



Summary of Changes – 2024 Victorian Volleyball League By-Laws

Naming conventions throughout the By-Laws are updated to reflect new name of competition and the new competitions ie:

- removed references to Junior State League, Reserves division.
- Removed reference to division and replaced with competition.

Updated definitions:

- Defined 24-hour period (for the purposes of one game a day By-Law).
- Removed reference to Masters Division and Masters player (we do not run a dedicated Masters Division)
- Removed promoted definition – clause not required.
- Added - New Clubs (for the purposes of Player Transfers).
- Added - Junior player definition, ie: does not turn 19 in the calendar year.

Section 3: FIVB Rules

- Inserted net heights for Premier League (including Junior Premier League) and State League competitions.
 - Men – 2.43m
 - Women – 2.24m

Section 4: Composition of Victorian Volleyball League

- Updated the naming conventions of all competitions.
- Added in the date of 30 March 2024 for VV to add competitions.

Section 5: Club and Team Eligibility

- Refined wording of eligibility into competition to reflect new competitions.
- Changed wording of Metropolitan Melbourne to Greater Melbourne as defined by the Victorian Government (and linked map). Note – there is no impact on clubs/associations boundaries.

Section 10: Victorian Volleyball League ladder

10.2.1 – amended to include (removing the language VV to determine appropriate method).

- If there is still a tie between two or more teams, VV there will be a toss of a coin to determine the higher ranked team.

Section 11: Finals Series

- Updated to reflect the finals series can be up to 8 teams (previously 6 teams).
- Updated to reflect that the top 4 teams in pools will advance (previously Top 3 teams).

Section 14: Participant Conduct

- Linked relevant policies to this section for ease of reference.

Section 15: Participant Registration

- Updated to the 2024 membership tiers.

Section 16: Player transfers

- 16.6 updated – to be up to 6 teams (not 5 as was in 2023) to recognize a new competition.
- 16.6.1 updated – wording to be clearer for allowing 2 junior players per gender as part of player transfer.
- 16.7 updated – wording to be clearer on the number of transfer players permitted on a scoresheet.
- 16.7.3 was amended to include new clubs to be able to include up to 4 club registered players on a scoresheet.

Section 19: Player Participation

- 19.1 players are not permitted to participate in more than one match in a 24-hour period, except in the case of a double header, including Junior Premier League and State League.
- This change aligns Junior players to senior players in the Victorian Volleyball League.
- 19.1.2 - Youth State League not included in this participation restriction.

Section 20: Player Movement between divisions

- 20.3 indicates that a player is only allowed to participate in a game where that player has been listed on the squad list at the start of the season. Players are not permitted to be on multiple squad lists (where they are multiple teams throughout the season). This new amendment restricts players from playing for the same club in different teams throughout the competition.

Section 21: Significant events

- Removed Australian Volleyball League matches from a designated significant event as the season starts after the conclusion of VVL24.

Section 22: Finals series eligibility

- 22.1 removed a set number of games – replaced with a percentage of games.

Section 23: Team/Squad lists

- 23.5 – refined when a team list needs to be submitted each week. Team lists must be submitted 48 hours prior to the competition match day.

Section 24: Uniforms

- Removed reference to approved uniform designs in Appendix. Note - Uniform designs will sit outside of the By-Laws and on the VVL website.
- 24.5 – updated to include that clubs should provide inclusive short options if required and that the combination can be used.
- 24.7 – updated to state that compression garments must all be in the same colour.



Section 27: Match Control

- 27.1 addition – State League matches have a minimum of 5 players.

Section 29: Forfeits

- 29.2 amended – remove a 0-3 score line to be 0-0 and 0 points (rather than 25 points).

Section 32: Disputes

- Updated the VVL Disputes and Procedures flow chart.

Section 34: Tribunals

- 34.3 added in “or breaches the VV’s Child Safety Act”.

Appendix A – Youth State League By-Laws

- A1 added – age eligibility dates.
- A3 added – net heights for all YSL competitions.
- A4 amended – players are only permitted to play in one team for the 2024 season.
- B2 – amended from untimed matches to matches of one hour duration.
- Incorporate rules around the end of a game to align with the VVJO rules ie: no timeouts or substitutions in the last 5 minutes of each match.
- Remove rules for round 1-5 re:
 - 2 players having contact with service line.

Appendix B:

- Inclusion of a \$400 fee for requests to reschedule matches.

General Appendixes amendments

- Removed examples of VVL online forms.
- Removed uniform graphics.
- Removed venue list.
- Removed State League By Laws structure and content flow chart.
- Updated graphics and flow charts (note information does not change).