



# **SOUTHERN CROSS**

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## **VOLLEYBALL CLUB**

# **Social Volleyball League Rules and Regulations**

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### **TIME AND PLACE**

Location: The RISE Community Center - 28 Eighth Ave, Maylands WA 6051

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> October – 10<sup>th</sup> December

Time: 7pm – 10pm

### **NOMINATION FEES**

All teams who are registered to join Southern Cross Volleyball social competition are required to pay a nomination fee (\$36 per team) for the season and to register with Volleyball WA. Teams must include at least 6 player registrations. The nomination fee covers up to 8 players. Team size is not limited, but players beyond the first 8 must pay a \$6 personal registration fee.

### **REGISTRATION**

Each team must complete a team registration form.

Each player must complete a player registration via the Volleyball WA Fortix system. If a player joins a team midway through the season, the player must complete the registration, even if the intention is only to play for one game. The registration is necessary as it provides Personal Accident Insurance.

### **GAME FEES**

Each team will be required to pay a \$70 game fee each week.

This fee should be paid as a singular payment each week prior to the commencement of the game. Payment must be made via the Southern Cross Payment portal.

Failure to comply with these requirements will result in a forfeit being recorded until the offending team becomes financial.

The game fees are a fixed amount, regardless of the number of players on the team.

## **PLAYING CONDITIONS**

All matches have a 50-minute, plus a 10-minute warmup.

First game warm-up will commence at 7:00pm. Game will start at 7:10pm and conclude at 8:00pm.

Second game warm-up will commence at 8:00pm. Game will start at 8:10pm and conclude at 9:00pm.

Third game warm-up will commence at 9:00pm. Game will start at 9:10pm and conclude at 10:00pm.

Minimum of 4 teams per division (Female, Mixed) is required for that division to go ahead.

Players can play in both mixed and female teams; however, we cannot guarantee that games times will not conflict. We will do our best to avoid conflicts.

All sets are played as rally point to 25 points (capped), 3 sets maximum.

The final set is golden point if set scores are equal. There are no draws and no minimum point score in the final set.

The net height will conform to FIVB regulations for female and mixed competitions.

Mixed competitions will require at least two players of either gender to be on court at all times. If a team only has 1 player of either gender on court at the start of the game, then they will forfeit 5 points to the opposition team; unless the opposition team agrees to proceed without the 5 point penalty.

Minimum 5 players must be on court at the start of the game and the with the two-gender rule still applying for mixed competition.

## **REFEREES**

You may not always agree with the referee's decisions, but please remember the spirit of the game and that the referee tries hard to be fair to both teams. If a team does not understand an interpretation of a ruling, the team captain should request – in a polite manner – interpretation or qualification. Referees can report individual players to the coordinator and disciplinary action may be taken, including forfeiture of matches and or suspension from future games and competitions.

## **LEAGUE TABLE**

The premiership table shows cumulative matches, sets and points for a team during a season.

For each played match the result can be a Win or a Loss. No Draws.

Only completed sets for the first 2 sets are counted towards the league table. The 3rd set does not need to be completed and the team with the highest points at end of the allotted time will be awarded the league points. If the points are equal at the end of the allotted time, then an extra point is played and the winner off that point is awarded the Win.

The team with the highest percentage shall achieve the highest position on the table. The percentage of win/loss matches is used to establish the ladder.

In case of identical win/loss matches percentage the team with the greater set won/lost difference will go first; if still equal the greater points for/against will go first.

At the end of each match, each captain should sign the scoresheet to confirm that scores have been correctly recorded by the referee.

## **FORFEITS/CANCELLATION**

Please arrive at least 10 minutes before your match. If a player arrives late, he/she will be eligible to play. The team will be able to borrow a player from another team, with the consent of the coordinator and the opposing team.

### **The rules for forfeits are as follows.**

Teams forfeiting must inform their Coordinator on 24 hours prior to their pending forfeit.

Team is still required to pay their game fee.

Once the coordinator has been informed of the forfeit by the forfeiting team, we will endeavour to contact the team-contact from the affected opposing team, who is then RESPONSIBLE for contacting their players.

Teams with 3 forfeits during a season may be asked to leave the competition.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS**

Substitutions are permitted between points and are not limited. Team cannot take unfair advantage by performing multiple substitution or make rotation changes during a set, without conferring with the umpire and opposition team

## **UNIFORMS**

There are no uniform requirements for the indoor competition. However, it is expected that appropriate footwear is worn, and safety concerns must be taken into account. No sharp or potentially dangerous ornaments shall be worn.

## **FINALS**

To qualify for the finals, a player must have participated to at least four matches during the season for the same team.

A player can play only for one team in finals regardless of if they have played for multiple teams during the season.

Only the first 4 teams in the league tables are eligible. The semi-finals format will be 1st v 4th, 2nd v 3rd with the winners playing off in the finals.

Semi-finals and finals matches are best of 3 sets with no time limits (up to 10pm). All sets will be played to 25 points (capped).

## **DISPUTES**

Any matter relating to protests of misconduct of any kind should be directed, in writing, to the coordinator no longer than 3 working days after the dispute.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

All players participate in the Southern Cross Social Volleyball competition play at their own risk.

## **COORDINATOR**

The coordinator is responsible to settle all disputes as they occur, and to interpret or make changes to by-laws as deemed necessary.

***THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO PLAY IN THE SOUTHERN CROSS SOCIAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE.***