



Regulations and Guidelines 2019 (Indoor Volleyball)



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ARAFURA GAMES (VOLLEYBALL) REGULATIONS

These regulations provide sport specific information and is provided in addition to the following Arafura Games 2019 official sport information sources;

- Arafura Games 2019 Sport Handbook
<https://arafuragames.nt.gov.au/about-the-games/event-information/>
- Arafura Games 2019 Website - Indoor Volleyball Sport Page
<https://arafuragames.nt.gov.au/sport/indoor-volleyball/>

We encourage all team officials and participants to read this information in addition to these regulations and guidelines.

PRIMARY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

1.1 VOLLEYBALL NORTHERN TERRITORY

Volleyball Northern Territory (VNT), through its staff and the Tournament Control Committee (TCC) is responsible for the delivery and management of the Arafura Games Volleyball (AG2019) program of events.

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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1.2 CONTROL COMMITTEE

The Arafura Games 2019 Tournament Control Committee (TCC) is the highest sport specific authority during the AG2019 program, delegated with the powers of VNT. The TCC exists from the commencement of official training, until the conclusion of the final match of the AG2019 program.

The Control Committee consists of the Tournament Director (who shall be the Chairman), a VNT delegate and the Technical Delegate (TD).

The TCC is responsible for the adherence to the Arafura Games requirements, VNT Constitution, AG2019 Regulations and the Official Volleyball Rules 2017-2020. The Control Committee is responsible for hearing and resolution of disputes not able to be resolved by the *On-the-Spot Protest resolution procedure*.

1.3 TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The Tournament Director is responsible for all matters related to the tournament.

The Tournament Director is the Chairman of the TCC.

1.4 TECHNICAL DELEGATE

The TD is responsible for:

- responding to pre-match questions and “on-the-spot” protests
- participation in AG2019 Control Committee in resolving protests
- appointment of the officials to each match; and

The TD is the “Rules of the Game” member of the AG2019 Control Committee.

1.5 APPOINTED REFEREE

The Appointed Referee will be accountable for conduct of the appointed match. The referees will be appointed by the TD. The Referees are responsible for officiating the appointed match as set out in the FIVB Rules of the Game, the Referee Guidelines 2017-2020 and the AG2019 (Volleyball) Regulations.

TEAMS RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE

1.6 COMPOSITION OF PLAYING TEAM

For AG2019, a maximum of 20 players are allowed on the O-2 Form (**Appendix C**). The AG2019 O-2 Form must be submitted, via email or in person, to Tournament Director before the commencement of the Technical Meeting (**12noon, Friday 26 April 2019**).

For the AG2019 up to 14 players may be recorded on the score sheet and play in each match. A maximum of five (5) team officials may be seated on the team bench (including the Coach). These staff members must be listed on the score sheet, and be registered on the O-2bis Form for each match (**Appendix D**).

A hard copy of the O-2bis Form must be provided to the Tournament Director one hour prior to the advertised game start time for each match.

1.7 LIBERO PLAYER

The Coach can choose to change the Libero(s) between **each match only**.

Record on the scoresheet and on the bench: a maximum of 14 players

Score sheet Team list: 14 players – 12 regular + 2 Liberos

Score sheet Team list: 13 players – 11 regular + 2 Liberos

Score sheet Team list: 12 players – 12 regular + 0 Liberos

Score sheet Team list: 12 players – 11 regular + 1 Libero

Score sheet Team list: 12 players – 10 regular + 2 Liberos

Note: only one Libero can be on court at any one time for the team.

1.8 FORFEIT

Teams who play in the AG2019 program are required to comply with these Regulations. Failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of a match, loss of two (2) event points.

Conduct that may lead to forfeiture of matches includes but is not limited to, the following reasons:

- Playing an ineligible player (not listed on the O-2bis or not register for AG 19)
- Match truancy – unable to fulfil playing commitment, less than six (6) players
- Non-compliance of Arafura Games regulations and
- Non-compliance with advertised AG2019 deadlines.

1.9 ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS

Any player nominated on the AG2019 O-2 Form is eligible to participate in the Finals

1.10 MEDIA REQUIREMENTS

All teams are required to comply with the AG2019 media guidelines and policies.

TEAM RANKING SYSTEM DURING THE LEAGUE

1.11 RANKING BY POINTS OBTAINED

The ranking of teams is determined by the number of victories, matches won, among teams of the pool.

The final ranking of all teams at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds will determine the match schedule for the Finals, which includes semi-finals and Medal Playoffs.

1.12 IN THE CASE OF EQUAL VICTORIES

In case of teams finishing with an equal number of victories (matches won) positions will be determined by the points gained by results as follows:

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Match won 3-0; 3-1 | 3 points |
| Match won 3-2 | 2 points |
| Match lost 2-3 | 1 point |
| Match lost 0-3; 1-3 | 0 points |
| Match forfeited | -2 point |

1.13 IN THE CASE OF EQUAL POINTS

Set Quotient

In the case of teams finishing with equal wins and equal points, they will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets played.

Points Quotient

If the tie persists according to the set quotient, the teams will then be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of points played.

Last Match & New Classification

If the tie continues as per the point quotient between two teams, the priority will be given to the team that won the last match when these teams last played.

When the tie in point quotient is between three or more teams, a new classification of these teams in the terms of victory, set quotient and points quotient will be made taking into consideration only the matches in which they played each other.

MATCH CONDITIONS

1.14 MATCH RULES

All matches will be played according to FIVB Volleyball Rules of the Game 2017-2020. Any new rules or interpretations will be clarified by the TD as required.

1.15 MATCH PROTOCOL

The times listed in the final draw are the Guaranteed Earliest Start Time (GEST). This is the earliest time that the first service of the match will be authorised.

If a preceding match runs beyond the allocated time, the protocol for the following match will commence at the completion of the officials duties with the scoresheet.

All teams are requested to depart the courts as soon as possible to allow the follow matches to commence their protocols as soon as possible.

There will be a 20-minute protocol before each match commences. The protocol for AG2019 is provided at **Appendix A**.

This protocol may be altered at the discretion of the Tournament Director. In the case where a team arrives late to the 'Pre-match Protocol', they will only receive the time remaining in the protocol period to prepare for the match.

The pre-match protocol for Medal matches will be provided to all competing teams prior to the medal matches commencing. The pre-match protocols will be amended for medal matches to allow for local sports presentations requirements.

1.16 PROTEST RESOLUTION

All protests relating to the applications of the Rules of the Game must be resolved according to the *"On the Spot" Protest Procedure* set out in **Appendix B**.

Any protest not related to the Rules of the Game require consideration by the TCC must be submitted in writing. Protests will be considered and resolved before the commencement of the next match of the team submitting the process. The TCC's decision will be final for the duration of the Tournament.

TEAM OBLIGATIONS

1.17 PLAYING COMMITMENT

A team will be regarded as being incomplete and will forfeit the match if the team cannot provide six (6) players in play for the commencement of and at any time during the match.

1.18 UNIFORMS

All teams are required to email the Technical Delegate a digital photo of their captain's playing jerseys (all versions), the Libero playing jerseys (all versions) and the team shorts (both Men's and Women's versions) for assessment against the FIVB Rules of the Game 2017 – 2020 requirements by **15 April 2019**.

Following inspection and assessment teams will receive approval (or rejection) of these uniforms. Any uniforms not approved must not be used until corrected, teams risk being ruled as "playing out of uniform" and will be subject to the penalties as per the FIVB Rules of the Game.

Playing numbers from 1-20 only are allowed. Players must retain the same playing number throughout the AG2019 tournament, including when changing jersey within or across matches.

The TCC will advise teams of the allocation of uniform colours for each match when the match scheduled is confirmed.

Compression garments are permitted to be worn by players for protection or support. These devices must be black, white or neutral colours. No other clothing (other than compressions) may be visible outside of the playing uniform without prior written permission of the TCC.

Team officials will only be permitted to seat on the bench if they have been recorded on the 0-2bis and are in matching team shirts/t-shirts and pants/shorts/skirts of the same colour. All team officials must wear enclosed footwear whilst on the team bench.

1.19 TEAM EQUIPMENT

The Host will provide warm-up balls and ball trolleys for each team. Teams must return all provided equipment (warm-up balls and trolleys etc) to the host and will be required to replace all that is lost. All other team equipment including water bottles, carriers and hand towels will be provided by individual teams.

If a team damages the Host's allocated equipment or property, they will be required to pay the Host Franchise the cost of replacement or repair. It will be the host responsibility to report damaged or non-returned away team equipment directly to the Tournament Director.

1.20 MATCH DUTY

All teams will be required to undertake duty responsibilities during the tournament.

While all endeavors will be made by the TCC to appoint officials to all matches, teams should be prepared to provide the following personnel for all duty assignments:

- Scorer's assistant.
- A minimum of two (2) Line Judges.

All duty personnel must:

- make themselves known to the appointed referee at least 10 minutes prior to the match commencing for a briefing / instructions;
- be neatly dressed in their team uniforms (either playing or non-playing uniforms);
- not have possession of any electronic devices whilst performing their duties.

Line judges must:

- not talk to other people while performing their duties;
- remain standing for the duration of each set.

Line judges and the scoreboard operator (if provided) may be changed between sets as long as the replacements attended the pre-match briefings / instructions.

Failure to fulfil the duty requirements will result in the loss of two (2) event points.

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR and POLICIES

Volleyball Australia (VA) have approved a set of codes of behavior and policies (including alcohol consumption, drug policy, child protection, etc). These codes are published on the VA website (www.volleyballaustralia.org.au). VNT retains the right to sanction any participant whom does not comply with these codes or policies whilst participating in the AG2019 program.

1.21 BLOOD

VNT has chosen to adopt the Australian Sports Medicine Federation Infectious Diseases Policy.

Matches will not proceed if there is a bleeding player or blood evident on equipment or the playing area. Should a bleeding occur, the player will be immediately removed from the match and will not be permitted to return to the match until there is no further evidence of bleeding or blood. The playing area must be cleaned (ie all evidence of blood removed) before the match can resume.

The bleeding player is removed from the match by any available substitute player on the bench (excl. Libero) and will be recorded on the scoresheet under "Remarks". This action **will not** count as one of the team substitutions. When the player is ready to return to the match, they will immediately replace the player that took their position; this is again recorded on the scoresheet under "Remarks".

1.22 PLAYER AND TEAM OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Should a player, coach or team official be sanctioned with an "Expulsion" or "Disqualification" during the course of the AG2019, they will be immediately suspended for their team's next scheduled match.

Suspension means that the offender cannot be a member of the team or present within the Competition Area, in any capacity for the duration of the applicable match. In the case of a disqualification the AG2019 Control Committee will assess the sanction and decide upon any further suspensions and / or penalty to be applied on a case by case basis.

AWARDS

2.1 TEAM AWARDS

Gold medals to the players listed on the O-2bis in the winning team.

Silver and bronze medals will be presented to those players listed on the O-2bis form in the teams finishing second and third respectively.

2.2 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

There will be no individual awards presented at AG2019, however VNT reserves the right to recognise individual performance during the event such as:

- Best Server
- Best Receiver
- Best Setter
- Best Attacker
- Best Blocker
- Best Libero
- Most Valuable Player

The above individual recognitions will be determined, if appropriate, by VNT in consultation with the TCC

APPENDIX A – Match Playing Protocol

| COUNTDOWN TO FIRST SERVE (mins) | ACTIVITY IN HALL | EXAMPLE TIME | NOTES |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| -60:00 | Team lists (O-2bis) submitted to Technical Delegate | 14:00:00 | Team details are confirmed and entered into scoresheets |
| -20:00 | Referees check net | 14:40:00 | Referees confirm correct net height |
| -14:30 | Coin Toss | 14:45:30 | Before the toss coaches and captains must sign the score sheet |
| -14:00 | Start of official warm up (at the net) | 14:46:00 | Teams start official warm-up. Teams that fail to warm-up together according to the principals of good sportsmanship will cause an immediate suspension of warm-up. Referees will separate the warm-up and allocate the remaining time evenly between the teams |
| -13:00 | Team line-up forms (R5) submitted to second referee | 14:47:00 | Coach provides team line-up to second referee |
| -04:00 | End of warm up | 14:56:00 | All players move to the side of the court close to the team bench. |
| -03:00 | Players shake hands | 14:57:00 | All players line up on the end line and when authorized by the referees move to the centerline and shake hands/exchange gifts. |
| -02:00 | Players enter the court | 14:58:00 | Starting players remain on court and take their positions; 2nd referee and scorer checks player positions; Match ball is passed to the server. |
| -00:00 | First serve | 15:00:00 | 1st referee whistles for service. |
| MATCH | MATCH | MATCH | |
| AFTER MATCH | AFTER MATCH | AFTER MATCH | |
| +00:30 (after match) | Teams shake hands at net | | If there is a subsequent match, teams are to clear the benches quickly to allow for the court to be prepared for the next match |

APPENDIX B – Protest Resolution Procedure

All protests relating to the application of the Rules of the Game will be resolved using the ‘On-the-spot’ protest procedures outlined below. The Technical Delegate, or their authorised delegate, holds official event authority to resolve and make determinations on issues and protests involving the Rules of the Game using these procedures. This process will ensure an efficient and effective means to resolving a match situation, particularly when there is no scope to reschedule or replay matches over the competition period.

Matters not related to the Rules of the Game, will be referred to the TCC in writing for a decision prior to the next match of the team protesting. The decision of the TCC will be final.

1. PROCEDURE FOR “ON THE SPOT” PROTEST

A protest must be made pursuant to Rule 1.23. The game captain must seek clarification of a decision, application or interpretation of the Rules of the Game from the first referee. If the game captain does not agree with the explanation provided, they may choose to protest immediately by informing the first referee of the team’s intention to protest.

A formal protest may only be lodged by the Captain of the team who believes that match officials have either incorrectly applied a rule or incorrectly interpreted a rule under the FIVB Official Rules as amended by the AG2019 Regulations that will affect the outcome of the match.

If a protest is upheld, the match recommences from the stage immediately before the error occurred.

1.1 PROCESS

If a team wishes to lodge a formal protest the Captain should **immediately** inform the First Referee (while the ball is out of play).

The 1st Referee will stop the game, step down from the stand and **immediately** consult the Technical Delegate or their authorised delegate. The Technical Delegate will resolve the protest.

Formal Protest

A Captain, through the match officials, can make a formal protest at any time the ball is out of play, as soon as they notice an improper situation or a decision not in accordance with the official FIVB rules as amended by the AG2019 regulations.

Such cases are:

- a) An improper decision by the Referee who did not apply the rules or did not assume the consequences of his/her decisions; and / or
- b) An improper decision of the scorer who made a mistake on the rotational order or on the score.

Improper cases

A protest about a Referee's decision, which sanctions a playing action or misconduct, will be considered an improper case and will be immediately dismissed by the Technical Delegate.

If a Captain requests to lodge a Protest, the Technical Delegate enters the court.

- If the request does not fit the criteria of a legal protest, it is rejected;
- If the criteria for a Protest is legal, then the protest is accepted, and it is either then upheld or overturned based upon further information. Then there will be no penalty to the team from this point.

The Captain, who submits an improper case (i.e. does not fit the criteria of a legal protest) will be sanctioned by a personal sanction “penalty” (Yellow card). In case of repetition, the Captain will be disqualified from the match and will have to leave the playing area. Penalties are outlined in section 1.22 of the AG2019 Regulations (above).

If the protest is considered valid, the protest and start and end time of the interruption is recorded on the scoresheet.

Interruption of the game

As soon as the formal protest is made the game is interrupted.

The first Referee authorises the teams to leave the playing court and come to the bench, but they are not allowed to leave the playing area. Players are allowed to use balls in the free zone.

The Technical Delegate will resolve the protest.

In the case of a protest concerning a referee’s decision, the Technical Delegate will seek testimony of the first referee, who makes a report on their reasons for the decision and application of the rules.

The Technical Delegate may also seek testimony of other match officials and participants. According to the rules, the Technical Delegates decides to:

- reject the protest, or
- accept the protest and the referees decision is either then upheld or overturned based upon further information.

If the case is not covered within the Rules of the Game (including associated documents), the Technical Delegate will assess all the available information before them prior to arriving at a final decision.

To resume the game:

- The decision is communicated by the Technical Delegate to the referees, scorers, and captains.
- If the protest has been rejected, the game is resumed after having applied the referee’s decision or with the same positions and same score.
 - The Captain’s ‘penalty’ is then applied in accordance with the Sanction processes in the Rules of the Game.
- If the complaint is accepted, the decision of the referee is nullified and the game is resumed according to the decision of the Technical Delegate.

The TD protest decision is final.

Team Staff

| | First Name | Surname | Date of Birth | Registered for AG2019? |
|---------------------------------------|------------|---------|---------------|------------------------|
| Coach | | | | |
| Assistant Coach | | | | |
| 2nd Assistant Coach | | | | |
| Manager | | | | |
| Trainer / Physio | | | | |
| Head of Delegation | | | | |

I _____ (Team Coach) confirm that:

1. the information submitted on this O-2 form is correct
2. players and team officials have received and read the AG2019 Tournament Regulations
3. all players and officials will comply with all Arafura Games, Volleyball NT and Volleyball Australia policies during the tournament
4. only officials nominated here, and approved by the AG2019 Volleyball Tournament Director may sit on the team benches during matches.

We have read and understood the terms of the Arafura Games 2019 Tournament Regulations and our team agrees to abide by these terms.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

This O-2 Form is required to be completed and submitted to the Tournament Director by 12noon, Friday 26 April 2019.



O-2bis Form



Team Name: _____

Gender: Male Female

| Shirt No | Role | First Name | Surname | PERSONAL DETAILS |
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OFFICIALS

- C** - Head Coach
- AC** - Assistant Coach
- 2AC** - 2nd Assistant Coach
- M** - Manager
- T** - Trainer/Physio
- Head of Delegation**

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We, the undersigned, declare that, in accordance with the present regulations, the registered competitors are qualified for the AG2019 competition.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Authorised signatory of team

This form must be completed and submitted to the Tournament Director at least 60 minutes before the scheduled match time.