

Vic Beach Volleyball Series Player Handbook 2019-2020



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Welcome to 2019/20 Victorian Beach Volleyball Series

On behalf of Melbourne Beaches Volleyball Association (MBVA) and Vic Beach, we wish to welcome all players to the 2019/2020 Vic Beach Volleyball Series. We also sincerely thank the companies who have supported us this year and helped us to deliver the series to you.

There are ten (10) rounds of ranking events running throughout the summer for players to enter culminating in the Victorian Championships. Each of the Series events will incorporate both male and female competitions as well as a mixed 3-a-side division. The points earned here will be used to determine the final ranking for Victorias players .

Vic beach will also be running a number of community fun events this year. We will begin with some pre-season training camps, head down to Mt Martha, play a bunch of events on our home sand of south Melbourne beach and we finish off in Lorne.

See you on the sand.

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Allister Lyne – Vic Beach Director

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1. Aims of the Series

The 2019/20 Vic Beach Series has been established by the Series Promoters with the following goals:

- Provide a professional and high level competition for Victoria's elite, developing and social players,
- Provide an important pathway for Victorian athletes to progress to the next 'higher' stage (national and world) level competition,
- To provide exposure and marketing opportunities for the sport's commercial partners,
- Showcase beach volleyball to audiences across Victoria,
- Ongoing expansion of the Series to develop new areas to suit the abilities and skill levels of players, as a building ground for new players.

2. 2019/20 Vic Beach Series Management

The Series is overseen by the Melbourne Beaches Volleyball Association; a Not for Profit body governed by a volunteer Committee. MBVA has contracted Vic Beach to manage and deliver the series.



Vic Beach is committed to establishing and maintaining the best possible Beach Volleyball experience for all participants – young and old, beginners and advanced and all in between. The company is owned and managed by Allister Lyne.

All correspondence relating to the series should be addressed to:

Al Lyne (Director) Ph: 0422 242 308 e: al@vicbeach.com.au
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3. Vic Beach Commission (VBC)

The Vic Beach Commission is made up of the members of Vic Beach, MBVA and event Staff. All rankings, technical questions, wildcard allocations, disputes or judiciary procedures will go to the Commission comprising of:

Victorian Beach Series Competition Manager: Allister Lyne (Vic Beach)
MBVA President: Matt van Rensburg
Event Admin Manager: Kate Longley

This commission will monitor the presentation, promotion and strategic management of the overall series. Meetings of the commission will be on an as needs basis.

4. Chief Referee and Match Officials

The Chief Referee for all of tournaments throughout the 2019/20 Vic Beach Series will be Allister Lyne.

We will endeavor to have qualified referees for at least the finals of the Vic Open.

5. Playing Rules

All playing rules will be enforced as outlined in the Federation of International Volleyball ('FIVB') Rules except where specifically detailed in this handbook, or at the Player Technical Meeting on the morning of the event. Participation is single gender pairs only with the exception of women can enter the Men's competition, but no points from women's division will carry towards men's division entry. Wildcard entries will be determined on merit otherwise entry is obtained through entry from lowest grade.

Vic Beach will decide on all matters not advised in the handbook in consultation with the VBC. Amendments to this handbook may be added during the course of the Series.

6. Dispute Committee

At all events the Technical Director and Competition Manager will form the Disputes Committee. If possible a VVI rep and the Players rep will also join the Dispute Committee.

This Committee will rule on all disputes and protests arising during the tournament which are not strictly related on play or as an avenue of appeal on a dispute or protest arising from play. If any of the above people are playing in the tournament and the issue directly affects them, they abstain from voting on this issue. Other guests may be invited to join the Committee as required.

7. Sponsorship

Vic Beach is proud to partner with the following sponsors:

1. Antler - <http://www.antlerluggage.com.au/>
2. Bolle Safety - <http://www.bolle.com>
3. Life! - <http://www.lifeliveitup.com.au/>
4. The Beach Hotel - <http://thebeachalbertpark.com.au/>
5. Stay Tuned Sports Medicine – <http://www.staytuned.com.au/>
6. Republica - <http://republica.net.au/>
7. McLean Sound - <http://mcleansound.com.au/>
8. Australian Volleyball Warehouse - <http://www.avw.net.au/>
9. Swatch - <https://www.swatch.com/>
10. Le Tan - <https://www.letan.com.au/>

8. Prizes

Prize packs will be made up of sponsor's product and giveaway's. Prize money will be offered at all ranking series events including the Vic Open.

Prize Money Distribution			
AAA	1st	\$300	\$150
	2nd	\$150	\$80
AA	1st	\$120	\$100
	2nd	\$60	\$50
A	1st	\$100	\$80
	2nd	\$50	\$40
B	1st	\$80	\$60
	2nd	\$40	\$30
C	1st	\$60	\$60
	2nd	\$20	\$30
3's	1st	\$120	\$120
	2nd	\$60	\$60

9. Ceremonies & Presentations

A player participating in a medal match at an event must attend and participate in any awards ceremony after the match conclusion unless he/she is unable to physically do so.

In the event of a player being unable to attend the awards ceremony, reason must be given to the Competition Manager or Technical Director(s), prior to the player's non-attendance.

When accepting awards/prizes/prize money, players are required to thank the series sponsors, or event naming sponsor, presenting sponsor(s) and relevant associated sponsor(s). For events conducted on beaches, players are required to thank the local council as the host venue.

Players who are not members of MBVA at the start of the event will not be given prize money for that event.

10. Player Awards

Individual awards are voted on at every ranking series event. At the conclusion of each match in every division, the duty team should complete the votes in the categories listed on the scoresheets. Please take the time to fill these out as you are only letting down your fellow players if you choose not to or don't put any thought into it.

At the conclusion of the season, Vic Beach presents awards in the following categories:

- Best server (male/female)
- Best defender (male/female)
- Best setter (male/female)
- Best attacker (male/female)
- Best blocker (male/female)
- Most Valuable Player (MVP) (male/female)

NOTE: Players are assessed in the division that they played the most events / matches in.

Players are ineligible for player awards if:

- Defaulted from a match or tournament
- Suspended for any duration during the season.

11. 2019/20 Calender of Events

MBVA approves the calendar of tournaments and can at its discretion amend any details. Vic Beach is responsible for the overall delivery of the Series. Any queries should be directed to them. Vic Beach reserves the right to make changes and/or additions to the calendar at any point during the season. A full calendar can be found at <http://vicbeach.com.au/calendar.php>

12. Nomination Closing Dates

Entries for all tournaments close at **8pm on the Thursday prior to an event.**

Seeded draws (indicative only) will be available on the Vic Beach website before 9am on the Friday before the event. Please check these details carefully as we work late into the night to give you the opportunity to ensure that you are in the tournament. If you have found a mistake, please contact al – al@vicbeach.com.au

All seeded draws are not final until the Technical Meeting is held the morning of the event.

Teams who enter and then fail to attend nominated event will not be permitted to play in the following two events unless they can provide a satisfactory reason for their absence (e.g. medical certificate).

Note: being stuck in traffic, inclement weather, sleeping in, hungover, etc. are not regarded as satisfactory reasons.

Teams that formally withdraw at least 48 hours prior to the event are exempted from this policy. Withdrawal is required in writing.

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of Vic Beach and only if there is a vacancy remaining (regardless of your ranking). If a late entry is accepted, a late fee of \$20 per team will apply payable as cash on day. If a late entry is accepted into the draw and that team then withdraws, they shall forfeit their entry fee.

13. Entry Fees

Category	Ranking Event	Community Event
Vic Open Adult / U19	\$55.00 per player	
Adult	\$45.00 per player	\$40.00 per player
Family Adult	\$40.00 per player	\$35.00 per player

Family Child (U19)	\$30.00 per player	\$30.00 per player
Uni Student	\$40.00 per player	\$35.00 per player
U/19	\$35.00 per player	\$30.00 per player
3-a-side Ranking Events	\$30.00 per player	

Note: Prices are inclusive of GST

The Series Promoters reserve the right to grade players if they have not been allocated a seed index from a prior qualifying year. Note: a player who hasn't accumulated any ranking points in the previous 12 calendar months will be required to enter a Wildcard application if he / she wishes to enter in AAA or AA Divisions, ensure you tick the wildcard box on entry.

14. MBVA Registration

Full year registration for 2019/20 Vic Beach Series commences on 1st of April, 2019 and will expire on 31st March, 2020

All registrations are done online and can be done here

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=89652>

Registrations are non-refundable and non-transferable.

Membership	Description	Fee
MBVA Full Adult	Includes VVI Casual and MBVA Full Adult Financial membership and access to Victoria ranking series events and social competitions.	\$47
MBVA Full U19	Includes VVI Casual and MBVA Full U19 Financial membership and access to Victoria ranking series events and social competitions.	\$32
MBVA Social	Includes VVI Casual & MBVA Social Financial membership and access to Republica, Sunset and Frankston 4s. Includes access to 1 Victorian ranking series event.	\$12
Upgrade from VVI Full Adult to VVI Full & MBVA Full Adult	Already an existing VVI Financial Full Adult? Upgrade to a VVI and MBVA Full Adult. Includes VVI & MBVA Full Adult Financial membership and access to Victoria ranking series events, National tour, ABVC/AJBVC, state league and social competitions.	\$25
Upgrade from VVI Full U19 to VVI Full & MBVA Full U19	Already an existing VVI Financial Full U19? Upgrade to a VVI and MBVA Full U19. Includes VVI & MBVA Full U19 Financial membership and access to Victoria ranking series events, National tour, ABVC/AJBVC, state league and social competitions.	\$15
Upgrade MBVA Full Adult to VVI & MBVA Full Adult	Already an existing MBVA Financial Full Adult? Upgrade to a VVI Full & MBVA Full Adult. Includes VVI & MBVA Full Adult Financial membership and access to Victoria ranking series events, National tour, ABVC/AJBVC, state league and social competitions.	\$92
Upgrade MBVA Full U19 to VVI & MBVA Full U19	Already an existing MBVA Financial Full U19? Upgrade to a VVI Full & MBVA Full U19. Includes VVI & MBVA Full U19 Financial membership and access to Victoria ranking series events, National tour, ABVC/AJBVC, state league and social competitions.	\$68
Upgrade MBVA Social to MBVA Full Adult	Includes VVI Casual & MBVA Full Adult Financial membership and access to Republica and Sunset. Includes access to all Victorian ranking series event	\$35
Upgrade MBVA Social to MBVA Full U19	Includes VVI Casual & MBVA Full U19 Financial membership and access to Republica and Sunset. Includes access to all Victorian ranking series events	\$20
VVI Full and MBVA Full Adult	Includes VVI & MBVA Full Adult Financial membership and access to Victoria ranking series events, National tour, ABVC/AJBVC, state league and social competitions.	\$117
VVI Full and MBVA Full U19	Includes VVI & MBVA Full U19 Financial membership and access to Victoria ranking series events, National tour, ABVC/AJBVC, state league and social competitions.	\$83

Note: Prices are inclusive of GST

15. Event Entry

Entries are taken exclusively via our website: www.vicbeach.com.au Click on the Event Entry button and follow the prompts.

16. Confirmation of Entry

Every entry will receive an immediate automated receipt of registration email, please check in your junk mail. Every entry will be immediately available on the "Next Event's Entry List" on the Vic Beach Website. If neither of these things happen, please try again, or contact al – 0422 242 308 – al@vicbeach.com.au

17. Wildcards

Wildcards will not be allocated to players/teams who have played an event and want to move up a division. Results and player ratings will determine your entry and eligibility.

If you fall into one of the below categories, you can then apply for a Wildcard. The number of Wildcards offered at all Tournaments is at the discretion of VBC according to the needs of the tournament. Wildcards do not have to be allocated. Wildcard categories will be Local, Interstate and International and follow the below criteria. A player who hasn't accumulated any ranking points in the previous 12 calendar months will be required to enter a Wildcard application if he /she wishes to enter in AAA or AA Divisions.

Wildcards are available in all divisions.

Teams that apply for wildcards and are subsequently found to be able to qualify for that division on points will have their wildcard application converted to a normal entry.

Teams that are not accepted as a wildcard will have their wildcard entry converted to a normal entry in the relevant grade. In the event that such a team does not make "the cut", normal entry provisions will apply.

Teams must support their application with recent results that demonstrate current form. All sections of the Wildcard Application Request MUST be completed online.

Local Wildcards - Are only available to those teams that would not otherwise automatically qualify on ranking points alone due to an absence at previous events.

Interstate Wildcards - Are for players who miss some state events due to playing on the National Tour or other AVF sanctioned volleyball event, or interstate players wishing to play in our Series.

International Wildcards - Are for those international players wishing to play in our state series, but are not able to regularly compete due to National or International playing commitments.

18. Withdrawal

Teams must advise Vic Beach if they have registered for a tournament, but will be unable to play.

To officially withdraw from an event, you must inform the Competition Manager in writing of your withdrawal and provide legitimate reason for withdrawal from the event. Send all correspondence and reasons via email to: al@vicbeach.com.au up to 9pm Friday before the event.

Any teams not notifying the Competition Manager by the required time shall be deemed a no-show for that event, refer to "**not showing up for an event**" for penalties that will apply in this instance.

Teams that cannot play for any reason after the entry deadline shall be deemed to have withdrawn their entry. If this occurs 48 hours prior to the commencement of the event:

- If the team was accepted as a normal entry, the next most qualified team based on their rating then seeding index shall be accepted into the draw.
- If the team was accepted as a wildcard entry, the next most qualified wildcard entry shall be accepted into the draw, assuming that that entry would be accepted under normal circumstances.
- If no suitable wildcards are available, the position shall revert to a normal position to be filled based on rating and seeding index.

19. Not showing up for an event

If you or your team members are unable to play for unforeseen circumstances you must still notify the Series Promoters by Friday 9pm (or earliest available time) or in extreme emergencies the Competition Manager by no later than 7:30am on the day of the tournament.

If no notification is given, you will be immediately sanctioned from the next two (2) Series events and further entries will not be accepted without pre-paying. Plus entry acceptance will be at the discretion of VBC.

Note: No tournament entry fee refund (for pre-paid teams) will be granted for no-shows. For teams that have not pre-paid (ie. were to pay at beach), the entry fee for the 'no-show' event needs to be back-paid in full in order to enter any future Series events

20. Division Entry (or "The Cut")

The following divisions are offered for tournaments in 2019/20 Vic Beach Series:

AAA Men - 8 teams

AAA Women - 8 teams

AA Men/Women - 16 teams

A Men/Women - 16 teams

B Men/Women – 16 teams

C Men/Women – unlimited

3-a-side – Unlimited

Note: Where team entries permit, VBC may choose to promote team(s) to play in a higher division. The Competition Manager reserves the right to adjust the entries, the cut in divisions and draws on day of competition to fill a complete draw.

21. Eligibility

To be eligible for entry into a MBVA event:

Each player must be a member of a MBVA.

Entry fees must be paid in full prior to commencement of play.

International and Interstate players must become members of MBVA, or be given a free pass with their national / home state accreditation.

22. Venues

In all instances, the tournament precinct will be under the control of Vic Beach, players and associated spectators, coaches, etc. are expected to treat each venue with the respect that it deserves. Ensure you leave the venue and beaches in better condition that you found it and clean up after yourself and others.

We encourage players to car pool in an attempt to reduce the strain on foreshore parking.



23. Competition Guidelines

Match Formats

Event	Divisions (male & female)	Format	Set Scores	Change of ends	Technical Timeouts
Ranking/Social Events	AAA, AA, A, B Mixed Triples	Pool Play	Pools of 3 or 4 18, 18, 15	6, 6, 5	n/a
			Pools of 5 or 6 15, 15, 12	5, 5, 4	n/a
Victorian Open	AAA (Open), AA, A, B, C Mixed Triples	Double Elim for AAA Pool Play for everyone else/	21, 21, 15	7, 7, 5	11
			18, 18, 15	6, 6, 5	n/a

Matches are won when a team wins 2 sets. Sets are not capped and must be won with a minimum 2 point margin.

Side Out scoring may be applied to some tournaments. This will be promoted well before the event so all entrants are aware before entering.

24. Match Times

Match start times are allocated as the earliest available start time unless deemed appropriate by the Competition Manager.

Matches shall follow each other without delay in accordance with advertised order of play. All teams are required to commence play at the instruction of the referee.

A maximum 5 minute interval between matches is to be strictly enforced during tournaments (utilising stopwatches at conclusion of previous match if required). It will be the responsibility of the completing duty team to start the stop watch for the next match.

There will be no exception for teams required to return to the beach - for games or duty. A 5 minute interval will be upheld. Any teams not ready to start the match on time will forfeit 1 point for every minute they cannot take the court.

25. Court Allocations

Players must play on the court allocated to them unless the court presents a safety issue. Any safety issues should be reported to the Competition Manager who will review the court and if necessary deem the court as 'un-safe' to play on and organize an alternative court.

26. Competition Format

Tournaments included in the 2019/2020 Vic Beach Series are pool play, with the exception of the Victorian Open (which is Double Elimination). Some other events may use the Double Elimination format or another format at the Tour Organizers director discretion.

27. Pool Play

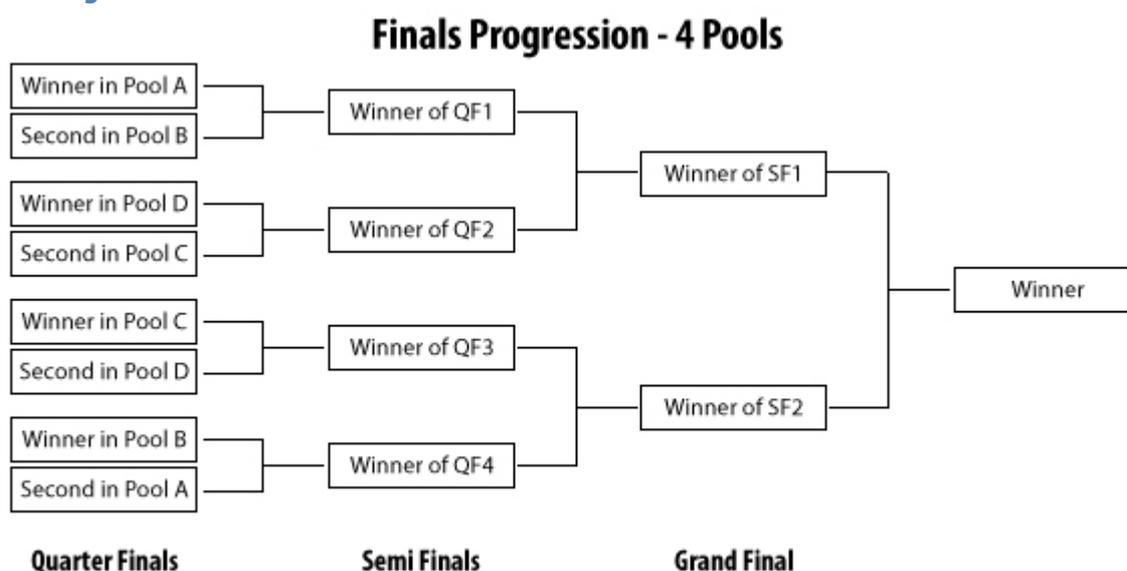
This is conducted as a round robin tournament, based on a structure where teams are seeded into pools. Depending on the number of teams, and the number of teams per pool, the following general rules apply:

The top 2 teams from each pool will always progress into the finals. With 3 or 4 pools we will play quarter finals, with 2 pools, we will go straight to Semi finals, and with 1 pool we will only play the Grand final.

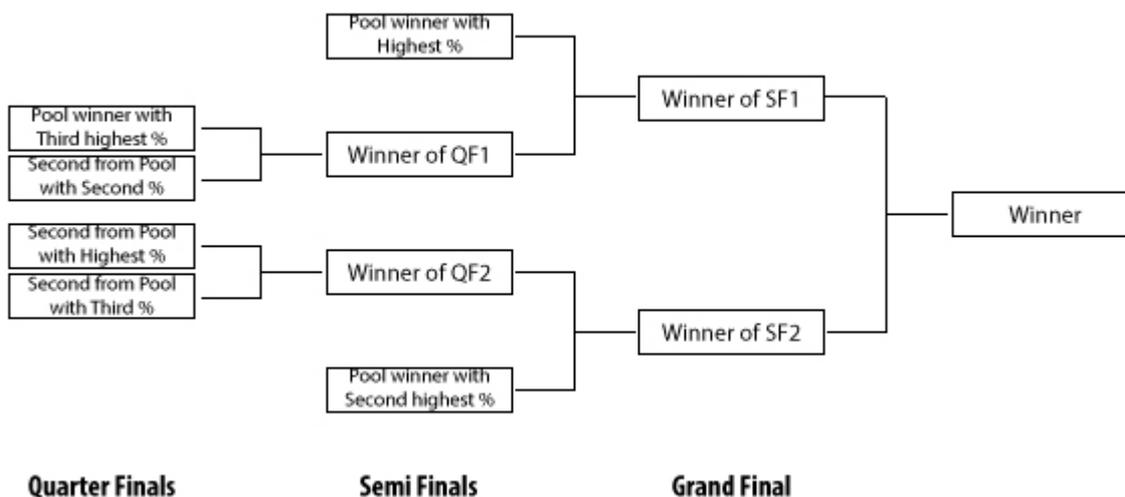
We endeavour to create Pools of four, however, if not possible, where a team fails to show, a bye will be included in that pool. AAA and AA Divisions will be re-seeded accordingly. Where necessary, points percentage will be used to determine finalists.

NOTE: Where a Pool of 4 is reduced to a pool of 3 due to a no show on the day, a double round robin with a 20 minute break between the rounds will be the format.

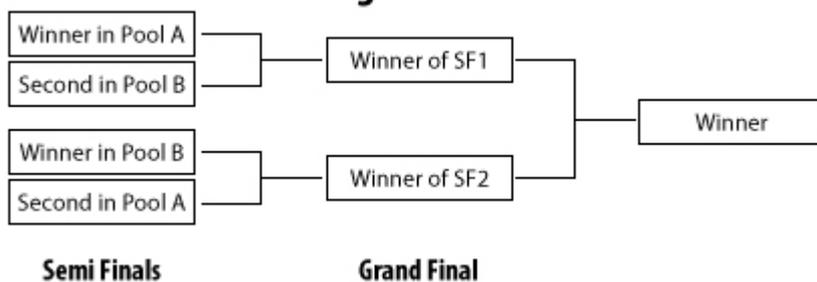
28. Finals Progression



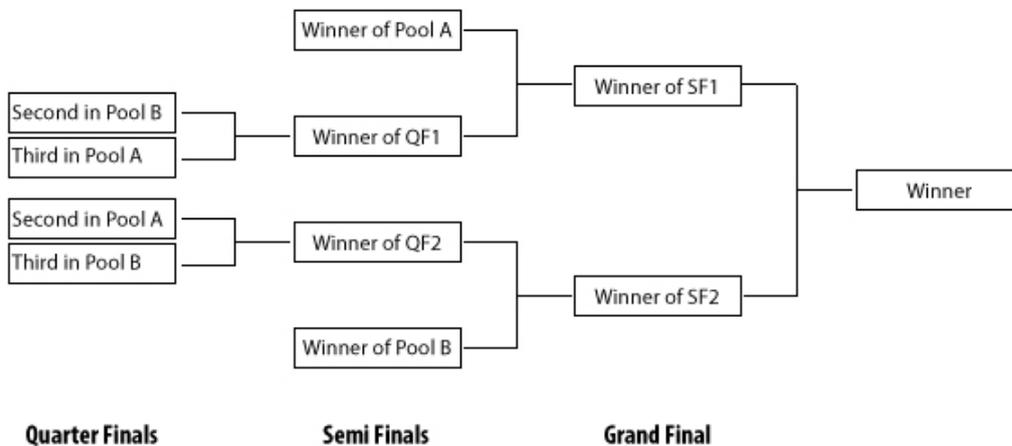
Finals Progression - 3 Pools



Finals Progression - 2 Pools



Finals Progression - 2 Pools of 3



29. Double Elimination

All teams commence the competition in the “Winners Bracket” (WB) where they remain until registering a loss.

A team losing a match in the WB will move to the “Contenders Bracket” (CB) where they will remain until registering a second loss at which time they are eliminated from the competition.

This format continues until 4 teams remain in the competition: 2 teams in each of the WB and CB. At which point teams will compete in Semi Finals where a WB team will play a CB team. Winners of these matches will progress the Grand Final, the losers will progress to the 3rd/4th Playoff.

NOTE: AAA Men's Division: Minimum 16 teams required
AAA Women's Division: Minimum 12 teams required
If minimum teams not achieved pool play will be the default format

Vic Beach reserves the right to amend the draw to accommodate AAA teams due to clashes with National Pro Tour commitments.

30. Alterations to Match Format

Where necessary, the Competition Manager may alter the match format to ensure the completion of an event. Any changes will be advertised immediately upon such decision. Any incomplete matches will be played under the original advertised match format.

31. Competition Ball

The official ball used in the 2019/20 Vic Beach Series will be the Mikasa VLS300 Volleyball. Warm-up balls will be supplied.

32. Official Playing Uniforms

If supplied, all teams competing in AAA will be required to wear the Sponsor Tops for all their games. Teams not complying with uniform requirements will not be allowed to take the court.

Players competing in AAA divisions must also wear matching playing shorts/ bathers/swimsuit bottoms and colours need to be predominately matching. All divisions are encouraged to wear matching uniforms to promote a more professional looking series, but it is only compulsory for AAA divisions.

33. Arrival and Game Day Registration

Players must report to the administration tent and register their arrival and pay fees as soon as they arrive at the beach.

Registration is between 8:00 – 8:30am on the morning of the event unless the management team has informed you otherwise.

If players do not register by 9:00am they will be classed as a 'no-show'.

34. Player Technical Meeting

The player technical meeting is an important time that allows the management of the event to communicate special conditions of the day, to remind people of key behaviors and advise of upcoming events and activities.

A typical player technical meeting will cover:

- Welcome
- Introduction to key people (e.g. technical director(s), competition manager, first aid)
- General news and developments
- Format of games for the day (pool play or double-elimination)
- Reminder about player conduct and responsibilities
- Safety measures taken, and precautions that players should take
- Time allowances between games, and penalties
- Clarification of rules
- Questions
- Court allocations, and provision of match balls, score sheets, clipboards, pens, etc to players.

35. Incomplete matches or Cancelled Events

If players leave before all of their matches are complete, they will be classed as a forfeit. Forfeit teams do not receive any ranking points for the event.

Where necessary, the Competition Manager, in consultation with the VBVC, has discretion to alter the match format, reduce the matches (number of points), stop or cancel play, as it deems necessary for player safety and to ensure the completion of the event.

These decisions will be announced to all affected players.

In the event that the tournament is cancelled after commencing, there will be no refund of fees paid.

Where possible, a "cancelled" tournament will be re-scheduled to another date. Teams will be notified as soon as possible if a cancellation is to occur.

Teams will need to re-enter for any rescheduled tournaments. Teams that do not re-enter and have paid in advance will have their entry fee refunded.

36. Inclement-Bad-Extreme Weather and Excessive Heat

Never assume that an event will be cancelled due to bad weather or excessive heat.

Always ensure you prepare appropriately for the conditions and attend the player's briefing as a ruling will be made or adjustments to the tournament structure will be imposed during this meeting based on the risks. Failure to show up due to weather conditions will be considered a no show for an event (refer to earlier section "not showing up for an event" for penalties and sanctions).

The factors considered by the Competition Manager will include extreme temperatures, wind, rain, thunderstorms and lightning. If the commencement of a tournament is in doubt due to inclement weather, players will be asked to remain at the beach until 9:30am when the Competition Manager in conjunction with the VBC will make a final decision as to whether the tournament is cancelled based on the weather at that time.

The Series Promoters and VBC recognize the Bureau of Meteorology (www.bom.gov.au) as the official source for all updates on weather conditions.

If a tournament is cancelled without play commencing, teams may transfer their entry fee to the next event or request a full refund.

If after play commences on any given event day, the weather conditions become extreme, the following stages of action will be implemented:

- Stage 1 (Forecast above 36 deg) - Reduced Scoring to 15, 15, 12 (Pool of 4) 12,12,7 (Pool of 5)
- Stage 2 (36 deg' reached) - Reduced scoring to 12, 12, 7 (Pool of 4) 9,9,5 (Pool of 5)
- Stage 3 (38 deg' reached) - Tournament postponed for 1 hour and then reassessed.

Re-commencement will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

The Competition Manager also has the discretion to alter the match format to ensure event completion should this be deemed the most appropriate outcome after considering player safety. Consultation with VBC may be entered into. If at the end of 1 hour, play is still not possible, the Competition Manager will review the situation and inform players whether a further break is required (not longer than 4 hours) or if the tournament will be cancelled.

NOTE: VBC does reserve the right to postpone or cancel any event where extreme weather conditions pose a danger to participants. You will receive a SMS notification to such effect and details will be posted on www.vicbeach.com.au advising of the organizer's decision.

37. Playing Under Lights

Where lights are unavailable, no games will commence after 30 minutes prior to the advertised sunset time unless directed by the Competition Manager. Where lights are available, court lighting will be used to assist in the completion of the competition draw. Under these conditions no games will commence after 11:30pm.

38. Light Disputes

If the level of lighting may interfere with the completion of a match the following steps will be taken:

- If either team opts not to continue play the Competition Manager and Technical Director(s) will be called to review the situation and may choose to either instruct the match to continue or reschedule the match.
- In the case of the match being rescheduled the match will be scheduled to commence at the next available match time prior to that of the next advertised match for the tournament.
- If the decision to reschedule the match is made during an incomplete set or at the completion of a set then the:
 - Set scores for any completed sets will stand;
 - The current set will be re-played from 0 – 0;
 - The current score will stand if the break is less than four hours.

39. Seeding Policy

We will be seeding players from their average of their best 6 events on the Victorian Ranking series for the past 365 days.

A player's seeding index is simply the average of his or her recent finishing positions.

For example:

If a player placed 3rd, 5th, 5th and 2nd, their seeding index would be $(3+5+5+2)/4=3.75$. A team seeding index is simply each individual's seeding index added together and divided by two.

If a player with a seeding index on the local tour decides to team up with an interstate player, or a local player who has not competed for the past 365 days, who does not yet have a seeding index on this tour, the team will receive a seeding index the same as their local partner, at the tournament director's discretion.

If an interstate team comes and competes in the Vic Beach Ranking Series, we will do our best to seed them in the true position based on their National Ranking Scheme score along with their home state results.

The tournament director will seed any international or other experienced team that does not currently have a rating based on knowledge of that team's past performance and observed skill level.

We will be seeding players from their average of their best 6 events on the Victorian Ranking series for the past 365 days.

1. Current seed index, then
2. Current total Ranking points, then
3. Prior year's Total Ranking points, then
4. Flip a coin

If a player is returning to the sport after a prolonged absence, a wildcard is highly recommended to accompany an entry to secure that teams entry into a particular grade and also assist the Competition Manager in correctly seeding the unseeded player.

The Competition Manager has discretion to seed teams if required.

Seeded draws will be available on the Vic Beach website before 9am on the Friday prior to the event. Please check this information carefully.

40. Seed Index

Seeding of all divisions will be based on the entries for the tournament. The overlap will be the equivalent of coming just higher than last in the division above. If AAA has 8 teams, then first in AA will equate to 6th in AAA. If AAA has 12 teams, then 1st in AA will equate to 9th, so second in AA will be 10th and so forth with the adjusted seed in each pool cascading down based on the teams in the pools above.

Placing	Division
1st	1
2nd	2
3rd	3
4th	4
5th - 6th	5
7th - 8th	7
9th - 12th	9
13th - 16th	13
17th - 24th	17
25th - 32nd	25
33rd - 48th	33

Pool above	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Equivalent 1 st in Pool Below	4	4	6	6	8	8	10	10	12	12	12	12	16	16	16	16

41. Ranking Points Schedule

All teams start at zero points at the beginning of the 2019/20 Vic Beach Series and accumulate points at each event in which they compete.

Ranking points can only be earned at Vic Beach Ranking events. The Victorian Open will be worth 1.5 times the ranking points it is our major event.

Players will be rewarded for their performances in each event, with the levels of points determined by the following schedule:

Place	Event Rating									
	Vic Open (AAA only)		AAA		AA		A		B	
		Average for equal place		Average for equal place		Average for equal place		Average for equal place		Average for equal place
1	360	360	263	263	101	101	39	39	15	15
2	324	324	237	237	91	91	35	35	13	13
3	292	292	213	213	82	82	32	32	12	12
4	263		192		74		28		11	
5	237	237	173	173	66	66	26	26	10	10
6	214		156		60		23		9	
7	194	194	142	142	54	54	21	21	8	8
8	175		128		49		19		7	
9	159	159	116	116	45	45	17	17	7	7
10	144		105		40		16		6	
11	131		96		37		14		5	
12	119		87		33		13		5	
13	109	109	80	80	31	31	12	12	5	4

14	99		72		28		11		4	
15	91		66		26		10		4	
16	83		61		23		9		3	
17	77	77	56	56	22	22	8	8	3	3
18	71		52		20		8		3	
19	65		47		18		7		3	
20	60		44		17		7		3	
21	56		41		16		6		2	
22	52		38		15		6		2	
23	49		36		14		5		2	
24	46		34		13		5		2	
25	43	43	31	31	12	12	5	5	1	1
26	41		30		12		4		1	
27	38		28		11		4		1	
28	36		26		10		4		1	
29	35		26		10		4		1	
30	33		24		9		4		1	
31	32		23		9		3		1	
32	30		22		8		3		1	

The table above shows point allocations for a typical tournament arrangement.

42. Overall Series Player Ranking

At the conclusion of the 2019/20 Vic Beach Series, the final overall series rankings will be recognized at the Vic Beach annual Presentation Night. Awards will be presented to the top five (5) male and female players based on the highest accumulation of ranking points across the state (as an open division). The final points balance will consist of a player's best five (5) ranking event results including the Vic Open.

43. Promotion and Relegation

A team that wins either the AA or A Division Tournament is entitled to automatic entry in to the next AAA or AA Tournament respectively.

Both team that finish in last place in AAA and AA are automatically relegated to for the next round.

The bottom two (2) teams that finish in last place in the Men's AA and A Divisions are automatically relegated to A or B Divisions respectively for the next round.

If either player is unavailable to play in the next round for any reason, the team is considered to have withdrawn, and the position goes to the next most qualified team on ranking points.

If the members of a team decide to play with different partners in the next Tournament after having earned the right to automatic promotion then the right of automatic entry to the next highest division is withdrawn and entry will be considered on its merits.

If the members of a team decide to play with different partners in the next Tournament after having been relegated to the next lowest division they will still not be permitted to play in the division from which they have been relegated.

NOTE: VBC reserves the right to relegate a team that finishes in the bottom four positions of a AAA Men's Tournament on three consecutive occasions and without winning a game to play in AA Division in the following round even if that team has sufficient ranking points to qualify in the top ten positions on ranking points.

Teams that enter their preferred division and subsequently found not to be able to qualify with enough points will automatically have their entry converted to a standard entry in the relevant grade.

44. Match Officiating

Where paid officials are not provided, during the player briefing, the tournament staff will ensure that all teams are aware of their involvement in the first games of the day.

Players that are involved in the first game of the day must go straight to their allocated court for warm up.

Duty teams that are involved in the first game of the day shall collect the match run sheet and score sheets and match balls and then go straight to their allocated court and:

- Start stop watch for commencement of 10 minute warm-up
- Make sure that they have all the equipment that they need (e.g. volleyball, stopwatch, own whistles, pens, clipboard etc)
- Clarify any last-minute rule interpretations with the Competition Manager
- Keep track of the time and let players know when there is 5 minutes spiking and serving warm-up, and 1 minute left until start time
- Before the warm-up the main referee will conduct the toss. Where no official referee is allocated to a game and the duty team is not present before the warm-up, the players may elect to conduct the toss between them. In the absence of a coin, the captains may use "Rock, paper, scissors" or "Pebble in the hand" to conduct the "toss".

45. Whistles

Vic Beach will not be issuing whistles to duty teams due to health regulations and the obvious health risks associated with this. Whistles for duty can be purchased at the administration tent for \$5.00.

46. Penalties for not Fulfilling Duty Requirements

All teams will be required to referee or perform "duty" at every tournament. If it is your first time competition on the beach and you are unsure about any duty tasks, please do not hesitate to request assistance at the administration tent.

Teams are required to provide 2 duty personnel – one main referee and one scorer. In the situation where a referee(s) are provided for a match, the duty team must act as 2nd referee (net) and scorer or lines person.

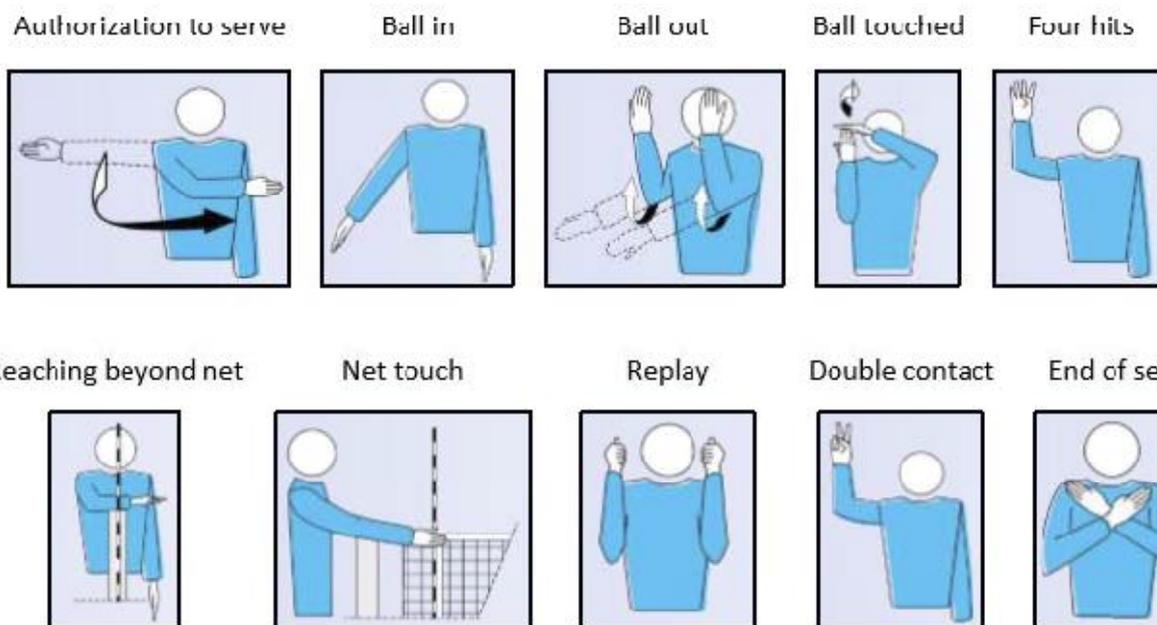
Duty teams will be listed on the draw running sheet during pool play. The last place finisher in a pool on the completion of the rounds will be required to stay to perform duty for the first finals matches unless otherwise indicated on the draw or by the Competition Manager. In the finals, generally the previous loser will be required to duty the next match (ie. losing teams from quarter finals will duty the semi finals matches).

It is the responsibility of duty teams to ensure that matches are commenced on time. Stopwatches will be attached to the nets on every court and it is the responsibility of the previous duty team to set the watch to commence the 10min warm up for the next match.

Penalties for not fulfilling your duty requirements at a tournament will result in a \$50.00 fine and 100% loss of ranking points for that event. Teams will not be allowed to enter another tournament that series until this fine has been paid. **Not knowing you had duty is not an excuse!**

47. Referee's Hand Signals (Main Referee)

Whilst undertaking duty or main referee, the following hand signals must be used. This is to ensure the sport looks professional on the beach to spectators and also reduces misunderstandings on court.



Unreasonable Delays - Players must commence play upon the order of the referee, thereafter, except for allowed periods of "time-out" (1 per team per set that last for 30 seconds in the Vic Open only) and change of ends, play shall be continuous. A player shall not unreasonably delay a match for any cause.

Start of Rally – where possible the minimum amount of time shall elapse from the moment the referee blows the whistle to end the rally to the moment the whistle is blown again to commence the next rally. Unreasonable delay will be considered deliberate time wasting and the referee may issue appropriate warning or point penalty.

Change of Ends – For any match, when changing ends, a maximum of 1 minute shall elapse from the moment the referee blows the whistle to end the rally to the moment the whistle is blown to resume play. Failure of the serving team to meet this requirement shall result in a side-out. Failure to comply by the receiving team shall result in awarding of one (1) point to the serving team.

48. Sanctions

Player's must accept referee's decisions with respectful conduct and without dispute. In case of doubt, clarification may be requested. The player code of conduct applies from warm-up. If any penalties or sanctions are issued, it must be recorded on the scoresheet.

The Competition Manager must be informed when a red card has been given to a player.

All players will abide all events in a sportsmanlike manner in accordance with the FIVB rules. Any disagreements, players will be sanctioned according to the following sanction structure:

CATEGORIES	EXAMPLE BEHAVIOUR GIVEN FOR	TIMES	SANCTION	CARDS TO SHOW	CONSEQUENCE
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	Swearing (audible obscenity), Kicking or Throwing Ball or any other unsportsmanlike behaviour.	First	Warning	Yellow	Prevention - no penalty
	Continued dispute of calls, rude or unsporting behaviour.	Second	Penalty	Red	Loss of Rally
Rude Conduct	Offensive and rude or unsporting behaviour.	First	Penalty	Red	Loss of Rally
	Continued offensive and rude or unsporting	Second	Expulsion	Both Together	Team declared incomplete for

	behaviour.				the set, loss of set and match.
Offensive Behaviour/Conduct	Physical or extreme unsportsmanlike or offensive behaviour.	First	Expulsion	Both Together	Team declared incomplete for the set, loss of set and match.
Aggression	Physical or extreme unsportsmanlike or offensive behaviour.	First	Disqualification	Both Separately	Team declared incomplete for the set, loss of set and match.

Note: The above sequence is progressive per team. Cards may be given at the discretion of the referee, if the behaviour justifies it, a red card may be given prior to the yellow card.

Disqualification can only be enforced by Official Referee’s or the Competition Manager. A Player refereeing a match who believes disqualification is justified should approach the Competition Manager for clarification.

Any player or coach that receives 2 red cards (or the equivalent in yellow cards) during the 2019/20 Vic Beach Series will automatically be ineligible to play in the next series event.

49. Warm Up

The warm up period before games is as follows:

- For the first game of the day: 15 minutes after conclusion of the player briefing
- If any of the teams that are to play has just finished a game or duty: 10 minutes after conclusion of the previous game
- If none of the teams that are to play have just finished a game or duty: 7 minutes after conclusion of the previous game.

There is a penalty for players that are not ready to commence at the scheduled time, refer to section in this handbook on match forfeit for appropriate sanctions.

The penalty for duty teams that are not ready to commence duty at the scheduled time is a forfeit of one point per minute on their subsequent game. If the duty team does not appear within 20 minutes of the start time, they forfeit their next game. If the duty team has no more games to play, there is no penalty up until 5 minutes late, after which time the duty team forfeits all ranking points for the event.

A typical warm up may involve:

- Light jogging
- Stretching
- “Peppering” in pairs
- Spiking (when there is 5 minutes remaining)
- Serving (when there is 1 minute remaining)

At the end of the warm-up time, teams must leave the court and the captains meet for the toss.

50. Coaching

Each team is permitted to designate one coach that may be positioned in the designated support area determined by the Competition Manager. This area will predominately be behind the barriers where applicable, located on their teams playing side. Coaches cannot enter the playing area and must swap ends when the players swap ends during a match. This will avoid the coaches seeing the oppositions hand signals during play.

Coaches names must be supplied on all score sheets in which their athletes will be participating and which they will be coaching. Coaches are only allowed to “coach” during time outs or referee sanctioned breaks in play and may not communicate with match officials, opposing players and coaches at all. Coaches are not allowed to cheer or make any noise during play.

For further clarification on “coaching” or the above, speak to the Competition Manager on match days.

51. Match Forfeit

After the duty team has called the teams to the court for the start of the game, if one team is not present at the beach, the following will apply:

- Any teams not ready to start the match on time will forfeit 1 point for every minute they cannot take the court. Up to a maximum time of 15 minutes from when referee blows first whistle to commence match. After the 15 minute mark the first set will be recorded 21:0 on scoresheet.
- If the team has not appeared within 20 minutes of the called start time, the game is forfeited and the second set will be recorded on the scoresheet as 21:0.

52. Player Code of Conduct

The 2019/20 Vic Beach Series Player’s Code of Conduct shall bind all players, and the rules as outlined in this handbook.

53. Player Obligations

The following player obligations are as outlined in the 2019/20 Vic Beach Series Player’s Agreement. As participants in 2019/20 Victorian Beach Volleyball Series events, players are not only representing themselves but also MBVA, VVI, Vic Beach and volleyball in general. Most events are held in public places to increase interest in the sport and the Series Promoters rely on players to act in a manner that is in the best interests of the sport as a whole.

Accordingly the following acts are deemed to be totally unacceptable:

- **Audible obscenity:** Any swearing that is audible to the referee may be audible to the general public as well. Penalties are detailed in the rules, and include expulsion from the playing area.
- **Visible obscenity:** Players shall not make obscene gestures of any kind. Penalties are detailed in the FIVB rules.
- **Ball abuse:** Players shall not violently, dangerously, in frustration or anger, throw or kick the ball except in the reasonable pursuit or a rally. Penalties are detailed in the FIVB rules. For the purposes of this rule, “abuse of the ball” shall be defined as intentionally striking, kicking or throwing a ball out of the immediate area of the playing court, striking a ball dangerously or recklessly, or striking a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences.
- **Abuse of the net or court fixtures:** Players shall not violently, dangerously, recklessly, in frustration or anger hit or pull the net, other court fixtures, signage or other facilities. Penalties are detailed in the FIVB rules.
- **Drinking:** Alcoholic beverages of any type are banned from all beaches, with the exception of certain nominated areas. Players that are observed drinking alcohol outside of these areas will be asked to leave the beach.
- **Illegal substances:** Players that are observed using illegal or prescribed drugs without prescription will be immediately expelled from the playing area.
- **Violent action:** Violence, threats or other intimidating actions, whether towards other players, officials or the general public will not be tolerated. Penalty is expulsion from the playing area and possible legal action and/or suspensions or fines.
- **Actions that bring Vic Beach into disrepute:** All players are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and sportsmanlike manner. Any player that does not act reasonably in the opinion of the Competition Manager may be reported for subsequent disciplinary action, which may include suspension and/or fines. Such actions include skylarking and practical jokes.

Players competing in sponsored events should bear in mind that the facilities that the players are enjoying are only available because the sponsors perceive that events will be run in a professional manner that complements their product. If players do not conduct themselves appropriately, it is entirely possible that sponsors will choose not to continue their interest in the sport, which may result in future events being less enjoyable or even non-existent.

A player participating in the grand final of an event must attend and participate in the awards ceremony after the match unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so.

54. Uniforms

There is no requirement for non AAA players to be in uniform; however it is strongly encouraged that players do so as to improve the appearance and professionalism of the events. It is recommended that players try to wear, in order of preference:

- Shorts/Bathers/Bike pants/Leggings of a similar colour and cut (bathers not compulsory in women's)
- T-shirts/singlets of a similar colour and cut
- Matching shorts
- Matching t-shirts/singlets

Some players have private sponsors. Vic Beach encourages players to seek out their own sponsors so as to help them with the financial burden of competing in events, however for obvious reasons individual sponsors must not conflict or overshadow tournament sponsors. Tour Promoters must be advised of any personal sponsorship a minimum of 7 days prior to an event. Individual sponsor advertising space shall be not larger than 10 cm² on each person. Examples of acceptable individual advertising space include:

- Patches sewn/pinned onto shorts/bathers
- Temporary tattoos
- Arm bands

Individual Sponsors court signage must not be erected by players on the Court perimeter. Permission needs to be granted by the Tour Promoters.

NOTE: A player may wear sponsor-supplied product (e.g. sunglasses) as long as it does not conflict with tournament sponsor supplied product. For example if the tournament sponsor has provided playing singlets, a player may not wear a singlet provided by an individual sponsor, or obscure the tournament sponsor-provided singlet signage with individual signage.

Penalty: Loss of ranking points for the event.

Individual sponsors shall not conflict with any tournament sponsor or represent any tobacco company. For example, if the tournament sponsor is a Motor Vehicle Company, a player may not wear sponsorship signage from a competing Vehicle supplier.

Players shall not wear any accessories (e.g. jewellery) that have sharp edges.

55. Finding a Partner

If you have never played before, it can be difficult to find someone with whom to "partner up".

Following are a few suggestions on how you can find a partner to take you to the finals!

- **Vic Beach Facebook page:** If you have access to the Internet, log on to Facebook and go to the Vic Beach group. Simply post a message describing your skill level, experience and ambition.
- **Attending tournaments:** Many players come along to tournaments in search of a playing partner, as well as to check out the action. Let the tournament manager know that you're looking for a partner, and he or she will keep an eye out for anyone else that is looking around on the day. You won't be able to play on the day, but you might pick up a partner for the next event.
- **Email:** Vic Beach; maintains a list of people that are looking for partners. Email and put your name down on the list, and they might be able to give you the name of someone else that is also looking.
- **Training:** Come to a training session and play with lots of people and find one to play in the events with.
- **The Player Network:** once you get to know a few people, you'll find that most partnerships are made through direct contact. Get to know the other players in your pool, or just hang out in the player's tent. Before long, you'll find someone that is ready to switch!

Note: VVI, Vic Beach are not responsible for matching up players, but will assist in putting you in contact with interested parties where possible.

56. Personal Health

Players must ensure they are in good health prior to participating in an event and must take responsibility for health problems that may arise. Players must be aware of the specific health areas associated with this sport and take necessary precautions and responsibility for themselves and their actions. Please read the following advice on what to bring with you to help minimise exposure as tournaments days can be a long.

57. What to Bring

The beach in Victoria is an unpredictable place with a wide range of possible weather conditions. Following is a suggested list of the “basics” that all players should bring to every tournament.

- SPF 30+ sunscreen and zinc cream (apply this before you leave home – sometimes it’s difficult to find time to “slip slop slap” once the event gets going). Remember your Lip sunscreen (“chap stick”)
- At least 5 - 10 litres of water per person, preferably in an insulated container
- Warm clothes e.g. tracksuit and windcheater
- A hat/cap and long-sleeved shirt
- A beach towel and a spare pair of bathers
- Sports Chamois – can be kept in an esky with ice for refreshing timeouts!
- Some loose change for parking, which usually costs about \$12 for the day, depending on the location. Change will not be provided by the competition organisers.
- A ball to warm up with (clearly marked with your name) – match balls are only available for on court warm up prior to the match. Please do not ask the competition administration staff for the use of balls for warm up.
- Sunglasses – preferably polarised
- A pair of playing shorts and singlet/t-shirt
- ‘SandSocks’, or an old pair of socks in case the sand gets too hot
- A towel to sit on/dry yourself/dry the ball off
- Socks/runners or Sandals/thongs
- A T-shirt or similar to change into at the end of the day
- Anti-Perspirant/Deodorant
- Food to eat during the day. Suggestions include fruit, muesli bars, sandwiches etc. Note: that most venues have shops nearby if you want to buy lunch, but it is worth packing some snacks as you may not have time to go wandering too far between games.
- Strapping tape (if you know that you will need to use it during the day, that is, for preventative strapping).

There is a Sports Trainer/First Aider who will be at every tournament, so there is no need to bring first aid equipment in tournaments.

58. Hydration

Hydration is clearly important. Even on a mild day, it is not unusual for people to lose lots of fluids over the course of the day from perspiration. Bring plenty of water and try to continuously drink throughout the day and the days leading up to an event.

In very hot and humid conditions, you should aim to drink at lots of water for every hour that you are at the beach and additional hydration and mineral/electrolyte replacements are highly recommended. The intake will vary slightly for milder days.

59. Dangerous Objects

Sadly, on inner city beaches around the world, the presence of syringes and broken glass is unavoidable. Vic Beach takes every precaution to ensure that no foreign objects are on the playing area by:

- Visually inspecting each court before signing off on its readiness;
- Raking all courts;
- Calling the council in to sweep the entire beach.

Do your own check of the court before you start to warm up;

If you do find anything dangerous, stop all activity in the area and immediately and ask a tournament official to come over to remove the offending object. Surprisingly, the number of times that these types of objects have been discovered over the last 15 years of operation has been remarkably low. Even more surprising is the number of times people have “discovered” broken glass by contacting it with their foot/elbow/head etc only to find that there is absolutely no injury resulting from the contact.

60. Skin Protection

There now appears to be an indisputable link between skin damage and excessive and/or unprotected sun exposure. Vic Beach recommends that you follow sensible procedures when you are at organised events. These include:

- Avoiding sun exposure by seeking shade wherever practicable
- Applying sun screen before you arrive at the beach, and reapplying in accordance with the manufacturer’s directions
- Wearing appropriate clothing to block the sun’s rays wherever practicable. This includes hats and t-shirts when playing and long-sleeved tops and pants when you are doing duty.

61. Pregnancy and Sport

Pregnant women should make the decision to continue with sport with the direct consultation of health professionals. State and Federal legislation in Australia fight for the rights of pregnant women to make their own decisions. Beach Volleyball is an active and low impact sport but can have harmful outcomes for people with special conditions. We ask that participants provide any information concerning their health including pregnancy so that the first aid treatment can be as swift and accurate as possible, however, participants are not obliged to provide this information.

62. Injuries

All injuries must be reported to the Competition Manager as soon as possible.

The reason for this is two-fold:

- If you do not report the injury, you may have difficulty claiming on insurance later
- Reporting the injury allows the Competition Manager to organise help!

63. First Aid

First Aid assistance and emergency supplies are available from the administration tent, all other first aid supplies such as strapping tape is to be provided by the players.

There will be a qualified first aider at all of the events who will treat any injuries.

64. Past Victorian Open Winners

The Victorian Open is the premier event on the Victorian beach volleyball calendar. 2020 will be the 30th event in the prestigious events history... Will yours be the newest name on the honour board??

(We are missing a few of the early winners, Please let us know if you can fill in the remaining blanks!)

Year	Men	Women
1990		
1991		Alison Brown/ Sally Downs
1992	Eddie Vukosa/ Greg Duff	Alison Brown/ Sally Downs
1993		
1994		Tessa Reimers/ Catriona Tweedie
1995	Nick Carroll/ Steve Kay	Tessa Reimers/ Catriona Tweedie
1996	Tim Oats/ Shane Reed	Cristy Mace/ Julia Davey
1997	Todd O'Donnell/ Peter Jones	Dianne Barnden/ Catriona Tweedie

1998	Mark Janssens/ Eddie Vukosa	Dianne Barnden/ Catriona Tweedie
1999	Mark and Mick Janssens	Dianne Barnden/ Catriona Tweedie
2000	Peter Jones/ Danny Mraz	Jenny Young/ Belinda Pitts
2001	Greg Jury / Oliver Cole	Jenny Young/ Belinda Pitts
2002	Peter Jones/ Michael Bikicki	Jenny Young/ Belinda Pitts
2003	Peter Jones/ Greg Jury	Jenny Young/ Belinda Pitts
2004	Peter Jones/ Alan Hinchley	Alice and Johannah Rohkamper
2005	Peter Jones/ Alan Hinchley	Tamsin Barnett/ Jordan Schultz
2006	Peter Jones/ Alan Hinchley	Cristy Mace/ Louise Porter
2007	Damian Schumann/ Jens Michel	Tara Purvis/ Natalie Frostick
2008	Chris Burns/ Greg Jury	Jenny Jury / Louise Bawden
2009	Dan Carey/ Issac Kapa	Kate Bartoli / Eliza Dean
2010	Dan Carey/ Issac Kapa	Louise Bawden & Becchara Palmer
2011	Kevin Ces & Andy Ces	Louise Bawden & Becchara Palmer
2012	Cedric Legrand & Will Mercer	Nat Cook & Tamsin Hinchley
2013	Chris McHugh & Issac Kapa	Taliqua Clancy & Louise Bawden
2014	Bo Soderberg & Michiel Van Dorsten	Taliqua Clancy & Louise Bawden
2015	Malachi Murch & Max Guehrer	Tamsin Hinchley & Sarah Battaglone
2016	Joshua Court & Damien Schumann	Christie Jenkins & Brittany Tiegs
2017	Bart Bolsterlee & Casey Grice	Yupa Phukrongploy & Lauri Luijken
2018	Tim Dickson & Marcus Ferguson	Alexandra Friedrich & Sabine Link
2019	Matt Abela & Nejc Zemljak	Sigrid Simonsson & Tjaša Kotnik

65. Past Victorian Championship Winners

Year	Men	Women
2011	Luke Campbell/Cedric LeGrand	Carla Klevaland/Lauren Spark
2012	Brett Middlin & Peter Jones	Samantha Date & Jill Cridland
2013	Josh Court & Cedric Legrand	Victoria Schaw & Julia Baldauf
2014	Josh Court & Damien Schumann	Sange Carter & Sarah Battaglone
2015	Allister Lyne & Shaien Govender	Sarah Battaglone & Tamsin Hinchley
2016	Allister Lyne & Shaien Govender	Kris Dowling & Valerie Zivcic
2017	Patrick Tang & Justin Schumann	Carrie Van Rensburg & Rebecca Ingram
2018	Allister Lyne & Shaien Govender	Valerie Zivcic & Carrie Van Rensburg
2019	Allister Lyne & Robert Hope	Rachel Pattermann & Anna Donlan

66. Past Top Ranked Victorian Players

Year	Men	Women
2007/08	Cedric Legrand	Sange Carter
2008/09	Owen Boland	Cristy Mace
2009/10	Cedric Legrand	Cristy Mace
2010/11	Luke Campbell	Sange Carter
2011/12	Cedric Legrand	Jill Cridland & Samantha Date
2012/13	Allister Lyne	Kristy Vandenberghe
2013/14	Damien Schumann	Jana Reichmuth
2014/15	Allister Lyne	Julie Bennetto
2015/16	Allister Lyne	Jana Reichmuth
2016/17	Dan Kuklych & Tim Gregory	Marta Slawuta
2017/18	Joey Yigit	Valerie Zivcic
2018/19	Allister Lyne	Anna Donlan

67. Suggestions

Vic Beach welcomes player feedback and suggestions for improvement at all times. Players are encouraged to contact us at any time by email with any feedback/suggestions.

68. Volunteers and Paid Work

Opportunities exist for people wanting a variety of work such as set up/ pack down crew, coaching or general event administrative work experience or refereeing experience during the season. If you are interested in gaining some experience in the sporting administrative industry or are looking for some paid part time work please get in contact with al.

69. Terms and Conditions of Participation

By entering any MBVA, VVI, Vic Beach event, participants agree to comply with all rules, decisions and policies detailed in this document.

Players agree that they are in good health to participate in beach volleyball competitions and hereby assume total responsibility for any health problems that may occur. Players undertake to take out their own insurance in relation to all and any matters arising from participation in the tournament.

Players hereby for themselves, heirs, executors assign and irrevocably release VVI, Vic Beach from all and any claims, actions, suits and proceedings whatsoever which they might have arising out of death, personal injury, property damage or other loss whatsoever suffered or incurred in connection with these Terms & Conditions. The release hereby given shall operate separately in favour of all persons, corporations and bodies involved and others engaged in performing these Terms and Conditions and in promoting or staging events and the servants and agents of all of them.

Players indemnify and agree to hold and keep indemnified VVI, Vic Beach from all claims, actions, suits and proceedings whatsoever arising out of the wrongful actions of themselves.

Players agree to be bound by the AVF Anti-Doping policy and by the WADA (World Anti-Drug Agency) Anti-Doping policies as in force from time to time.

Players hereby authorise and grant VVI, Vic Beach or its sanctioned agents the right to use their name, voice, likeness and biographical material concerning them for the limited purposes of publicising, promoting and advertising the events, and for filming, televising and broadcasting, web casting, broadband and related TCP/IP Internet presentations of the same.

Players grant and assign to VVI, Vic Beach or its sanctioned agents the right to make, use and show, from time to time and at its discretion, motion pictures, live, taped or filmed television and video footage through any medium including digital and Internet protocols of the player taken during the series events without further compensation and hereby waive any right to such compensation for players and their heirs.

VVI, Vic Beach will not accept liability for any injuries sustained whilst participating or officiating in any of its events.

VVI, Vic Beach has Public Liability Insurance to the value of \$10 Million for all of its activities. All registered players have limited insurance coverage as provided in the player accident policy that VVI, Vic Beach has arranged through its brokers OAMPS.

Players shall not be permitted to display conflicting branding to any series sponsor at any event. The player in shall not in any way modify the official player's uniform (if supplied). The player acknowledges that VVI, Vic Beach is not responsible for the safety of the player or his /her property during the event or at any other time.

Players agree that they have read and understood this Beach Volleyball Series Handbook available to all players participating in the 2019/20 Victorian Beach Volleyball Series and agree to its content, and have read and understood the above Terms and Conditions.

By submitting an entry form players understand that this is an agreement between themselves and VVI, Vic Beach and its sanctioned agents to abide to these terms, and that they may be subject to sanctions as outlined in the Player's Handbook if they have been found to be in breach of these Terms and Conditions.

The Terms of this agreement shall be for a period of 18 months from the date of signing the Player's Agreement

