

Disclaimer: All players acknowledge that they participate in the 2017 Australian Indoor Beach Volleyball Championships at the own risk. By completing the registration form each player understands that they exempt the event, State or Territory Coordinators and the Owners of the venue from any liability from any injuries sustained whilst playing during the Championships. All players will have limited personal injury cover provided, however, any player wishing to cover themselves comprehensively do so at their own expense.

RULES OF THE 'CLUB 6s' CHAMPIONSHIPS:

REGISTRATION

Teams can submit their Team Nomination and player numbers at time of registration at www.aibvc.com.au/register-your-team but this must be by the due date (no later than Sunday 16/07/17). Team Nominations as a Centre must also be recv'd by your State/Territory coordinator before the due date. *Payment (2017-\$60pp) as a Team or Centre by direct credit Must occur within 2 weeks (no later than 1/08/16)* Changes in player's details can be made up until the start of the 1st day of competition (22/09/17). When required, proof of age by drivers licence/photo ID must be verified by 2 Coordinators at the start of the Championships or by their designated representatives. No late team registrations will be accepted.

Teams will be made up of a minimum of 5 players to a maximum of 7 players (8 for mixed - 4 male/4 female). Only players specified on the PLAYERS AGREEMENT form can play during the competition. Teams with 7 or 8 registered players can rotate players on/off court only at half time unless an injury occurs.

HOW TO NOMINATE STEP by STEP:

1. If your centre actively coordinates teams to play at AIBVC, speak to your centre Rep.
If your centre isn't actively involved, Nominate and pay your Individual team by using the above Register link
2. By Centre - Total number of teams by division and number of players per team emailed to your State coordinator.
3. By Centre - Payment of all players to be made by above date as one or by team.
4. Forms - Kept in a team pack/bundle by each team Captain or Centre Rep and handed to an event coordinator on Day 1. Each Team pack/bundle must be labelled and contain: (1) Team/Player Agreement Form, (5-8) Individual Medical/Indemnity Forms

TEAM SHIRTS

20 March 2016 - Although No Objector Centres participated in 2015, the existing "request only" will continue, to cover objections, due to uniform changes applied since the 1st ever meeting of a majority of Australian Centre Owners/Managers in Nov 2013.

Guideline: The original 'National Titles' is now called CLUB 6's.

These are a hybrid of Rules played around Australia in Rebound/Indoor Beach Volleyball Centres. They are not ment to be either Hardcourt or Beach but use elements of both or neither. These Hybrid Rules have been adopted by some Centres but are Tournament Rules only as no 'National' Rules have been agreed to by all centres.

OFFICIALS

The game is controlled by an umpire who may also keep score. An Automated Horn System, the umpire or an official keeps track of the time. Umpires are employed to ref the games but at some stage require a break whereby players may be needed to umpire. These gaps will be made up of players based on a roster system. All players playing in the championships may be required to umpire. In any sport, there are close calls where players will disagree, but the umpire's decision is always final. Any arguing with or abuse directed at the umpire will not be tolerated, and can result in a point reduction or a send-off at the umpire's discretion.

TEAMS

An on court team consists of up to six players. In the case of mixed teams, there must not be any more than three males and not less than one female on court for each team at any one time.

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05 January 2015 - Further changes to uniform rule

To cover objections, due to uniform changes applied since the 1st ever meeting of a majority of Australian Centre Owners/Managers in Nov 2013, the following will apply for 2015.

Whilst each centre can have their own shirt design, the request is to place:

- 1. on the right breast the current designed State Highlighted National Tournament Logo with Tournament details**
- 2. on the left breast the Centre Logo/details.**

If the centre does not wish to do the above, their teams will not be restricted from playing, and we hope others can still identify which centre and state they represent from the playing shirt

SUPERCEDED: 30 October 2014 - Rewording of current rule

'All centres within a state/territory' would have a 'combined/common' element to their playing shirts.'

The common background can be as much as the front upper half of the shirt/singlet using recognized 'State/Territory colours with a symbol/logo/emblem' BUT this area, at a minimum, must include

- 1. on the right breast the current designed State Highlighted National Tournament Logo with Tournament details**
- 2. on the left breast the Centre Logo/details.**

Subject to input within each State/Territory this combined/common area may vary in composition/prominence between each State/Territory but must include the above two elements for each shirt.

SUPERCEDED: 1 January 2014 - As the original National Challenge was started as a State vs State/Territory the National organisers wish to keep this in the Tournament for the future development of our Sport. The decision was made to adopt the policy that

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'All centres within a state/territory' would have a 'combined/common' element to their playing shirts.'

This will be the front upper half of the shirt/singlet. Using recognized 'State/Territory colours with a symbol/logo/emblem' this area will also include the National Tournament Logo with Tournament details, a State or Regional Logo as appropriate and the Centre Logo/details.

Subject to input within each State/Territory this combined area may vary in composition/prominence between each State/Territory but must include the above elements for each shirt.

SUPERCEDED: 1 August 2012 - Teams playing under State Capital Groups - SEQ, Darwin and Perth, must have group approved playing shirts, any shirt differences between centres within a group are to be avoided unless organised through your State Rep. Regional Centres are allowed their own shirts upon liaising with your State Rep and do not have to completely match State Capital Groups. (Bunburry, Alice Springs, Townsville).

SERVING

The ball must be served within a one metre square of the right corner of the rear net. Ball can be served over or under arm. The ball must be released before being served. The ball must not have contact with any net whilst being served. All players must serve. Players are to rotate clockwise on winning the serve unless playing in fixed positions in which case all players are numbered to indicate the serving position. Ball must be set at least once on a serve before being returned over the centre net.

REACHING

1 April 2013. A player may reach over the net when defending or blocking the ball. The ball must be on a path to cross over the center net as if not contacted by the blocking player. A player may reach over the net AFTER an attacking shot BUT MUST NOT BE IN CONTACT WITH THE BALL, the player will be fouled at the umpire's discretion. If the ball touches a player's hand or arm during a blocking action, it is not counted as a hit.

CENTRE NET

Any contact with the centre net by a player when defending or attacking at the centre net will result in a foul. Any player reaching over the centre net when attacking the ball will be fouled.

SIDE AND TOP NETS

All nets can be used in general play, except when serving, or contact with the top net when the ball is returned over the centre net.

GENERAL PLAY

Any body contact or interference with a player on the opposing team may result in a foul. The ball may hit any part of the body above the waist to be deemed a "legal" hit.

BALL AND NET ABUSE

Any kicking of the ball will be an automatic deduction of two points at the umpire's discretion. Players unnecessarily abusing nets will be sent off.

SCREENING

The players of the serving team must not prevent their opponent, through individual or collective screening, from seeing the server or the flight path of the ball.

POINTS SYSTEM:

The final team placing's will be determined by a win and bonus points system, and if necessary, percentages determined by points for & against. There will be 5 points awarded for a win, 1 point for a loss. There will be **NO DRAWS**, so if a game finishes the designated time with a draw during the round robin, then the next point wins. During finals, if there is a draw at the end of designated time, then 2 minutes of extra time will be played, twice if necessary, after which Golden Point will be used if required. One bonus point will be awarded for every 10 points scored per team per game, whether a team wins or loses.

PLAYERS LATE ON COURT

All teams must have a minimum of 3 players on the court at the start of their scheduled games unless authorised by a Coordinator. Teams will be penalised 3 points for every 2 minutes the minimum number of players is late on court. If by half time any team is still short of players, the game will be deemed forfeit and the 5 win points plus 3 bonus points will automatically be awarded to the opposing team, regardless of the final score.

SUBSTITUTIONS

No substitutions between Divisions will be allowed during the competition unless under exceptional circumstances to be approved by two Coordinators.

No substitutions within Divisions will be allowed during the competition unless:

1. Player sustains any injury or illness that will prevent him/her to continue playing during the competition.
2. Any other circumstance that will be determined and/or approved by two Coordinators that will prevent any player to continue playing during the competition.

Two Coordinators must clear any substitution of players before they are allowed to play for any team during the competition.

MINIMUM COURT TIME

11 Nov 2014 - Each player must: a) be a Paid Participant, b) be listed on the TEAM's 'PLAYERS AGREEMENT' Form, c) have signed that form on or before the 1st day of play. To *qualify to play in the finals* a player must have participated in at least 1 (one) of the round robin games during the competition.

DISPUTES

Any disputes will be directed to a coordinator. The coordinators' decisions' will be final.

FOULS

The point or serve is lost when:

- The ball touches the ground
- A Team plays the ball more than three times in succession (except when in a blocking action and the block is not deemed a hit)
- The ball touches a player below the waist
- A player touches the ball twice consecutively (except on a block or simultaneous contact from a hard driven ball)
- A player touches the centre net (hair is not a fault)
- The ball touches the top net while being returned over the centre net
- A player hits the ball back over the net off a serve
- The ball does not pass over the centre net on a serve
- The ball hits any net on a serve
- The umpire calls a carry, double hit, top net or net touch
- A player interferes with an opponent player
- A player intimidates or abuses another player or the umpire
- The serve is made from outside the serving area
- A player kicks the ball
- A player reaches over the net when attacking the ball
- A player screens the serve
- At the conclusion of a rally the serving team does not send the ball to their own serving player / area in a timely and direct manner

A point is lost if a team:

- At the conclusion of a rally does not send the ball to the serving player / area in a timely and direct manner
- 3 persons of same gender in a Mixed Team deliberately stand or play adjacent/side by side to each other during a rally for longer than necessary to complete their immediate shot and return to their correct position

DEFINITIONS

CARRY OR HELD BALL - The ball comes to rest momentarily in the arms or hands of a player. The ball must be hit cleanly. Scooping, lifting or throwing shall be considered a hold or carry.

SET - A set must be in one fluid motion. Dragging the ball towards the body will be considered a hold or carry.

REACHING BEYOND THE NET - In DEFENCE, a blocker may touch the ball beyond the net, provided that he/she does not interfere with the opponent's play, before or during the latter's attack-hit. Thus, it is not permitted to touch the ball beyond the net until the opponent has executed an attack-hit. **THE BALL MUST BE ON A PATH TO CROSS OVER THE CENTRE NET IF NOT CONTACTED BY ANY PLAYER.** In ATTACK, a player IS permitted to pass his/her hand beyond the net after his/her attack-hit, provided that his/her contact MUST have been made WITHIN his/her own playing area and has not continued over the net.

REBOUNDING BALL - After crossing the centre net, if the ball rebounds back over the centre net due to contact with any court fixture or net within the first metre of the side net without any contact from the opposition, play continues if the attacking team still has a team shot available. After crossing the centre net, if the ball rebounds back after hitting any other area of the court apart as specified above, and without any contact from the opposition, the defending team wins the rally automatically.

ATTACK-HIT - All actions to direct the ball towards the opponent, except when serving and blocking, are considered attack-hits. An attack-hit is completed the moment the ball COMPLETELY crosses the vertical plane of the centre net or is touched by the blocker.

HARD DRIVEN BALL - At first hit of the team, not rebounding off any net with an obvious change of direction, the ball may contact various parts of the body consecutively, provided that the contacts occur during one action.

NET CONTACT - Contact with the net is a fault EXCEPT when the ball is driven into the net and causes it to touch an opponent, or bounce back into the attacker, therefore no fault is committed.

PLAYER ROTATION - Players will be allowed to have fixed playing positions on court provided that each player serves in rotation and is CLEARLY numbered, either on their shirts or black marker on their arms, so the umpire is aware of which player must serve.

SCREENING - A player, or group of players, of the serving team makes a screen by waving arms, jumping or moving sideways, during the execution of the service, or by standing grouped to hide the flight path of the ball.

MIXED TEAMS MALE/FEMALE POSITIONS - During play, 3 persons of the same gender cannot deliberately stand or play in adjacent/side by side positions for a period longer than necessary to play their immediate shot at the ball and return to their current position.

DEFINITIONS

BALL RETURN - At the conclusion of the Rally the ball must immediately travel by direct means to the serving player / area.

CONCLUSION OF GAME - Unless the ball is in play the game is finished when the final siren STARTS, - "In Play" is after the ball is hit at the serve.

AGE DIVISION CRITERIA - All players in a Division with a specific age requirement must produce photo ID for sighting by a coordinator before and/or during the Championships when requested to do so. Over 35/45 years - before 31st Dec,.... 18 years & Under - before 30 Jun (both dates inclusive)



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CODE OF CONDUCT

1.0 Framework

CONTEXT

- Players are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which is in keeping with representing their State or Territory and will not bring discredit upon the Championships.
- When travelling or representing their State or Territory, each player is expected to dress and conduct themselves appropriately as befits representing their State or Territory.
- Respect at all times for property of others, adherence to the general rules and guidelines as specified hereunder in Part 2.0, as it relates to your role or level of participation.

DISCIPLINE RULES

- Substance use and/or possession thereof (illegal drugs) at the Championship will be cause for immediate ineligibility and removal from the Championship.
- It is the responsibility of players of the Championship to prevent situations occurring and avoiding situations that occur. Individuals are to take responsibility for their own actions.
- Behaviour deemed irresponsible and/or disrespectful, by the Championship Coordinators, can be cause for disciplinary action or even dismissal from the Championship of the player and/or team.
- Any failure to comply with any or all Code of Conduct rules may be cause for disciplinary action.

2.0 Code of Conduct – General Rules & Guidelines

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP'S COORDINATORS

- Give all people equal opportunities to participate.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Set the example by providing Code of Conduct sheets to all participants and encourage clubs to follow the expectations.
- Ensure appropriate rules and regulations are implemented that emphasise fair play and encourage enjoyment and sportsmanship.
- Treat all clubs as equals not on their levels or grades.
- Make it clear that abusing people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Administer discipline in a just and fair but in a positive and supportive manner.
- Role model appropriate behaviour by demonstrating integrity, equity and fairness.
- Respect the rights, dignity and wish of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP'S OFFICIALS

- Compliment and encourage all participants in an objective and courteous manner.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote fair play and respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than concentrate on negatives.
- As Officials, set the example by role modeling behaviour, which is positive and supportive and demonstrates integrity and fairness.
- Remember, as officials, you set the example. Your behaviour should be positive and supportive. You are a role model.
- Be responsible for the conduct of your players, spectators and officials.
- Accept responsibility for the safety and welfare of players, umpires and officials above all else.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Give all people a "fair go" regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP'S PLAYERS

- Play by and adhere to the rules.
- Value safety, fair play and welfare above personal prestige and gain.
- Accept the authority of all umpires and game officials.
- Never argue with umpires. If you disagree, have your captain, approach the umpire during a break or after the match.
- Never use foul language.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of umpires or other players, deliberately distracting or picking on opponents are not acceptable or permitted behaviour in any sport.

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- Do not question the actions of an umpire. They will not change their decision!
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good play, whether by team mates or opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport, as you would like to be treated.
- Always co-operate with your coach and team mates and also with your opposition, as without them their would be no competition.
- Always participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please other persons.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES AND CAPTAINS

- Role model appropriate behaviour by acting with integrity and professionalism. Remember that the coach/captain is likely to have the greatest influence on the behaviour of players and spectators.
- Never ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or not winning.
- Control your temper, do not sledge.
- Accept the umpire's decision and get on with the game.
- If you need to query an umpire's decision, do so in a calm, clear and respectful manner.
- Always operate within the rules and spirit of the game, teaching your players to do the same.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, friends and supporters. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Do not tolerate behaviour that may incite players and spectators against any official or public display of displeasure.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background of religion.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SPECTATORS

- Appreciate that people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not necessarily yours.
- Respect the decision of officials/umpires and encourage players to do so.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and the team. Congratulate all players on their performance regardless of the outcome.
- Never ridicule players for making mistakes. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your teams opponents. Without whom there would be no game.
- Encourage all players to follow the rules and official's decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background of religion.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR UMPIRES

- Compliment and encourage all players.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making your decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes, which will make participation more enjoyable.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up with any rule changes that may occur.
- Place the safety and welfare of the players above all else.
- Set the example by your behaviour and ensure that comments are positive and supportive.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Give all players a "fair go" regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.



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PARTICIPATING TEAM – Individual Player’s Agreement

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP’S PLAYERS – RULES & GUIDELINES

- Play by and adhere to the rules.
- Value safety, fair play and welfare above personal prestige and gain.
- Accept the authority of all umpires and game officials.
- Never argue with umpires. If you disagree, approach a Coordinator about your thoughts or feelings. No discussions regarding match decisions will be entered into during the game.
- Never use foul language.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of umpires or other players, deliberately distracting or picking on opponents are not acceptable or permitted behaviour in any sport.
- Do not question the actions of an umpire. They will not change their decision!
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good play, whether by team mates or opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport, as you would like to be treated.
- Always co-operate with your coach and team mates and also with your opposition, as without them their would be no competition.
- Always participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please other persons.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

PLAYER’S SIGNATURE

- All player’s sign the Player’s Agreement – agreeing fully to the above mentioned dot points and the following statements

I will conduct myself in a manner respecting the facilities, other players, referees and the officials and coordinators of the AUSTRALIAN INDOOR BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS while I am participating in the Championships.

I, the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to abide by the above rules and guidelines. I also agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by these rules and guidelines.

TEAM NAME **CENTRE**

Players Name/s	Players Signature	Date
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Under 18 year players	Parent/Legal Guardian Signature	
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MEDICAL INFORMATION & INDEMNITY

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Post Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone (h) _____ (w) _____ (m) _____

Additional information
(Please circle and If yes, please give details)

Hepatitis B injections: Yes/No: _____ Date last tetanus injection: _____

Heart Problems: Yes/No: _____ Respiratory Problems: Yes/No: _____

Allergies: Yes/No: _____ Recent Illness: Yes/No: _____

Drugs/Medication Required: Yes/No: _____ Drug Reactions: Yes/No: _____
(e.g. Penicillin allergy)

Operations: Yes/No: _____ Blood Pressure: Yes/No: _____

Phobias: Yes/No: _____ Diabetes: Yes/No: _____

Any Pre-Existing Condition that may require preventative treatment: Yes/No: _____

If yes, please provide details:

Medicare No: _____ Reference No: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Private Medical Insurance: Yes/No:

Fund: _____ Member number: _____ Reference No: _____

Emergency Contact:

Address: _____

Phone: (h) _____ (w) _____ (m) _____

INDEMNITY:

I understand that I am participating in the AUSTRALIAN INDOOR BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS at my own risk. I also understand that the AIBV CHAMPIONSHIPS advises that players take out personal accident insurance in case of injury. I will not hold the AIBV CHAMPIONSHIPS responsible for any injury to myself whilst participating in the AUSTRALIAN INDOOR BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS. In the event of an accident or illness, I authorise the AIBV CHAMPIONSHIPS COORDINATORS to seek medical attention on my behalf and agree to pay all medical expenses incurred. I further authorise qualified practitioners to administer anesthetic if the need arises.

Player's Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Parent's signature if player is under 18 years of age)

EVALUATION FORM

_____ (Year) CHAMPIONSHIPS overall was?

Highly Satisfactory Satisfactory
Fair Poor

If "fair or poor" what improvements can you suggest?

_____ CHAMPIONSHIPS schedule overall was?

Highly Satisfactory Satisfactory
Fair Poor

If "fair or poor" what improvements can you suggest?

The umpires overall performance was?

Highly Satisfactory Satisfactory
Fair Poor

If "fair or poor" what improvements can you suggest?

The number of games were sufficient to rank teams for finals?

Strongly Agree Agree
Disagree Strongly Disagree

If "fair or poor" what improvements can you suggest?

Other suggestions/comments you may have regarding the _____ CHAMPIONSHIPS.