



CCVC Social Competition rules

(Current as of Feb 2024)

The Central Coast Volleyball Club (CCVC) social competition rules are an adaptation of the [FIVB Official Volleyball Rules 2021-2024](#) to cater for the social nature of the competition. Where there is an overlap, the rules in this document take precedence. **The competition committee also reserves to the right to make reasonable adjustments to the competition because of the impacts of Covid-19. Such discretion will be used on a case-by-case basis.**

Pre-Game

- All players participating in the match must be registered with Volleyball NSW and Central Coast Volleyball Club. If a team fields an unregistered player, a forfeit may be declared (subject to the discretion of the Competition Committee).
- It is the player's responsibility to ensure that they read the draw, so they know when they are playing and doing duty.
- In **B and C Grade**, teams will be provided with the contact details of their teammates so they can keep in contact during the season. CCVC recommends forming a WhatsApp group as the safest method of group communication.
- As per the duty section:
 - The two playing teams are responsible for setting up the net, court and desks (Court 2). Once the court is fully set up, teams can start passing warmup.
 - All players are required to have a whistle to perform duty.
- Players need to sign-on prior to taking the court. It is the captain's responsibility to ensure this occurs, so the duty officials know which players are taking part.
- The match timeslots will be listed on the draw.
- **<<The net height for the competition will be at mixed height.>>**
- The first 10 minutes of the hour time slot are the pre-game and the following will occur
 - 4 minutes warm-up (passing)
 - 4 minutes spiking lines (half from position 4, half from position 2). Middle spikes may be hit however it is the responsibility to be careful and mindful of the other team.
 - 1 minute serving
 - 1 minute to get into rotation and be ready for the first serve.
- Both teams need to take care during the warm-up that when spiking they do not hit towards the opponent's spiking line-up:
 - Should a player spike a ball and it contacts an opponent, the player will receive a warning for aggressive conduct and may it result in a penalty (loss of serve, point to opponent).
 - A spike that is hit in the direction of a player and does not contact a player can still be deemed dangerous by the first referee and may result in a penalty.
- Both teams should be on the court ready to play the first point 10 minutes after the start time.

The Match

- The match will be 60 minutes long, best of 5 sets. For 3rd Place Play-off, it will be best of 3 sets untimed and Grand Final will be best of 5 sets untimed.
- To win a set, a team must reach 25 with a minimum advantage of 2 points. Should the score reach 24-24, a team must be leading by 2 to win the set.
- For a set to count, a team must reach at least 13 points.
- Should there be a tie in sets won, the team with the most points will be awarded the win. In the event of equal points won, the match will be declared a draw.
- A team is awarded 4 'table points' for a win, 2 'table points' for a draw, 1 'table point' for a loss and -1 for a forfeit.
- Time between sets is 2 minutes.
- A team must have a minimum of 5 players to field a legitimate team; 4 of these players must be registered under this team. Failure to meet this will result in a forfeit. As per the rule below, a team can use a maximum of 2 replacement players to reach 6 players.
- In **A Grade**, if a team is playing with 5:
 - The "Ghost Player" rule will be in effect where a "Ghost" will be in the rotation. When the rotation reaches where the "Ghost" is to serve, the opponent will be awarded a point.
- The maximum male players are as follows:
 - For **A Grade teams**, there is a maximum of 5 male players on the court. If the team does not have at least 1 female player, they can opt to play with 5 and be subject to the "Ghost Player" rule (see above) or seek a female replacement per the rules below.
 - For **B & C Grade teams**, there is a maximum of 5 male players on the court in the game. This means to field 6 players, at least 1 female player must be on the court at all times.
- Teams may seek a maximum of **1x** replacement when they have 4 or 5 players as follows:
 - For **A Grade teams**, they can seek replacements from B Grade and C Grade players.
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 - For **C Grade teams**, they can seek replacements from C Grade players. If there are no available C Grade players to fill-in, the competition committee may grant an exemption for a B Grade player to fill-in.
- **Before any B and C Grade teams allow replacement players they must ensure they have enough of their own players to fulfill duty. i.e. 1x Ref, 1x Second ref & 1x Scorer.**
- The "Playing area" is deemed to be the two 9x9 halves of the court, the distance between the base line and the back walls, the distance between the sideline and the closest wall. Should the ball travel onto the space of another court, it is deemed to be out of bounds and the point will be awarded against the team that last touched the ball.
- **Safety Rule: At no time should a player enter the adjacent court (exception to the rule is when no scheduled game is on and the court is vacant), entering onto the court will be deemed a foul and a point awarded to the opposing team.**
- Time-outs may be requested by the team captain and will last no more than 30 seconds.
- A team may be request two time-outs per set.
- Time-outs cannot be requested in the last 5 minutes of the hour timeslot for timed matches.
- In **A Grade**:
 - During a set, a team with more than 6 players may use substitutes (that is, players registered from their own team). For non-libero swaps, the player is who replaced (subbed off) can only return (sub back on) to the court by replacing the position they were substituted off for. An exemption may be granted to this rule where a player is injured.

Uniform Policy

- The uniform policy put in place by the competition committee aims to balance the need between making the game easy to officiate for the duty team and keeping the costs down for players.
- Matching colours is encouraged however is not mandatory for a team. The main requirement is that the shirt a player wears MUST have a unique number on at least the front of the shirt. This is so that the duty team can identify players for the reasons of rotation and infringements.
- This policy has now been phased in, the expectation is that all players in A Grade wear a numbered shirt. **1 competition point per player will be deducted from the team tally for each offence.**
- Please note that shirts need to be free of offensive material. What is deemed to be offensive is at the final discretion of the competition committee. Wearing clothing that contains offensive material may be deemed by the Competition Committee to be a breach of the Code of Conduct and sanctioned accordingly.

Duty Responsibilities

- Fulfilling duties assigned to teams is considered an important part of upholding the communal spirit of a local social competition. By fulfilling duties, teams help keep down the cost of the competition by limiting the need for players to pay for duty officials. CCVC treats duties as part of playing a game and the rules reflect the significance of fulfilling duty.
- It is the responsibility of the playing teams to setup or pack-up the net, court and desks.
- It is the responsibility of the duty team to bring whistles to perform their duty. If the first and second referee do not both have their own whistles, the duty team will be penalised one table point.
- It is important that the team performing duty is free from distractions so they can concentrate on performing their duty properly. To ensure this:
 - Players doing duty must not wear headphones or talk to people who are not a part of the duty team.
 - People who are not on the duty team should not talk to and/or distract the duty team.
- In most instances, the duty team should provide six people to fulfill the duties as follows:
 - 1 First Referee
 - 1 Second Referee
 - 2 Line Judges
 - 1 Scorer
 - 1 Assistant Scorer (who may also be needed for auxiliary duties such as sanitising the balls, wiping the court clean where moisture appears etc)
- The Club understands that sometimes the duty team may not be able to fulfill all six duty slots and where this is the case, duties will be reduced in the following order: Assistant Scorer, Line Judge.
- If a team does not provide at minimum a First Referee, Second Referee and Scorer they will be penalised for each duty position that they do not fulfil to a maximum of 3 table points.

Forfeit Policy

- The Forfeit Policy is designed by the Competition Committee to incentivise teams to avoid forfeits and where they need to forfeit, communicate this to the competition committee as soon as possible.
- As advised in the “Pre-Game” section of this document, a team that forfeits a match will incur a penalty of one table point. This may be on top of a table point penalty imposed for failing to fulfill duty roles.
- Where a team will forfeit, it is important that the team notifies the competition committee (via email to comp.ccvc@gmail.com) as soon as possible. This is so we can organise a replacement match for the opponent of the forfeiting team. If an email is not received by the email address listed above, it is considered that the team has **not** notified the competition committee.
- The forfeit policy for **A Grade teams** is as follows:
 - One of the team captains will advise the Captain’s Forum of a forfeit ASAP. This is so the club can organise a scratch match to ensure a game is played and the non-forfeiting team doesn’t miss out on an opportunity to play.
 - A team that forfeits will be subject to penalties as follows
 - Game Forfeit: a penalty of one table point
 - Game & Duty Forfeit: penalty of four table points

Finals

- Finals will take place at the end of each of the seasons, and the following matches will be played:
 - 3rd and 4th place on the ladder will play each other in the third place play-off (best of 3 sets)
 - 1st and 2nd place on the ladder will play each other in the Grand Final (best of 5 sets)
- The start times and duty responsibilities will be communicated to players at a time closer to the Finals weekend.
- No fill-in players are allowed in finals matches as agreed by the committee.
- After the completion of each match, there will be a presentation. The nature of this presentation will be determined by when the Grand Finals finish.
- There will be major prizes for the winners of each Grade, as well as minor prizes for the runners-up and 3rd placed team. These prizes will be announced at a time closer to the Finals Round.

Code of Conduct

- To be eligible to participate in the Social Competition, players must agree to and abide by the Code of Conduct of Central Coast Volleyball Club (CCVC) and the Social Competition.
- The Code of Conduct will also apply to any coaches, officials, spectators who attend or participate in the Social Competition in their respective capacity.
- All players must abide by any conditions of entry enforced by the stadium or conditions of play by the Club.
- All players must take responsibility for reading the draw to know when they are playing and required to do duty.
- Players must ensure that all payments required to participate in the competition are paid by the due dates stated by the Competition Committee. Failure to do so may result in a table point penalties at the discretion of the Competition Committee.
- Use teammates contact details to only discuss matters related to the CCVC Social Competition.
- All players must always act in a respectful manner:
 - Play by the rules
 - Refrain from using language that may be deemed discriminatory, abusive, or threatening.
 - Refrain from verbally or physically abusing other players, coaches, officials, supporters or other participants of the social competition.
- All players must treat all duty officials with respect:
 - Only the team captain is permitted to talk to the officials. If any player has a concern, they must talk to their captain who may discuss this with the first referee.
 - Must not argue with an official. The team captain is allowed to ask the first referee of their interpretation of the rules, but this must be done in a respectful manner and will not change the result of the point.
- Abide by all safety protocol, including:
 - Ensuring all balls remain in the ball trolley while matches are in progress. No warmups using a ball or other ball games are permitted in the areas surrounding the court whilst matches are in progress.
 - If you are returning balls to the ball trolley after the 10-min warmup, you must place them in the trolley. No “basketball shots” or the like are permitted. The duty team should assist this by taking the trolley to each team to collect the balls.
 - Whilst other matches are in progress, not chasing the ball from your court onto the other court. Please notify the court your ball has travelled to and the ball will be returned. The ball is “out of bounds” once it travels onto another court.
 - Notify the first referee of any safety hazards (such as moisture on the court, sharp edges around the net or its poles).
 - After each point, the ball should be gently rolled or passed under the net to the serving team. Returning the ball in a manner that is deemed unsafe may result in a penalty (a point to the opponent) for unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Whilst the first referees will use informal warnings to correct behaviour that is deemed unsportsmanlike, persistent breaches of the rules and/or the code of conduct may result in a penalty (a point and service to the opponent) or further sanctions for the offending player/s.
 - A yellow card is the first formal warning to a player that their conduct has breached the rules and must be corrected to avoid a red card and disqualification.
 - A red card will result in disqualification from the rest of the match for that player.