

APPENDIX A - YOUTH STATE LEAGUE BY-LAWS

INCORPORATION OF THE BY-LAWS

The Youth State League By-Laws are to be applied in conjunction with the Victorian Volleyball League By-Laws with any disputes to be decided by the Referee Delegate or Volleyball Victoria.

A. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- A.1 Youth State League shall comprise of a male and female competition limited to junior players only. These competitions are:
- Youth State League U17 (age 16 or younger as of 31 August of the current season)
 - Youth State League U15 (age 14 or younger as of 31 August of the current season)
- A.2 Youth teams may be required to provide duty for other youth competition matches. This applies to both regular season and finals series matches.
- A.3 Net heights for Youth State League will be as follows:
- U17 Boys: 2.35m
 - U17 Girls: 2.15m
 - U15 Boys: 2.15m
 - U15 Girls: 2.10m
- A.4 If a club has more than one team entered the competition, a player must only play for the one team for the 2024 season.
- A.5 As per By-Law 24.6.1 Youth State League players are permitted to wear shorts that appear similar in colour. Variations in style and logos are permitted for the first three rounds of the regular season.

B. MATCH STRUCTURE

- B.1 For all regular season matches the official warm-up will be ten (10) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the match.
- B.1.1 Should the scheduled warm up time be delayed, the warmup shall commence as soon as possible.
- B.2 All Youth State League regular season matches will be **timed** matches of one (1) hour
- B.2.1 All sets will be played to twenty-five (25) points
- B.2.3 In all sets a lead of two (2) points is required.
- B.2.4 There will be no timeouts or substitutions in the last 5 minutes of each match.

- If the game clock expires during a rally in the match, the rally must be played out and the point.
- counted towards the team's score that won the rally.
- If external interference causes the rally to be stopped, it must be replayed.

B.2.5 In the instance where the match time is finished, and the game is mid-set, the score will count as a set if:

- the leading team has reached or surpassed 13 points and has a lead of 2 or more points.
- If teams finish equal on sets, then the team with the most points win. If points are the same the
- game is a draw.

B.3 Should a third (3rd) set occur during the match, teams shall change ends between the second (2nd) and third (3rd) set only and remain on their new side of the court for the duration of the third (3rd) set.

B.3.1 No coin toss shall be conducted between the second (2nd) and third (3rd) set. The team that did not serve first at the start of the second (2nd) set shall serve first at the start of the third (3rd) set.

B.4 The following warm up protocols shall be adopted during the relevant phase of the Youth State League Season:

PHASE	PROTOCOL	APPENDIX REF
Regular Season & Finals Series (Non-Grand Final matches)	10 min	Appendix A1
Final Series (Grand Final matches)	15 min	Appendix A2

B.5 Teams will warm up at the net separately. Refer Appendix A3 for player movement patterns during the warmup protocol.

B.6 Teams must have a minimum of five (5) players at the scheduled start time of the match. These teams with five (5) players must play with a "gap" to keep the rotation of the players consistent with the opposition.

B.6.1 A "gap" is defined as the imaginary sixth (6th) player that is not present on the court due to a team's insufficient numbers. Each time the "gap" rotates to the service position, the serve, and by its extension, a point is forfeited by the team.

- B.7 If one team forfeits or is disqualified in a match, the opposing team shall be declared the winner and awarded three (3) sets and the forfeiting or disqualified team zero (0) sets. The set score will be recorded as 25-0, 25-0 and 15-0.

C. FINALS

- C.1 VV shall determine the fixture date and time for all finals series matches.
- C.2 All finals matches will be **untimed** and best of **three** sets as per FIVB rules.
- C.2.1 All sets will be played to twenty-five (25).
- C.2.2 In all sets a lead of two (2) points is required.
- C.3 Players must have participated in 40% of Youth State League matches during the season to be eligible for the finals series.