



BEACH VOLLEYBALL (men, women and mixed)

2016

AUS Beach Volleyball competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of the [Federation Internationale de Volleyball](#) (FIVB) except where these differ from AUS sports rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

1. Team/squad size

1.1. Men and women pairs competitions

- Minimum registered players – 2
- Maximum registered players – 2
- Maximum cross registrations – 1
- Minimum number of players that can take the court without incurring a forfeit – 2

1.2. Mixed fours competitions

- Minimum registered players – 4
- Maximum registered players – 6
- Maximum cross registrations – 3
- Minimum number of players that can take the court without incurring a forfeit – 4
- Minimum number of women on the court at any one time – 2

1.3. Players who register in a mixed team are ineligible to cross register in a pairs team and visa versa.

2. Substitutions

2.1. Mixed fours may utilise a maximum of 4 substitutions per match.

3. Competition format

3.1. All games will follow the rally points system.

3.2. In fours competition, If a team has more than 1 contact on their side of the net, one of those contacts must be by a woman. Therefore, it is a fault if a woman does not touch the ball when 2 or 3 hits are used by a team to return the ball to the opposing side of court.

4. Game time/duration

4.1. All matches will be the best of 3 sets.

4.2. The first two sets will be the first to 21 points with a minimum of 2 points lead.

4.3. The final set will be the first to 15 points with a minimum of 2 points lead.

4.4. A summary of game time/duration is also available via the [AUS supplement – games time summary](#).

5. Point score

5.1. Points for each match shall be awarded as follows;

- Winning team: 3 points
- Losing team: 1 point
- Forfeited team: 0 points

5.2. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of points at the completion of the preliminary rounds, the higher placed team(s) will be decided when the first of the following criteria in order, favours one team:

- a) The percentage of sets won/lost during the competition
- b) The percentage of points won/lost during the competition



- c) The team which won the game played between the two relevant teams during the preliminary rounds shall be awarded the higher placing
- d) If three or more teams are still equal their ranking shall be determined as follows:
 - The percentage of sets played only between the tied teams
 - The percentage of points played only between the tied teams

6. Drawn matches

- 6.1. There can be no drawn matches in Beach Volleyball. All sets will be played as per national standard rules until a winner is determined.

7. Forfeits

- 7.1. Beach Volleyball is run under the [AUS Guideline – forfeit of competition requirements](#).
- 7.2. Any team not ready to start at the official match time, will forfeit the match.
- 7.3. The forfeit score is 2 sets to nil (0) with each set recorded as 15 points to nil (0).
- 7.4. Should the commencement of a game be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by the sports officials), the game shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full game duration is not possible, the recommended game duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams.
- 7.5. In the event of a game being abandoned, the [AUS abandonment guideline](#) will be implemented.

8. Uniform requirements

- 8.1. Each athlete shall wear the uniform of their university. The university shall submit a description of its uniform if requested.
- 8.2. The specific uniform requirements for Beach Volleyball are as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following AUS uniform requirements:
 - Matching shorts or bathers and jersey (singlet, crop top, tank top)
 - All jerseys to be clearly numbered on the front, with numbers a minimum of 10cm high and 1.5 cm wide. Jersey's must be numbered 1-2 only for doubles and numbered 1-6 for mixed
 - Wearing a hat is highly recommended and glasses can be worn at the players own risk
 - Players must play barefoot unless authorised by the referees or competition manager
- 8.3. Minimum uniform requirements for AUS events must be met:
 - A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
 - Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed short
 - All participating competitors are to be correctly attired in appropriate, matching team uniforms
 - Exceptions may be made for some sports in cold weather, providing permission is granted by the appropriate officials. Additionally the exceptions will only be granted providing they are the same colour, and the extra clothing does not cover up any identification numbers or colours
 - All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible, and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt
 - Mouth guards are strongly recommended for all sports where there is a potential for collision. It is compulsory to wear a mouth guard in those sports where it is stated
 - All participants must retain the one number throughout the tournament (if numbered jerseys are used)
 - Numbers on shirts are restricted to one or two digit numbers
 - Players should not take the field of play in any costume or part of a costume. If they do, players will be asked to remove costume items or incur a code of behaviour report

9. Team duties

9.1. Team duty requirements for Beach Volleyball are:

- Each team will be rostered to provide a duty team for a number of matches over the duration of the competition.
- Each team will be required to provide 2 people to fill the roles of first referee, and combine the role of second referee and scorer.

9.2. The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with that team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g. team manager.

9.3. Teams that do not fulfil team duties will be fined as per the [AUS Guideline - forfeit of competition requirements](#).

10. Award ceremonies

10.1. Medal ceremonies will be held at the completion of the competition.

10.2. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to those teams finishing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the competition.

10.3. Pennants will be presented at the closing presentation to the following teams

- For regional university games events
 - Mens champion
 - Womens champion
 - Mixed champion
- For the Australian University Games
 - Overall mens pairs champion
 - Mens pairs champion division 2
 - Overall womens pairs champion
 - Womens pairs champion division 2
 - Overall fours champion
 - Fours champion division 2

10.4. The following trophies will be presented to the overall champion teams at the Australian University Games

- Mens Pair Champions - AUS Overall Mens Champion trophy
- Womens Pair Champions - AUS Overall Womens Champion trophy
- Mixed Fours Champions - AUS Overall Mixed Champion trophy

Previous rule amendments

November 2004 | August 2005 | April 2008 | February 2009 | April 2011 | May 2014 | February 2015