

Volleyball By-laws

Section 1 - Competition Rules

- 1.1** The Volleyball competition shall operate under the IIGA Constitutional Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict with the aforesaid IIGA Rules and Regulations they shall also operate under the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) Rules of the game.
- 1.2** The results of the day's matches and Team rankings shall be displayed on a daily basis at each of the playing venues.
- 1.3** **Transport Schedule**
Information regarding the transport arrangements will be provided by the Organising Committee on arrival at the Games.
- 1.4** A daily bulletin containing the results of the day's matches and Team rankings should be provided each day either by paper or electronically. If all Teams have access to the internet whilst at the Games this will also be made available on the website, technology permitting.

Section 2 – General

2.1 Island Representation

- 2.1.1 Each Member Island may enter a maximum of 1 Team per gender.
- 2.1.2 Competitors will form a Team of a single gender.
- 2.1.3 There will be separate competitions for each gender
- 2.1.4 12 Competitors and 4 bench personnel are the maximum composition of any Team.

2.2 Age of Competitors

- 2.2.1 The minimum age limit for competitors will be 13 years on the day of the Opening Ceremony of the Games.
- 2.2.2 In respect of competitors under the age of 18 years competing Member Islands must make arrangement for them to be correctly supervised and comply with all relevant child welfare legislation of their own Island and that of the Host Island.

2.3 Officials

- 2.3.1 To be appointed by the Organising Committee
- 2.3.2 The competition will be controlled by the Chief Official who will be independent, a minimum of 12 Referees and sufficient Judges all of whom shall be suitably qualified.
- 2.3.3 The Host Island must be prepared to bear the costs of officials to ensure that the standards of officiating are of an acceptable level.
- 2.3.4 At least 2 Line-Judges will be provided for the semi-finals and the finals. If possible all matches should be played with Line-Judges.
- 2.3.5 The Chief Official will nominate Referees for each match based on the skill of each Referee and the level of the match
- 2.3.6 A Technical Delegate (TD) will be nominated by the Chief Official to each match. The Delegate will be either the Team Manager or the Team Coach of one of Teams

in the proceeding match. In the case of the 1st match of each day the TD will be appointed from the 2nd match of the day. The TD will complete a short report that will be attached to the scoresheet which the TD will sign after the Referees.

- 2.3.7 The Organising Committee shall provide a competent Scorer for each match.
- 2.3.8 The Organising Committee shall provide a Court Manager who will be responsible for the playing venue and all the equipment.
- 2.3.9 Each participating Member Island must provide a Referee with, at least, minimum qualifications from their respective National Federations. This person must come purely as a Referee and not have any playing, coaching or administrative roles.

2.4 Training

- 2.4.1 Arrangements for any Pre-Games training/practice shall be made at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 2.4.2 The Organising Committee should provide training sessions at the playing venues to be used in the competition for those Member Islands wishing to practice before the tournament starts.

2.5 Draws

The Serpentine system is the recommended seeding system for the Games. The qualifying groups will be set up based on the results of the last IIGA Tournament and follow the serpentine system as shown below.

Group A	Group B
1st	2nd
4th	3rd
5th	6th
8th	7th
9th	10th
12th	11th

If a Member Island that did not take part in the last Games wants to play in the next Games, a draw will take place to determine in which group they will play. However, should a Member Island with a very high standard apply to play in the Games, the Volleyball Technical Committee will have the prerogative to seed that Member Island.

2.6 Venues

- 2.6.1 The tournament shall be played in venues that are approved by the Volleyball Technical Committee, and must conform to agreed standards. (Initially to FIVB standards for the court areas – other facilities should be discussed during the Pre-Games technical visit).
- 2.6.2 A Sprung wooden floor is an acceptable playing surface. Portable Taraflex or Mondo (FIVB approved) flooring may be used; however they must be used if proposed venues have solid floors.

2.7 Equipment

2.7.1 The Tournament Ball

2.7.2 The Organising Committee must inform participating Teams of the name of the Match Ball before the final date of inscription to the competition. The match ball must be approved by the FIVB

2.7.3 The Organising Committee must provide a minimum 12 volleyballs at each court used for the official warm up. All volleyballs used during warm-up and match must be of the same type.

2.7.4 The Organising Committee may offer a 3-ball system at their own discretion. If a 3-ball system is used 5 match balls must be provided otherwise 2 match balls are required. If the 3-ball system is to be used it must be used for the entire tournament.

2.8 Clothing

2.8.1 The regulation of FIVB concerning clothing and advertising on clothing will apply; provided that any further regulations that may be imposed by the IIGA shall take precedence.

2.8.2 Team Kit

2.8.2.1 The FIVB Rule on Team kit will be applicable in this tournament; however the Rules applicable to sponsorship shall not be in force see Rule 2.8.4.

Team shirts will continue to be numbered front and back. These numbers will be 10cm and 15cm high respectively.

2.8.2.2 During the Pre-competition Meeting the Team coaches will be asked for the colour of their Team kit(s). The Technical Committee will then work out a schedule regarding which colour each Team will use at each match. Whenever possible this will avoid the situation in which 2 Teams play a match using the same colours. Teams must ensure that 2 playing kits are used and they are different colours and not just contrast colours. This is to ensure that where a libero is used she/he can be clearly identified. For the official warm up (over the net) ALL players must wear their playing shirts. Track suit tops may be worn for the anthems; however the whole Team must wear either tracksuits or their playing shirts. There can be no mixture.

2.8.3 Warm-up shirts - no restriction as long as they are all the same and removed before the official warm-up.

2.8.4 Team shirts – 1 logo and/or name allowed on the front and back of the shirt. 2 different names or logos can be used, 1 at the front and 1 at the back. On a 2nd set of shirts, 2 other names or logos can be displayed. This gives each Team the possibility of displaying 4 different names and logos. (A name and or logo refers to when a sponsor e.g. *STAR, uses its name and logo as 1 on the same advert.). Member Islands can display a small flag of their own Island.

2.8.5 Advertising will be allowed on the Team shorts and numbers are also permitted subject to the Rules of the IIGA and its current partners

- 2.8.6 The Organising Committee should provide Referees with blue shirts to be used during the competition; these may display a sponsors name or logo. Referees will need to be provided with sufficient shirts to enable them to officiate in the tournament

2.9 Medical

- 2.9.1 The Organising Committee shall provide sufficient medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment.
- 2.9.2 The Organising Committee shall have a first aid kit, trained personnel and ice available at each playing venue.

2.10 Medals

The Organising Committee shall provide a maximum of 12 Gold, Silver & Bronze medals. Only players will receive medals.

2.11 Protests and Complaints

Any protests or complaints will be investigated by the Volleyball Technical Committee and a decision made by them. An appeal against this decision can be made to the Island Games Association Court.

2.12 Banned Substances and Drug Testing

All competitors in every event shall be subject to Section 9 of the Operational Guidelines of the IIGA.

Section 3 – Technical Committee

3.1 Appointment

The Technical Committee will be appointed at each Games Post-Competition Meeting and shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 Members – a Chairman, Secretary plus up to 4 Members. The future Host Island (if applicable) should be represented and if at all possible at least 1 of the positions should be permanent e.g. Secretary or Chairman to ensure continuity.

3.2 Meetings

- 3.2.1 The Technical Committee will meet if necessary at any time during the Games. In the period between the Games the Technical Committee will act as an advisory/consultative body on any matters arising.
- 3.2.2 Following the Pre-Competition Meeting and prior to the Post-Competition Meeting the Technical Committee will meet once each day to review the previous days play and resolve issues. The Organising Committee must make available a room at 1 hour after the schedule start of the first match each morning. Should it be needed emergency meetings will be called to deal with matters of importance at any time.

Section 4 – Pre and Post-Competition Meetings

- 4.1** The Pre and Post-Competition Meetings shall be called and chaired by the Host Island Sports Co-ordinator and shall be attended by the Technical Committee and up to 2 representatives from each competing Member Island Team.
- 4.2** The Jury of Appeal will be appointed at the Pre-Competition Meeting. A panel of 5 Members (preferably from different competing Member Islands) plus a non-voting Secretary will be appointed. A minimum of 3 Members plus the Secretary would be required to hear an appeal. If the appeal concerns a competitor from the same Member Island as 1 of the Jury Members he/she cannot participate in any decision taken.

Section 5 – Team Competition**5.1 Competition Format**

- 5.1.1** If there are less than 8 Teams, each Team will play each other in a Round Robin. Then the 1st 2 places shall play off in the final for 1st & 2nd place. The next 2 places shall play off for 3rd & 4th place, and so on.
- 5.1.2** If there are more than 7 Teams, then 2 groups will be formed. Teams in each group will play each other in a Round Robin.
- 5.1.3** If more than 13 Teams enter and the Organising Committee agrees they can accommodate a larger competition the pools may become 3 or 4. In all circumstances the serpentine system will be followed with the highest placed Member Island from the last Games heading each group. Then the Teams will play off for final placing based on their respective positions in their groups as follows: -
- Teams in 3rd place play off for 5th & 6th position,
 - Teams in 4th place play off for 7th & 8th position,
 - and so on until the last position is achieved.
- Semi-finals will be:
- 1st in group A against 2nd in group B and
 - 1st in group B against 2nd in group A
- Loser's final will be:
- Losers of the semi-finals play for Bronze Medal
- Final will be:
- Winners of the semi-finals play for Gold Medal
- 5.1.4** The ranking order following the Round Robin matches will be determined by:
- Matches won, if there is a tie then,
 - Set difference, if there is a tie then,
 - The difference between points scored and points lost, and,
 - If 2 Teams are still equal, then the tie shall be resolved by the result of the match that they have previously played against each other.

- 5.1.5 The Volleyball tournament should incorporate matches so that all Teams play off to achieve final positions. In addition Teams should have a minimum of 1 match per competition day with the possible exception of Finals day.