



Regulations and Guidelines (Beach Volleyball)



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1 ARAFURA GAMES 2019

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 - Beach Volleyball Sport Page
<https://arafuragames.nt.gov.au/sport/beach-volleyball/>

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

1.1 ABBREVIATIONS

AG2019	Arafura Games 2019
ASADA	Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority
AVC	Asian Volleyball Confederation
FIVB	Federation Internationale de Volleyball
HOD	Head of Delegation
TCC	Tournament Control Committee
VA	Volleyball Australia
VNT	Volleyball Northern Territory

1.2 CONTACTS

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1.3 AG2019 TOURNAMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

1.3.1 The AG2019 Tournament Control Committee (TCC) is made up of:

- Tournament Director
- VNT representative
- Technical Director

1.3.2 Any person of the TCC may nominate a representative to replace them during the event for operational reasons if required.

1.3.3 The TCC may rely on information and advice from other individuals they determine in their sole discretion to be reasonable to assist in making any decisions concerning but not limited to the event's sporting regulations, operations and tournament play.

2 COMPETITION

2.1 COMPETITION RULES

2.1.1 The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the FIVB Beach Volleyball Official Rules (current) unless where specifically amended within these Tournament Regulations or at the Technical Meeting. Copies of the rules can be viewed on the FIVB website:

http://www.fivb.org/EN/BeachVolleyball/Document_Refereeing/FIVB-BeachVolleyball_Rules_2017-2020-EN-v05.pdf

2.1.2 The TCC reserves the right to amend any Competition Rules, Match Formats or the Event Structure during the event should unforeseen circumstances (e.g. extreme weather) occur.

2.2 REGISTRATION OF TEAM INFORMATION

2.2.1 All teams are required to submit an AG2019 Beach Volleyball Team form (**Appendix A**) to the Tournament Director by no later than **12 noon, Tuesday 30 April 2019**.

2.2.2 Change of Player

2.2.2.1 If a team must alter its players, the following applies:

- No alterations can be made after the technical meeting has started.
- Any team member who has been removed cannot re-enter the competition.

2.3 COMPETITION FORMAT

2.3.1 The AG2019 Competition Format for each division will be advertised as early as possible and confirmed at the Technical Meeting. **As a guide only**, the general principles of the event are:

- Each team will play a minimum of 2 matches during the event
- Days 1 & 2 to feature preliminary rounds
- Day 3 to feature elimination rounds and play off matches
- Day 4 to feature all medal matches

2.3.2 All matches will be played best of 3 sets, the 1st 2 sets to 21 points and the 3rd if required to 15 points. All sets must be won by a margin of 2 points or more.

2.3.3 Technical Time Outs are taken when the combined score of the 2 teams reaches 21 points. Technical Time Outs are only taken in the 1st and 2nd sets. There is no Technical Time Out in the 3rd set. Technical Time Outs last for 30 seconds.

2.3.4 Each team is entitled to take a maximum of 1 x 30 second team time out per set in addition to the Technical Time Out. Players are allowed to call time outs.

2.3.5 Each team has a maximum of 2 Medical Time Outs per match. It is the responsibility of the player or an approved Delegation member to confirm if a player can continue after the medical time out.

2.3.6 Only teams playing in the current match are permitted to sit in the athlete area of a court during a match.

2.3.7 If at any time 2 or more teams need to be separated to progress within the competition, the following system in order will apply after assessing all relevant matches (I.E. not just the ones between the effected teams) until there is a separation between the teams in this order:

- Competition Points
- Set Point Ratio
- Match Point Ratio
- Head to Head Result between the teams
- Highest Total Match Points won
- Drawing of Lots

2.3.7.1 Ratios are calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Point/Set Ratio} = \frac{\text{Points/Sets Won}}{\text{Points/Sets Won} + \text{Points/Sets Lost}}$$

2.3.8 Match Forfeits

2.3.8.1 The 1st Set is forfeited if a team is incomplete at the scheduled start time. The 2nd set & match is forfeited if a team is incomplete five minutes past the scheduled start time. Referees must inform the Technical Delegate or the Tournament Director at the start of the official warmup if a team is not present. Only the Technical Delegate or the Tournament Director can confirm a forfeit.

2.3.8.2 Teams who forfeit a match may face sanctions imposed at the sole discretion of the TCC.

2.3.8.3 For results tallying purposes, teams will only receive the points played in a match. However, as an example, if a team forfeits prior to a match commencing, the winning team will receive a winning set score of 2-0 and point score of 0-0. The losing team will receive a losing set score of 0-2 and point score of 0-42. If a withdrawal / forfeit occurs after a team wins the first set 21:19 and is injured and forfeits the match when they are winning the second set 6:4, this injured team would finish with a set score of 1-2 and points score of 21-19, 6-21 and 0-15 totalling 27-55. In this example, the winning team would finish with a set score of 2-1 and point score of 19-21, 4-6, 0-0, totaling 40-27. If a team forfeits the 1st set and then has the ability to complete the match, the 1st set score would be recorded at 0:21 with the game to continue as normal.

2.3.8.3.1 If a match forfeit occurs during pool play, the results online will not be accurately recorded due to technology restrictions. It is the responsibility of all teams in that pool to confirm with the TCC at the conclusion of Pool Rounds the final placings.

2.3.9 Net Heights (metres)

Female	Male
2.24	2.43

2.4 EVENT MEETINGS

2.4.1 Meeting Requirements

- 2.4.1.1 All HODs and referees must attend the Technical Meeting. The Technical Meeting will be held before the Tournament start at a time and place to be advertised.
- 2.4.1.2 Other coaches or members of a delegation are welcome to attend.
- 2.4.1.3 The Tournament Director will chair the meeting along with other members of the TCC and may include some other invited guests to speak.
- 2.4.1.4 The Technical Meeting may cover the following but not limited to:
 - Technical aspects of the competition & schedule;
 - Medical Support/Services & Doping Information
 - Media & Marketing activities;
 - Information on the Rules of the Game, refereeing instructions, Duty Instructions & interpretation of the Rules;
 - Any other useful information;
- 2.4.1.5 At the beginning of each day, HOD Meetings will be conducted to ensure relevant information is passed accurately throughout the tournament. Details of this meeting will be confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

2.5 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 2.5.1 The TCC is the highest authority for the Championship. The TCC can use any information supplied and available to them at their discretion to make decisions with regard to all aspects of the Championships, including but not limited to entries, seeding, competition format and player, coach and officials conduct.
- 2.5.2 The TCC decision is final.
- 2.5.3 The TCC has the right to impose a sanction on a team if they deem a dispute or protest to be unwarranted or not in the spirit of the event.

3 AWARDS

3.1 MEDAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY

- 3.1.1 It is mandatory for the top 3 placed teams of each division to participate at the Medal Presentation Ceremony. The details of the Ceremony will be advertised as early as possible and confirmed at the Technical Meeting.

4 REFEREES AND PRE-MATCH PROTOCOL

4.1 REFEREEING

4.1.1 The TCC will appoint all officials to each match. Line judges may not be appointed during preliminary rounds, but will be at the discretion of the TCC.

4.1.2 The following 8 minute pre-match protocol is to be followed:

- T - 10 Previous Game completed & teams able to warm up on own side of net
- T - 8 Duty Team ready at court
- T - 7 Call for the coin toss, scoresheet is signed (captains and service order is indicated on the scoresheet) and commence Official Warm-up
- T - 6 Hitting warm-up starts
- T - 1 Finish Official Warm-up and referees call for players to prepare for match start
- T - 0 Match Starts at advertised time or 10mins after previous match finishes

4.1.3 Teams who cause a match to begin late or neglect to fulfil any part of an assigned duty requirement may face sanctions imposed at the sole discretion of the TCC.

4.2 COACHING

4.2.1 Coaches appointed to the AG2019 must be registered as a team official with AG2019 and must also be registered on the AG2019 Beach Volleyball Team form.

4.2.2 Only 1 coach can be nominated per team per game.

4.2.3 Designated Coaches may warm up with teams inside the field of play up to the end of the official warm up period. Coaches cannot warm up with teams during medical time outs and are not permit to be within the competition control area after the official warm up is completed until the match is completed unless authorised by the Referee or TCC to provide medical assistance to an athlete.

4.2.4 The designated coach may interact with his/her players only during warm-up, change of set, between rallies, at switch of the court and during time-out. The coach can freely give instructions during Time-outs, Technical Timeouts, Set intervals, intervals between completed rallies and during exceptional game interruptions. The coach may also give instructions during court switches (while walking) – however, the match shall not be delayed by this.

4.2.5 Coaches are subject to the same Misconduct & Sanction regulations (section 4.7) as the players.

4.2.6 It is the responsibility of the designated coach along with the HOD to ensure no other delegation members are giving instructions to playing teams during a match.

4.3 EVENT FACILITIES & SERVICES

- 4.3.1 The venue will consist of two courts, and will also include seating area, PA system, access to toilets, shared medical facilities, referee facilities, media locations and competition management facilities.
- 4.3.1.1 Event operational areas including the shared medical area are not athlete rest areas. It is the responsibility of each delegation to provide exclusive shelter if they deem necessary. Limited shading will be provided for athletes to share during the tournament.
- 4.3.2 AG2019 sports first aid personnel will be in attendance to administer any first aid treatment at the venue. Any additional medical services will be the responsibility of the Delegation.
- 4.3.3 The AG2019 will comply with all conditions of the VA Anti-Doping Policy and the rules and regulations of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA), the FIVB, the World Anti-Doping Agency, and the Australian Olympic Committee, as appropriate. Testing may be conducted at any event and players will be notified via standard ASADA procedures.

Further information can be obtained via

VA website www.volleyballaustralia.org

ASADA website www.asada.org.au

4.4 UNIFORMS & PERSONAL ACCESSORIES

- 4.4.1 Delegations must provide an Official Playing Team Uniform consisting of matching uniforms that identify the Delegation they are representing.
- 4.4.2 Official Team Uniforms must consist of:
- Female
 - Matching bikini tops, tank tops or singlet tops
 - Matching bikini bottoms, bike shorts or board shorts
 - Male
 - Matching singlet tops – bare chests are NOT permitted.
 - Matching board shorts
- 4.4.3 Uniforms must have athlete identifying numbers (1 and 2 only) on the front and back of playing uniforms.
- 4.4.4 During severe weather conditions the TCC may allow players to use additional garments that do not obscure the official uniforms. These may include but not limited to a tight shirt, long tight pants or other additional clothing. It is requested that these be as consistent in style and colour as possible within a team. Players will be advised through any of the Referees, Technical Delegate or Tournament Director when additional garments are allowed. Players cannot wear additional clothing without TCC approval.
- 4.4.5 Sunglasses, Caps & visors, arm & wristbands and medical clothing including compression garments are not considered part of the official team uniform. They may be of a different design/style within teams and may be worn at any time.

- 4.4.5.1 For any medical garments, it is requested that the effected player have information relating to the requirement of the garment from a medical practitioner prior to the event and available to the TCC upon request.
- 4.4.6 Religious or Cultural Garments are allowed however must not obstruct the official team uniform. It is also requested the TCC is made aware of this upon a team's entry.
- 4.4.7 Athletes are authorised to use the following accessories:
- Visor or cap or hat or head band
 - Sunglasses
 - Therapeutic/Medical support braces for knee/elbow
 - One (1) watch
- 4.4.8 Athletes are responsible for presentation, care, security and costs of their own accessories.

4.5 MISCONDUCT AND SANCTIONS

- 4.5.1 All sanctions and penalties will be followed as per the Rules of the Game in the first instance.
- 4.5.2 If a penalty other than a loss of rally occurs during a match, a member of the TCC must be informed immediately.
- 4.5.3 The TCC will inform the HOD of any penalty other than a loss of rally.
- 4.5.4 The TCC can issue sanctions at any time through an event.
- 4.5.5 Any player expelled from a tournament will automatically be ineligible for any awards and that team will forfeit all tournament points.
- 4.5.6 The TCC has the right to impose any sanction relating to any regulation not being followed and can be given to any member of an official delegation including recognised supporters. Sanctions will be placed against a team they are representing or supporting if they are a non-playing person. If the individual has completed their participation in an event, the TCC will advise on any penalties and how they will be implemented.
- 4.5.7 Any person wishing to appeal a decision of any sanction must comply with the appeals procedure outlined in the VA Member Protection Policy.
- 4.5.8 Sanctions may include but not limited to:
- Loss of point, set & matches within an event
 - Expulsion from Tournament
 - Loss of Tournament Points
 - Refused entry into future events
 - Reduced or withdrawn awards and prizes
 - Event Management Requirements – e.g. assistance with raking courts or cleaning the venue
- 4.5.9 Any sanctions imposed by other recognised governing bodies will be respected.

4.5.10 All sanctions are cumulative and payable/dealt with in full prior to acceptance into future Events

4.5.11 Sanctions can be issued after the conclusion of an event.



Beach Volleyball Team Form

Team: _____

Gender: Male Female

State / National Ranking¹: _____

Players

Shirt No.	First Name	Surname	Date of Birth	Registered for AG2019?

Team Staff

	First Name	Surname	Date of Birth	Registered for AG2019?
Coach				
Manager				
Trainer / Physio				
Head of Delegation				

I _____ (Head of Delegation) confirm that:

1. the information submitted on this form is correct
2. players and team officials have received and read the AG2019 Beach Volleyball Tournament Regulations
3. all players and officials will comply with all Arafura Games, Volleyball NT and Volleyball Australia policies during the tournament

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 Form is required to be completed and submitted to the Tournament Director by 12noon, Tuesday 30 April 2019.

¹ As per Regulation 2.2.3.1 of the AG2019 Beach Volleyball Regulations.