) assistant coaches, one (1) statistician

Medical Staff: one (1) team therapist, one (1) medical doctor, one (1) physio.

Other Staff: one (1) team manager, one (1) head of delegation.

Only those listed on the official score sheet may enter the CCA and take part in the official warm-up and in the match.

2.32.TEAM CAPTAIN

In addition to FIVB Rule 4.1.2 - a team may elect to have multiple captains, a determination before the beginning of each match will have to be made as to who will serve as the team captain for that specific match. The player must be identified as the team's captain and wear the uniform with the captain's bar at the coin toss.

2.33.CAPTAIN'S BAR

In addition to FIVB Rule 4.3.4 - the 'Captain's Bar' can be temporary, if teams wish to change match captains each match. This can be done via a temporary velcro strip or a stripe of tape.

The colour of the captain's bar must match the colour of the number on the team uniform.

NOTE: If a velcro strip is used, the velcro loop "fuzzy side" must match the team uniform colour.

2.34.FORBIDDEN OBJECTS

In addition to FIVB Rule 4.5, no player may wear jewellery during a match, including watches, unless it is taped over to prevent risk of injury to the player or others; unless for religious / medical purposes.

Headwear, such as hats or bandannas, are also not permitted to be worn during a match, unless for religious / medical purposes.

2.35.OFFICIAL WARMUP

There will be a 20-minute protocol between matches. *(See Appendix 2: Warm up Protocol).*

This protocol may be altered at the discretion of the TCC.

In the case where a team arrives late to the “Warm Up Protocol”, they will receive a reduced warm up as per the time of their arrival.

2.36.PLAYING THE BALL

In addition to FIVB Rule 9, the ball may be retrieved from beyond the free zone only when the non-playing area is level to the free zone and the area is free of obstructions.

If obstructions or other safety concerns prohibit retrieval from beyond the free zone, the player retrieving a ball over a non-playing area must be in contact with the playing surface when contact with the ball is made.

2.37.12 SUBSTITUTION RULE

The 12 substitution rule will be in place for the event.

(See Appendix 7: Twelve (12) Substitution Rule).

2.38.EXCEPTIONAL SUBSTITUTION

A player (except the Libero) who cannot continue playing due to injury or illness, should be substituted legally.

If this is not possible, the team is entitled to make an ‘Exceptional Substitution’.

An exceptional substitution means that any player who is not on the court at the time of the injury/illness, may be substituted into the game for the injured/ill player. However this excludes the libero and their replacement player.

The substituted injured/ill player is disqualified from re-entering the match, even if that player should recover.

An exceptional substitution is not counted as an individual entry but it is counted as part of the total team substitutions.

Priority for exceptional substitution is as follows:

- I. by the starter or a substitute who has played in the position of the injured player, or by any substitute who has not already participated in the set;
- II. by any substitute on the bench, regardless of position previously played;
- III. By a player redesignate from Libero to normal playing role. Must change uniform top to team uniform for that match.

2.39.INJURY/ILLNESS

Should a serious accident occur while the ball is in play, the referee must stop the game immediately and permit medical assistance to enter the court.

If the injured player cannot continue playing within a reasonable amount of time, the player must be replaced by substitution, or a legal Libero replacement (if the Libero is not on the court at the time of the injury).

If the referees are informed that a substitute will replace the injured player, no time-out will be charged regardless of the time required to safely remove the player from the playing area.

NOTE: No substitution requests may be made by the injured player’s team until the injury situation is resolved.

Once the player has been safely removed from the field of play and a legal substitution or exceptional substitution is made, the interrupted rally can be replayed.

If an injured player is unable to play and a legal or exceptional substitution cannot be made, the referee must grant a special time-out of up to three (3) minutes and play will be resumed as soon as the injured player is able to continue.

NOTE: In no case shall the special injury time-out exceed three (3) minutes.

After the special time-out, a team may request a legal time-out.

If, after three minutes, or at the expiration of time-outs granted subsequent to the special time-out, the injured player cannot continue to play, the team is declared incomplete for the set.

No player may be granted more than one three (3) minute injury time-out during any match.

If a player becomes injured to the extent that a second injury time-out would be required, the player must be substituted for legally and is disqualified from re-entering the match, even if that player should recover.

If no legal substitution can be made, the team will be declared incomplete for the set.

2.40. PROLONGED INTERRUPTIONS

If unforeseen circumstances interrupt a match, the TCC will assess the delay and proceed accordingly.

If a match cannot be continued, the match will be called final as of the last official point and a winner determined based on the score at the time the match is halted.

If a match can be resumed, regardless of the duration of the delay or the playing court, the interrupted set shall continue normally with the same score, players (except expelled, disqualified or injured ones) and positions. The sets already played will keep their scores.

2.41. DESIGNATION OF LIBERO

In addition to FIVB Rule 19.1.1 - Each team has the right to designate from the list of players on the score sheet up to two (2) specialist defensive players: Liberos; If the team chooses to designate two Liberos at the start of the match, they are designated as Liberos for the entire match.

2.42. EXPULSION

If there is no designated penalty area, or space for a penalty area, a team member who is sanctioned by expulsion shall not play for the rest of the set and must remain seated on his/her bench for the remainder of the set.

COMPETITION FORMAT

2.43. EVENT FORMAT

The number of team entries determines the number of pools in a division, the number of Teams in each pool and the sequence of play, from pool play through finals

2.44. MATCH FORMAT

All round & Quarter Final matches will be formatted as timed, best of 3 sets as per the FIVB rules of the game. Semi Finals & Finals will be best of 5 sets, untimed.

2.45. MATCH SCHEDULE

Matches will begin no earlier than 7:30 AM each morning and no match will be scheduled to start beyond 9:00 PM each night; for the finals match day, no match will be scheduled to start beyond 5:00 PM.

The first match of the day will commence as per the scheduled time and each subsequent match will commence as per the GEST, or 20 minutes after the last whistle of the preceding match.

NOTE: Unless otherwise advised, teams should always be prepared to play at their scheduled time.

2.46. MATCH DELAYS / RESCHEDULE

In the event that matches are delayed, for any reason, the TD, in consultation with the TCC, may authorise to reschedule, or relocate matches.

All rescheduled / relocated matches will resume in accordance with FIVB Rule 17.3 - Prolonged Interruptions.

This can include matches being scheduled beyond the mentioned start times outlined in section 2.44. Match Schedule.

All such instances of match rescheduling and/or relocation will be communicated with all affected teams.

This decision shall be final and will become part of the official event schedule.

2.47. MATCH FORFEITURE

The minimum number of players a team must have to compete in a match is six (6).

If through injury/illness, disqualification, expulsion or any other reason a team has less than 6 players available to take the court then that team will be deemed incomplete and will forfeit any points & sets remaining that will result in an official match.

2.48.COMPETITION POINTS/LADDER

During pool play, teams will be awarded competition points in accordance with the following to determine their ranking:

Win – 3 points

Loss – 1 point

Forfeit – 0 points

2.49.TIEBREAK RULES

If teams are tied on competition points within a pool, the tie will be resolved as follows:

First Tiebreak: Head-to-Head Results

A team that beats all the other teams with which it is tied in Match Points will finish ahead of the other teams in the pool.

A team that has lost to all of the other teams with which it is tied in Match Points is placed behind the other teams in pool.

If teams are still tied following the first tiebreak, proceed to second tiebreak.

Second Tiebreak: Set Ratio

A team that has a higher set ratio than all the other teams with which it is tied Head-to-Head will finish ahead of the other teams in the pool.

A team that has a lower set ratio than all of the other teams with which it is tied in Head-to-Head is placed behind the other teams in pool.

If teams are still tied following the second tiebreak, proceed to third tiebreak.

Third Tiebreak: Points Ratio

A team that has a higher points ratio than all the other teams with which it is tied Head-to-Head and in Set Ratio will finish ahead of the other teams in the pool.

A team that has a lower set ratio than all of the other teams with which it is tied in Head-to-Head and in Set Ratio is placed behind the other teams in the pool.

2.50.SHORTENED MATCH PROTOCOL

In the event where the allocated time for a match is shortened due to unforeseen circumstance, the following process will determine the match outcome.

In the first instance, matches will be resumed at the earliest possible time (see section 2.45 Match Delays / Reschedule).

If a match is not able to be resumed or rescheduled, due to limitations imposed by event operations and or remaining event duration, then a result of the match will be determined according to the stage of the event the match was contested in.

PRELIMINARY POOL, CROSSOVER & EXTENSIONS

The team leading in the last played set will be determined the winner of that set, with the points won in the set remaining the same for both teams.

In the event that teams are tied in the last set played, that set will be deemed a draw with the points won in the set remaining the same for both teams.

The winner of the match will be determined by the team who has won more sets, including the set when play was suspended, and awarded any competition points given for winning a match ONLY if they have also won a minimum of two (2) sets.

If the two (2) set threshold has not been met, or if teams have won an equal number of sets, then the winner will be determined by the total number of points won in all sets.

If the two teams are still tied after the total number of points won calculation, the winner will be determined a tie.

CHALLENGE/REPECHAGE, CONSOLATION BRACKET & FINALS BRACKET

The team leading in the last played set will be determined the winner of that set; if teams are tied, the set will not be awarded to either team.

The winner of the match will be determined by the team who has won more sets, including the set when play was suspended.

NOTE: Teams do NOT need to win a minimum of two (2) sets.

If teams have won an equal amount of sets, the winner will be determined by the total number of points won in all sets.

If the two teams are still tied after the total number of points won calculation, the TCC will make a decision regarding the progression of the tournament

2.51. MATCH PROTEST PROTOCOL

A formal protest may only be lodged by the Head Coach of a team and must be made to the 2nd referee, whilst the ball is out of play.

The protest will be resolved using the "On the Spot" Protest Resolution Procedure.

The resolved outcome of the protest is final; there will be no formal appeals process and matches will not be replayed.

DRAW & SEEDING

2.52. DRAW STRUCTURE

The draw may consist of multiple match format styles, including single round robin pool play, modified round robin pool play, repechage/challenge rounds, pool crossovers, extension pools, consolation bracket and finals bracket.

2.53. DRAW RELEASE

The preliminary draw will be released via the event website no later than two (2) weeks prior to the first day of competition.

The finalised draw will be updated on the event website on the first day prior to the start of competition. It will also be posted on the event results board in the main competition hall and will be distributed as part of the team information kit at the team check-in.

2.54. DAILY MATCH MAXIMUM

Teams will play in no more than five (5) matches in a single day

2.55. DAILY / EVENT MATCH MINIMUM

Teams will be guaranteed a minimum of one match per competition day.

The aim of the draw will be to provide all teams with a minimum of four (4) matches during the competition, inclusive of the final day of competition.

2.56. PRELIMINARY SEEDING

Seeding for the preliminary draw at the World Club Championship determined by the drawing of lots.

Team names will be placed into a draw generator, or into a pot, and drawn at random. The first team drawn will be Team A, the second team drawn is Team B and so on.

To avoid conflicts, teams from the same State / Territory, Association or Region will NOT be placed in the same pool in multiple pool divisions where possible.

PLAYOFF SEEDING

Seeding for teams competing in extension, repechage/challenge, consolation and/or medal rounds will be determined according to their table position from the preliminary round(s) and/or challenge round results, or through the Tiebreak process.

All seedings are final and may only be changed by the TCC for operational purposes.

UNIFORMS / COURT DRESS REGULATIONS

2.57. TEAM UNIFORMS

All players are required to be dressed in the appropriate team uniform in accordance with the FIVB rules.

2.58. SPONSORSHIP LOGOS

Display of sponsorship logos on uniforms (jersey, shorts or athletic/sports pants and socks), and/or undergarments, including but not limited to T-shirts, boxer shorts, tights, leotards, body suits, bicycle shorts, sports bras, compression sleeves / pants, etc. is acceptable, subject to the following regulations:

Any logo or message must not conflict with any event sponsor, as identified on the event website and as part of the team information kit at the team check-in.

Should a potential conflict arise with a pre-existing team sponsor, and any event sponsor identified up to three months prior to the event, it shall be the responsibility of the team to advise the TD of such potential conflict and the TD, shall then determine further action.

Any team who fails to advise the TD of a potential sponsorship conflict prior to the event may be required to remove or blank out the offending sponsor's logo or message before being permitted to compete in the event.

Any logo or message must be consistent across all members of a team.

The maximum size of any logo or message on the front or back of a playing shirt shall not exceed 25cm in width and 10 cm in height and shall be at least 5cm clear of the playing number.

The maximum size of any logo or text on playing shorts shall be 10cm in width and height and may only appear on the front of the shorts.

Should any logo, graphic or text, attached to or printed on a playing uniform in any form, be it sponsorship related or not, be judged to be offensive by the TCC, the team shall not be permitted to compete until such time as the offensive item is removed or blanked out.

Logo's on non-uniform undergarments, including but not limited to T-shirts, boxer shorts, tights, leotards, body suits, bicycle shorts, sports bras,

compression sleeves / pants, etc. must not cover a majority of the item and should be minimal. This includes any religious / medical exemption items as well.

The TD is authorised to rule on the acceptability of a uniform or undergarment logo, graphic or text should a sample, photo or full-scale artwork be submitted prior to the event.

2.59.TEAM STAFF UNIFORM

Team staff, as listed on the official score sheet, must have matching teamshirts.

It is also preferable for staff shorts / pants to match.

HANDBOOK

PART IV APPENDICIES

APPENDIX 1: KEY DATES

Wednesday 1st June

Nominations Open

Friday 10th June

Nominations Close

Tuesday 14th June

Qualified teams and accepted nominations announced

Friday 17th June

Entry Fee and Bond Due

Teams withdrawing from the competition from this date forfeit their entire entry fee

Entry fee payments received after this date will incur a \$100 late entry fee

Friday 22nd July

Player List to be submitted

Friday 29th July

Draft tournament draw published on event website

Wednesday 3rd August

Event Online Technical Meeting

Saturday 13th August

Matches

Commence

Sunday 14th August

Event Concludes

Sunday 21st August

Team bond payments refunded

APPENDIX 2: WARM UP PROTOCOL

	ACTIVITY	DUTY TEAM ACTION
T – 20 min	Warm up (not at the net)	Check COVID Cleaning protocol has been followed by previous duty team (if not notify RS/CS)
T – 15min	Coin Toss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summon Captains for coin toss
T – 12min	Official warm up at the net commences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitors warm up at the net • Brief line judges • Collect line up sheets from Coaches • Record result of toss • Check all players with the scoresheet • Record team line ups
T – 2min	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official warm up at the net finishes. • Teams clear the court 	
T – 1min	Starting six (6) players take the court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check positions of players • Authorises Libero replacement (s) if required.
T – 00	Match commences	

APPENDIX 3: COVID CLEANING PROTOCOL

To be performed by the DUTY TEAM at the completion of each match.

1. Sanitise your hands
2. Wipe the score table and scorers chair with sanitising wipe(s)
3. Wipe the pen used on the scoresheet for the match with sanitising wipe
4. Wipe the 2 hand squeeze whistles provided on court and place back into the box provided with sanitising wipe
5. Wipe the lines judge flag handles
6. Wipe sanction cards (if used)

To be performed by the DUTY TEAM at the completion of LAST MATCH on court for the day (in addition to the items listed above).

1. Wipe the handrails on the referee stand (if present) with provided sanitising wipes.

To be performed by the PLAYING TEAM at the completion of each match prior to signing the scoresheet.

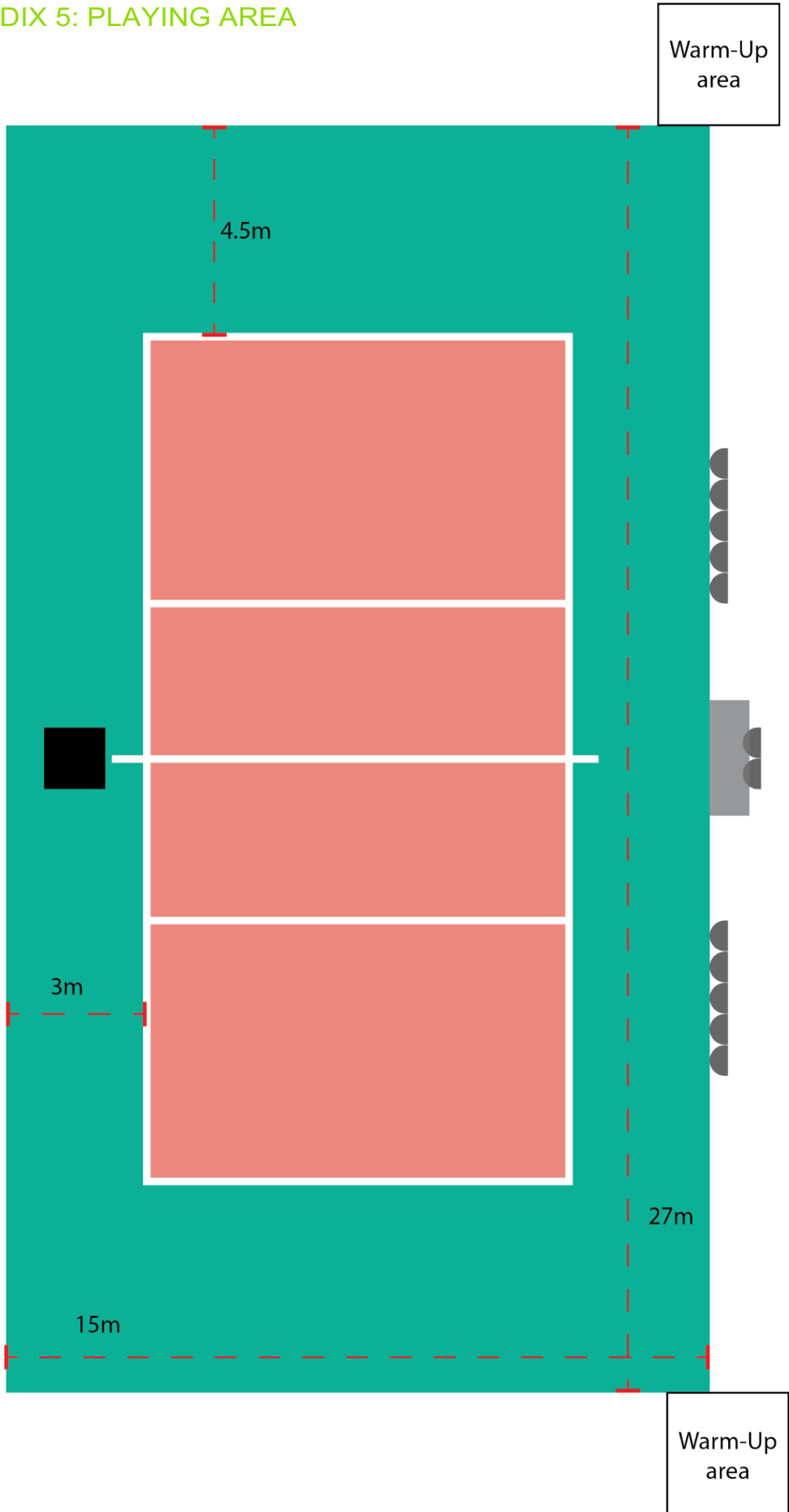
1. Wipe team bench chairs with sanitising wipe(s)
2. Remove all belongings (including your supplied cooler bag) from the court area.

APPENDIX 4: SCHEDULE OFFINES

Fines during the event will be charged out of the team bond payment. Fines can be incurred by the following but are not limited to this list. Fines are subject to the discretion of the TCC.

Eating in competition halls	\$20
Bouncing balls in venue halls	\$20
Disrespectful behaviour	\$20
Using electronics during duty	\$20
Incorrect footwear during duty/match	\$20
Littering	\$20
Property damage	Various (dependant on property and cost to repair)
Theft	Various (dependant on property and cost to replace)
Withdrawal/forfeit	\$500
Late for duty	\$50 per missing duty member
Failure to complete COVID-19 cleaning requirements	\$50
Failure to return squeeze whistle after completing duty	\$20
Failure to attend meeting	\$300

APPENDIX 5: PLAYING AREA



APPENDIX 6: PROTEST RESOLUTION PROTOCOL

The Referee Delegate holds official TCC authority to solve problems and make determinations on formal protests occurring during the match in order to re-establish the situation in accordance with the FIVB Official Rules amended by this handbook.

A formal protest may only be lodged by the Coach of the team who believes that match officials have either incorrectly applied a rule or incorrectly interpreted a rule under the FIVB Official Rules as amended by this handbook that will affect the outcome of the match.

If a protest is upheld, the match recommences from the stage immediately before the error occurred. A system of "On the Spot" Protest resolution has been adopted.

If a Coach wishes to lodge a formal protest, they should immediately inform the second Referee (while the ball is out of play) who must immediately inform the 1st Referee.

The 1st Referee will stop the game, step down from the stand and immediately consult a Referee Supervisor.

The Referee Supervisor will resolve the protest and if they are unable to do so the protest will be resolved by the Referee Delegate. The RD's decision is final.

FORMAL PROTEST

A coach through the match officials can make a formal protest at any moment of a game (except while the ball is in play), as soon as they notice an improper situation or a decision not in accordance with the official FIVB rules as amended in this handbook.

Such cases are:

- a) An improper decision by the Referee who did not apply the rules or did not assume the consequences of his/her decisions; and / or
- b) An improper decision of the scorer who made a mistake on the rotational order or on the score.

IMPROPER CASES

A protest about a Referee's decision, which sanctions a playing action or misconduct, will be considered an improper case and will be immediately dismissed by the RS/RD.

If a coach requests to lodge a Protest, a RS enters the court.

- If the request does not fit the criteria of a legal protest, it is REJECTED
- If the criteria for a Protest is legal, then the protest is ACCEPTED, and it is either then UPHeld or OVERTURNED based upon further information. Then there will be NO PENALTY to the coach from this point.

The coach who submits an improper case, i.e. does not fit the criteria of a legal protest, will be sanctioned by a personal sanction "penalty" (Red card). In case of repetition, the coach will be disqualified from the match and will have to leave the playing area. Subsequent penalties, as determined by the TCC, will be applied.

If the protest is considered valid, the protest and start and end time of the interruption is recorded on the scoresheet.

In the case of a protest concerning a Referee's decision, the RS/RD will obtain the coaches protest and then the first Referee's rationale for their decision prior to deciding. The RS/RD will advise both the 1st referee, the protesting coach and the opposing coach of the final decision made along with a rationale.

In the case of a protest concerning a scorer's decision, the RS, RD and Referee will meet to resolve the protest.

INTERRUPTION OF THE GAME

As soon as the formal protest is made the game is interrupted.

The first Referee authorizes the teams to leave the playing court and come to the bench, but they are not allowed to leave the playing area. Players can use balls in the free zone.

1. Examination of the Protest

According to the rules in force, the Referee Delegate gathers the necessary information and decides to:

- a) Reject the protest; or
- b) Accept the protest and overrule the decision.

The Referee Delegate makes the decision, including for cases where there is no stated rule. If the protest is rejected the game is resumed after having applied the Referee's decision.

If the protest is accepted, the game is resumed from the point prior to the Referee's decision.

Coaches may briefly and politely discuss rule interpretations and / or applications of the rules with the relevant Referee Delegate after the match has completed. This conversation must take place outside of the court and free zone.

2. To resume the game

The RS/RD's decision is communicated to Referees, scorer, coaches and captains.

APPENDIX 7: TWELVE (12) SUBSTITUTION RULE

- a) A team shall be allowed a maximum of twelve (12) substitutions in a set.
- b) A player may enter the court a maximum of three (3) times in a set. The starting line-up counts as an entry onto the court. Players in the starting line-up, subsequently have two (2) entries left in the set.
- c) Players re-entering the set must assume the original position in the service order in relation to other teammates.
- d) Any number of players may enter the set in each position in the service order.

Example

The following diagram illustrates how substitutions are recorded on the scoresheet.

I		II		III		IV		V		VI	
10		4		11		2		1		7	
6	3					5					
10						2					
9						5					
8						<input type="checkbox"/>					
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8											

In the example shown above, the starting line-up is 10, 4, 11, 2, 1 and 7.

This means that these players made their first entry for the set. During the match, the coach then substitutes into position one (I) players numbered 6, 9, 8 and 3. Number 10 has made three (3) entries and is not permitted any more entries for the set. The same can be said for player number 5 in position four (IV).

The players numbered 10, 6, 9, 8 and 3, must remain in position one (I) on the scoresheet and none of them can be used to substitute into another position in this set. For example, player 8 has only appeared twice so far and can therefore make another appearance on court but only in position one (I) and only if no more than twelve substitutions are used per set.

In the example shown above, all twelve substitutions have been used.

The scorer recording the substitutions will use the left side column first for each position and when the left is full use the right- side column.

There is no requirement to record the score at the time of each substitution.

The scorer reports the 11th and 12th substitutions of the team and the third court entry of a player to the second referee who then indicates to the coach concerned and First Referee in that order.