

VICTORIAN VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE 2024

Information Paper

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After consultation with the Volleyball Victoria's key stakeholders, a review of the 2023 season and a reset of the desired strategic direction of the performance pathways, the 2024 competition aims to provide more opportunities prioritising a better participant experience for more people.

The new structure of the competition will strongly align the pathway it provides a product that caters for more individual members of the Volleyball Victoria community. Aligning the pathways coincides aligning the aims and objectives of the competition with Volleyball Victoria's overall strategic imperatives.

In 2024, competition will be branded as the Victorian Volleyball League (VVL) and will better align and foster links between all competition categories. The competition categories are:

- Premier League – One, Two, Junior (U19)
- State League – One, Two, Three
- Youth State League – U17 and U15

VVL Aims

Through placing the participant experience at the forefront, provide a high-quality league that aligns with the longer-term strategic objectives of Volleyball Victoria, our key stakeholders, and the organisational high-performance outcomes in the lead up to Brisbane 2032.

In addition to this, ensure the league's longer term commercial viability, promotion of the sport to a wider community base, while nurturing a strong sense of engagement and connection throughout the entire volleyball community.

VVL Objectives

- Deliver a competition pathway that prioritises a positive participant experience, fostering a sense of community engagement with volleyball.
- Deliver a competition that supports the delivery of VVI high performance outcomes as well as showcasing high quality sporting experiences for the volleyball community.
- Establish a competition that not only encourages participation of all ages and skill levels but also nurtures talent, aligning with Volleyball Victoria's purpose of creating pathways for excellence.
- Showcase emerging talent and highlight player development programs, emphasizing the league's commitment to fostering excellence.
- Use the VVL product to enhance the public awareness and visibility of the sport in Victoria to encourage active involvement in the sport.

Competition Dates

The Victorian Volleyball League will run between 6 April – 24 August 2024

Competition	Dates	Format	Competition sizes
Premier One	13 April – 17 August	14 weeks plus finals	12 teams
Premier Two	6 April – 17 August	15 weeks plus finals	14 teams
Junior Premier	13 April – 17 August	14 weeks plus finals	Max 20 teams
State League	6 April – 24 August	17 weeks plus finals	Max 20 teams
Youth State League	13 April – 17 August	15 weeks plus finals	TBC

*Note: that there are no games on King's Birthday weekend for any competition.

Competition formats

Premier One – 12 teams

The following teams have had their application successful for entry into Premier One and Premier Two:

1. Dandenong Volleyball Club
2. Eastside Hawks Volleyball Club
3. Heidelberg Volleyball Club
4. IRIZAR VIP
5. Maroondah Volleyball
6. Mazenod Volleyball Club
7. Melbourne University Renegades Volleyball Club
8. Monash University Volleyball Club
9. Oakleigh Volleyball Club
10. Phantoms Volleyball Club*
11. Volley Friends United Melbourne
12. Yarra Ranges Volleyball Club

Premier Two – 14 teams

1. Dandenong Volleyball Club
2. Eastside Hawks Volleyball Club
3. Heidelberg Volleyball Club
4. IRIZAR VIP
5. La Trobe University Volleyball Club
6. Maroondah Volleyball
7. Mazenod Volleyball Club
8. Melbourne University Renegades Volleyball Club
9. Monash University Volleyball Club
10. Mornington Volleyball Club
11. Oakleigh Volleyball Club
12. Phantoms Volleyball Club
13. Volley Friends United Melbourne
14. Yarra Ranges Volleyball Club

Junior Premier League

This is a new competition in 2024. The rationale for the inclusion of this competition includes:

- A standalone league will allow U19 players increased competitive match opportunities within their social/peer groups which otherwise did not exist.
- The development of the age group is critical to the success of Premier League as well as a national development strategy for Brisbane 2032
- This is a stepping stone for clubs with strong school or Junior academy connections creating an environment for the best U19 athletes to represent their club.

This is a club-based league, open to any affiliated club regardless of Premier League status. Team entries limited to a maximum one team per club in each gender. This competition will be a best of five set competition format.

The Junior Premier League competition is for U19 male and female athletes (age as of 31 December 2024).

The structure of the competition will be determined after team entries close.

State League – Max 20 teams per division

- State League One
- State League Two
- State League Three

The structure of the competition will be determined after team entries close and will be dependent on the number of entries.

Youth State League (boys and girls)

- Under 17*
- Under 15*

The Youth State League replaces the Junior League from 2023 and is now an aged-based competition. This is a participation-based tournament, made up of either club or association teams.

The premise is that the competition is based on regions/zones, removing certain participation barriers for this age group by making the competition more accessible to more people. The format of the competition will be timed, not a compulsory three sets. Further information will be provided in due course.

Note, the Youth State League will take place on a different day to other VVL competitions.

This is a boys' and girls' competition, and participants must be under the designated age as of 31 August 2024 (*)

The Youth State League, aligns strongly with the Australian Sports Commission participation strategy through the key themes that it:

- Physical and mental health
- Social and community connection
- To learn and improve skills.
- To participate with friends

The structure of the competition (format and locations) will be determined after team entries close and will be dependent on the number of entries.

Key Dates

Information required	Date	Comments
Indicative Team Entries due	12 January 2024	
Team Entries open	16 January 2024	SL, JP, YSL
Team Entries close	16 February 2024	
Individual registration open	19 February 2024**	
Team Withdrawal deadline	23 February 2024	
Seeding release	4 March 2024	JP, SL, YSL
Premier League draw release	5 March 2024	Prem One and Two
Team sheets due	15 March 2024	
Individual registrations close	15 March 2024	
Draw release	17 March 2024	SL inc YSL
Delegates Meeting 1	21 March 2024	
Delegates Meeting 2	27 June 2024	
Delegates Meeting 3	21 September 2024	

**TBC

Indicative Team Entries

Indicative team entries are now open for State League, Junior Prem, and Youth State League.

The information requested allows VVI to prepare for the season ahead and ensure that the operational coordination of the season is maximised to ensure a better participant experience. These indicatives are not binding; however, we ask that you are as accurate as possible so we can confirm venues and start competition structures as soon as possible.

Indicative entries are due on 12 January 2024, and can be done via [this link](#)

2024 Fee Structure

The following is the fee structure for 2024:

Competition	Price per team (GST inclusive)
Premier League	\$3050
Junior Premier	\$2255
State League	\$2530
Youth State League	\$1210

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