Hertfordshire Volleyball Association

Competition Rules (Updated 2026)

A. INTRODUCTION

1. This programme requires your full co-operation and goodwill.

2. The HVA will be firm in its dealings with offenders of the rules.

3. Make sure you read the rules, which change yearly. Failure to do so may result in fines, disciplinary action, sets being conceded and/or matches forfeit. Ignorance of the current rules is no defence. A history of amendments can be found at the back of this document.

4. These rules can only be changed at the AGM. Where there are in-season corrections or clarifications these are communicated via the website and to clubs via email.

5. Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their members at all HVA competitions. Club members are expected to behave both on and off court in an exemplary manner that promotes the spirit of the game of volleyball.

B. REGISTRATION and AFFILIATION

1. All clubs must be affiliated to England Volleyball and provide a copy of their affiliation certificate or other proof of affiliation to the Competitions Secretary before their first match is played. See K6.

2. All clubs, teams and players must be registered with the HVA.

3. League and KO Cup entry fees are to be paid to the Treasurer before their first competitive match of the season. See K7.

C. CLUBS, TEAMS and PLAYERS

1. Players are only allowed to play for the club with which they are registered, in any competition organised by the HVA. Players can only be registered to one club. See also C7.3.

2. Players may transfer from one club to another club once per season. The transfer request should be made to the Competitions Secretary in writing before 1 February and must be confirmed before the player plays for the new club.

3. Players may transfer from one team to another team from the same club. The transfer can only be up a division (eg from division 2 to division 1) and up to a maximum of 2 players per team. The transfer request should be made to the Competitions Secretary in writing before 1st of February and must be confirmed before the player plays.

4. Clubs must confirm the teams and the competitions they wish to enter to the HVA Competitions Secretary before 30th September.

5. Clubs can add players to their club roster via the website directly at any time during the season.

6. **Team Player Restrictions**

6.1 Every club player registered can optionally be assigned to a club team when they are added to the club's roster. All players must be registered on the website by the match date. Any players not registered on the website will be considered illegal. See K11.

Players may be assigned to one mixed team and a men / women team.

6.2. During any league match, at least four players listed as assigned to that team must be recorded on the scoresheet as present on the court. For the avoidance of doubt, this means that club players can play up, across or down in other club teams any number of times during the season regardless of which team they are assigned to.

6.3 If one of the core players of a team is injured during a match and cannot be legally substituted by another core player, another player may be used. The reason must be clearly recorded on the scoresheet.

6.4 Appendix A gives more information on this rule, special rules to cover libero players (who are never recorded as "present on the court") and a worked example.

7. **Phantom player**

7.1 At the start of the set - If a team has five players present for a match, one phantom player may be included in the line-up.

7.2 When a team uses a phantom player due to the late arrival of the team's sixth player, the sixth player may not enter the game until the start of the next subsequent set. This is the same rule that applies to a seventh or more player who arrives after the start of a match.

7.3 If the team becomes incomplete due to injury/illness or expulsion/disqualification, a phantom player can be used as a regular player and can be replaced by the libero when backcourt.

7.4 The phantom player is indicated on the line-up sheet by a zero and must rotate within the team. When a phantom is front court, the team has one fewer front court attackers. When a phantom rotates round to serve, the team immediately loses its serve and the opposition sides out.

7.5 Phantom players are to be used as a last resort, in order to enable matches to be played, rather than abandoned.

8. NVL and London league player restrictions

8.1 In any HVA Division 1 competitions, only one player from the NVL Super League and London Premier Division can be on the score sheet for any team.

8.2 In any HVA Division 2 or below , no NVL Super League, NVL Div1, and NVL Div2 and/or London Premier Division are allowed on the scoresheet for any teams.

	HVA Div1	HVA Div 2 or below
NVL Superleague, London Premier	max 1	not allowed
NVL Div1, NVL Div2	unrestricted	not allowed
NVL Div 3	unrestricted	unrestricted

Amendment for season 2026/27 only, approved by all registered clubs on 01-Oct-2026 – Due to the new divisions structure introduced in 26/27, HVA Div2 will apply the same restrictions as HVA Div1.

8.3 All such players must be identified on the team sheet.

9. Men/Women Players

9.1. Senior men cannot play for any women's team in any competition.

9.2. Women may play for men's teams in the league competition, but not the cup competition (see I1.2). Team player restriction rules still apply.

9.3. Women who play for a club that does not have a women's team in the Hertfordshire league competition may play in a women's team at a different club and are registered with that club as usual, effectively being registered at two clubs. It must be made clear to the Competitions Secretary, which club is the primary club as the player is not eligible to play in men's matches at their secondary club. They are considered two different players when it comes to MVP awards.

10. Junior Players

10.1. Any player, male or female, under the age of 16 on 1st September of the current season is considered a Junior player.

10.2. A Junior player registered with a club, may play in any of the club's teams, but the team player restriction rules still apply.

11. The Mixed League shall have a minimum of two ladies or junior players on court at any one time.

12. A player is deemed to have played if they are included on the roster of the scoresheet.

13. Any breaches of these Team Player Restriction rules mean the team has fielded an ineligible player and concedes the set in which that occurred. See K11. A match with all sets conceded is still considered to have been played, rather than forfeited. No more than three sets will be recorded as conceded for a match regardless of how many were played.

D. MATCH ARRANGEMENT

1. Matches are to be played on a Home and Away basis.

2. The first named team on the fixture is the home team. The second named team is the away team.

3. Matches are played on the date and time noted in the published fixtures list.

4. The home team is responsible for:
   a) All match arrangements.
   b) Appointing and informing match officials of match details.
   c) Informing the Competitions Secretary of changes to the fixture date and/or time before the match is played.
   d) Ensuring that the address is correct on the HVA website (preferably using the what3words app) and for providing any instructions needed to reach the sports hall and parking.
   If an incorrect address results in the away team arriving late, the home team will be penalised by forfeiting one set for every 15 minutes conceded after the scheduled warm-up time.

5. All fixture dates, times, and preferably venues for league matches must be set before 1 November. If any fixture details are missing at that time, the Competitions Secretary may determine a fair date for each missing fixture, which will be at least 3 weeks in the future, and will be added to the published fixtures list.

6. Clubs with multiple teams in the same division, must play those interclub matches before the 1st of February.

7. All fixtures, league and cup, with the exception of the KO Cup final, must be completed by the end of April.

8. Re-scheduling matches.

8.1 Either team can contact their opposition and request a change to the date and/or time of a published fixture. The opposition may refuse the request, and the fixture goes ahead as scheduled or is forfeit by the team who made the request to change the fixture. See D7.2.

8.2 Special consideration should be given when a request is received to change a league fixture to accommodate a cup match, even if that cup match is against a third club. Cup matches must be played by a specific date and should be given priority.

8.3 The team wishing to re-arrange a match should make the effort to suggest some alternative dates and times when they make their request. Please look at the opposing team's and club's existing fixtures before suggesting alternatives.

8.4 The team must respond within 7 days of the initial request or follow up. If no response is received after this deadline, a weekly fee will be applied, in line with the K.3.B sanction.

9. Match forfeits.

9.1. Any forfeited match is lost 3-0 with a score of 25-0 for each set awarded to the opposition.

9.2 Any fixture that is not played as scheduled is forfeited by the team at fault unless the opposition decide they would rather re-schedule the fixture.

9.3 Any fixture that has not been played by the end of the season (see D6) is forfeited by the team at fault.

9.4 A team can choose to forfeit a match in advance. The Competitions Secretary should be notified.

9.5 A home team not able to provide the minimum officials listed on rules F.1. will forfeit the match.

9.6 For the avoidance of doubt, there are other scenarios that may result in a match forfeit not listed in this section.

10. An away team that does not provide at least 72 hours' notice to reschedule, forfeit or otherwise not attend a scheduled fixture will be fined to partially cover the home team's hall hire costs. The fine will be taken from their Goodwill Deposit and transferred to the home club by the HVA Treasurer. The home team can claim a forfeit if they do not want to re-schedule the fixture. For clarity, there is no such fine for a home team cancelling a match within 72 hours, but the opposition may still claim a forfeit. **See K13.**

11. Any disagreement between teams about who was at fault for a missed or un-played fixture will be arbitrated by the HVA. Including the Competition Secretary in any scheduling discussions can assist in determining fault. Rule 7.2 and extenuating circumstances will be considered by the HVA. Where team 1 has previously been at fault and a fixture re-organised, the HVA would generally rule in team 2's favour even if they were subsequently at fault for that re-scheduled fixture not being played. The HVA's and Competitions Secretary's decision is final.

E. MATCHES OFFICIATION

1. All matches are to be played as per FIVB "Rules of the Game".

2. All HVA matches are to be played in sports halls, the size of which will be in accordance with Volleyball England rules.

3. If local conditions require rule changes, this must be declared on the league entry form. HVA approval is required for such changes.

4. All shirts to be uniquely numbered per team player. Libero shirts should be significantly different from all other shirts in use by the team. We encourage the team to have a club uniform where at least the shirts are of the same general colour, but there is no penalty if they do not.

5. The home team is to supply the match ball, which must be either the Mikasa V200W or V300W. See K5.

6. Net aerials are compulsory for all matches. The net should be at the required height. See K5.

7. There must be a minimum of two hours available for play.

8. Players not recorded on the score sheet at the start of the match may not take part. Players recorded on the score sheet, but who arrive late, may not play in the set in progress, but may play in subsequent set(s).

9. 20 minutes warm-up time should be allowed after the confirmed start time. Note: A match can begin as soon as all teams are ready and warm up is complete. An early start is encouraged for time restricted venues (see E11).

10. Any team not ready to begin play at the match start time (i.e. 20 minutes after the published fixture time) concedes the first set. Subsequent sets are conceded every 20 minutes, until an hour after the published fixture time when the match is conceded. As soon as the late team is ready to begin, they may use the remaining time of the 20 minutes until the next set starts to warm up. If this is a time restricted venue (see E11) and the match runs out of time, the late team concedes any remaining set points and remaining sets to concede the match. See K2.

11. **Time Restricted Venues**

11.1 If a venue is restricted by time, the end time must be clearly communicated by the home team captain to the first referee and the opposition captain at the coin toss. This time should be recorded in the remarks section of the scoresheet and initialled by both captains when they sign the roster before the game.

11.2 The first referee should end the match, once the current set point is complete, at the agreed time.

12 **Result of an Incomplete Match**

12.1 An incomplete match is awarded in favour of the team with the most sets won (unless the rules at D10 apply because the match did not start on time).

12.2. For this purpose, an incomplete set is counted as a win for the team with a lead of 2 or more points, otherwise a tie. If set scores are tied, the winner is the team with a “points total” of at least 2 more than their opponent's.

12.3. If teams are still tied, the match is considered a draw and the two teams each get 1 league point for drawing the match.

12.4 If a time restriction is not clearly communicated as per E11.1 or there is otherwise insufficient time to complete the match, then the home team concedes all remaining set points and sets to concede the match (unless the rules at D10 apply because the match did not start on time). See K2.

F. OFFICIALS

1. The home team must appoint match officials and a competent scorer, as detailed below. It is preferred but not mandatory to use a neutral first referee for league matches. The officials for the CUP finals are provided by the HVA. See K1.

Division	First Referee	Second Referee	Scorer
Men Division 1	Qualified	Present	Present
Men Division 2	Present	Optional	Present
Men Division 3	Present	Optional	Present
Women Division 1	Qualified	Present	Present
Women Division 2	Present	Optional	Present
Mixed Division	Present	Optional	Present
KO Cup	Qualified and Neutral	Present	Present

2. In the event of the non-appearance of an official, the captains of the two teams concerned shall agree to the appointment of an available official. This must be recorded on the score sheet.

3. All matches are to be recorded on official FIVB score sheets or printed A3 equivalent. PDF can be downloaded from FIVB website. See K3a.

4. The score sheet should be marked clearly with the type of match, including division and the correct match number as per the published fixture list.

5. The home team is responsible for entering the results on the HVA website as soon as possible after each match: entering player rosters (as completely as possible), MVPs, match results and uploading a legible copy of the full scoresheet. Note that the away team is also able to perform this function, although they do not have ultimate responsibility for doing so. See K3b.

6. All scoresheets must be presented at least 5 days before the KO Cup Final else the home team forfeits the match. See K3c.

7. When a complaint is received about the qualified status of a first referee, the home team will have 10 working days from the day the complaint was brought to their attention by the HVA to provide evidence of referee qualification. The higher fine at K1 will be applied if proof is not provided within this timeframe.

8. A neutral referee is defined as anybody who does not currently play for either team in any capacity.

G. LEAGUE

1. League points will be awarded as follows:
    - 1 point for playing the match, plus
    - 1 point for every set won or half a point for a tied set, plus
    - 2 points for winning the match (or 1 point to each team for drawing the match).

Where a team loses a match due to forfeit, no points will be awarded to the team. The opposition still receives a league point as if they had played the match.

2. If two or more teams tie on league points, their league position will be decided on:
    - Most matches won then
    - Least matches lost then
    - Most sets for then
    - Least sets against then
    - The set result of the matches played between the teams in the league then
    - Largest set point difference (set points for, minus set points against)

3. League promotions and relegations are based on 2 up, 2 down where there are multiple divisions. If there are extenuating circumstances why this would not be practicable, this can be considered by the committee at the annual fixtures meeting at the start of the season.

4. Teams who cancel or forfeit more than 50% of their matches, have all their matches declared null and void at the end of the season. All league points earned in these fixtures are cancelled before the end of season league table is finalised.

5. **MVP (Most Valuable Player)**

5.1. After each match, the captain must nominate a “Most Valuable Player” (MVP) from their opponent’s team.

5.2. The nomination for each team is indicated in the remarks section of the scoresheet.

5.3. The nomination should be made in good faith and in the spirit of the game. The first referee can override either decision at the offended team’s captain’s request. If the first referee feels the nomination to be unfounded, they may freely and with no input or pressure from the offended team, decide upon an alternative MVP.

5.4 The first referee has the responsibility for ensuring MVPs are marked correctly and clearly on the scoresheet. They cannot be added or amended after the event.

5.5 The HVA may make an award to the most nominated MVP(s) in each league and division at the end of the season.

5.6 If a player who was ineligible to play at any point within a match is awarded the MVP for that match, that award is disregarded.

H. DISPUTES

1. The HVA executive will adjudicate all disputes and their decision is final.

2. Disputants must submit the request for a hearing in writing to the Chairman.

3. All parties in the dispute will be asked for a written statement and may be required to attend the executive meeting considering their dispute.

I. KO CUP

1. All rules A – H apply except that:

1.1. No senior male players can play in the Women's KO Cup competition.

1.2. No senior female players can play in the Men's KO Cup competition.

2. All KO Cup players must be registered with the club before 1st February to be eligible to play for that club in any of that season's KO Cup matches.

3. A player who has played for a team in the KO Cup may not (even if transferred to another club) play for another team in the KO Cup that season.

4. The KO Cup competition is only open to those clubs who play in one of the HVA leagues.

5. Opposing teams will share venue costs.

6. Officials for all KO Cup matches must be neutral and qualified and shall be organised by the home side, as defined during the cup draw. Opposing teams will share the cost of officials. For the Cup Final, first and second referees are provided and paid for by the HVA, with line judges and scorers drawn from the men's finals team for the women and vice versa.

7. For the KO Cup finals, each club must supply two line judges and a scorer to officiate at the other KO Cup final match.

8. Multiple teams from the same club in the Cup play as separate teams. The Team Player Restrictions defined in C5 do not apply and rules at I3 apply instead.

J. GOODWILL DEPOSIT

1. All clubs will make a deposit of £30, from which any HVA fines are taken.

2. The deposit is carried over between seasons. It must be made back up to the full amount at the start of each season.

3. This deposit (or any season top-up) will be invoiced along with club registration fees as both must be paid before any competitive match is played.

4. A club can withdraw its current goodwill deposit balance at any time. This request must be made in writing to the Treasurer.

5. If a club's deposit is reduced to a zero or has a negative balance, the club is deemed to be in breach of not paying their Goodwill Deposit and the deposit must be made back up to its full amount before the breach is considered resolved. **See K12.**

6. Any HVA executive member can issue a fine with no need to notify the club in advance of their intention to do so.

7. The Treasurer will maintain the current balance of each club's Goodwill Deposit. It is also record on the HVA website.

7.1. The Treasurer or other HVA committee member will notify the club in writing of any fine and of their balance after the fine is applied.

7.2. The Treasurer will report on each club's current deposit balance as part of their report at each committee meeting.

8. Any fine can be disputed by the affected club. The fine remains imposed until the dispute is upheld by the committee.

K. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

	Rule	Description	Sanction
1	Section F1	Failure to provide the correct officials. Failure to provide suitable officials where a complaint is received	£10 £20
2	Sections E10 and E12	Incomplete match	Concedes set points, sets and possibly the match. Conceding all sets in a match is not the same as forfeiting the match
3a	Section F3	Incompetently completed scoresheet or use of non-FIVB format scoresheet	£5
3b	Section F5	Providing scoresheet late (more than 14 days after the match has been played) and not inputting the full scoresheet details	£5 initially and then £5 for every additional 7 days
3c	Section F6	Failure to provide a scoresheet	Forfeit of match
4	Section D8	Failure to play a scheduled fixture	Forfeit of match
5	Section E5 and E6	No net aerials (excluding those broken in a match), incorrect match ball, wrong net height	£5
6	Section B1	Failure to provide confirmation of affiliation to EV for current season	Forfeit of all matches scheduled to be played until provided
7	Section B3	Failure to pay League/KO Cup fees by the date specified	Forfeit of all matches scheduled to be played in that competition until paid
8	Section H	Any action considered by the HVA executive that brings the game of volleyball into disrepute	HVA executive decision
9	n/a	Failure to send a representative to HVA committee meeting	£10 if no apologies sent to HVA Secretary or Chairman before meeting. £5 if apologies sent
10	Section G4	Team who cancels/forfeits more than 50% of their matches	The team's results are removed from the league tables. Registration fees will not be refunded
11	Section C11	Playing an ineligible player	Concede set 0-25.
12	Section J5	Failure to pay or top-up the Goodwill Deposit as requested by the Treasurer	Forfeit of all matches scheduled to be played until paid
13	Section D9	Away team failure to turn up to a scheduled match	£30. Transferred to home team by HVA

Appendix A: Core Player Restrictions

This Appendix explains the team player restriction rules defined in section C5, which were introduced for the 2018/19 season. It does not replace or override those rules but aims to explain why they have been introduced and how they will operate. There is a worked example on the next page.

Introduction

Don't think of the team player restrictions as indicating a player is "locked" to a team like in previous seasons; it merely reflects the team to which a player "belongs".

The new rules are to encourage a core group of players to play as a team within the league, whilst providing flexibility to draw on other club players when team numbers are low for a fixture. The HVA feel that players assigned to a specific team should make up more than half the players on the court, hence 4 players. There's a bit of flexibility added for libero players because their usage during a match cannot be determined from the scoresheet.

The Competitions Secretary will check for breaches of the rules on confirming the fixture result, by checking the scoresheet for starting players and substitutions. It is up to the team to make sure they do not breach the rules as a breach means they will concede that set 0-25. Neither the opposition nor officials have any responsibility for checking for breaches before, during or after a match.

Player Registration

Every player can optionally be assigned a team when added to the club roster. When an unregistered player plays their first match for a team, they are added to the club roster and assigned to that team, and when a registered, but unassigned player plays their first match, they are also assigned to that team.

It is in the interest of the club to pre-register and assign players to a team in advance, so they are assigned to the team the club would normally expect them to play for, rather than the team they first play for. Pre-registering players also has the benefit that the player is then eligible to play in the KO Cup (if performed before the noted deadline), even if they haven't played before that deadline.

Benefits

The new rules prevent the same group of players playing as two different teams between divisions.

As an individual player can play up/across/down as many times as required, there is no need for the club or HVA to monitor how many matches a player has played for each team. As individual players no longer get locked to a team after a certain number of matches, player availability does not diminish as the season progresses and clubs should not find it so difficult to get a team together, thus avoiding fixture changes or cancellations.

The HVA think the new rules should allow a team to operate with a slightly smaller squad than in previous seasons and we're hopeful this may encourage some clubs to enter additional teams. The rules should enable a new/improving player to play up through the club more easily encouraging player progression.

Appendix A: Worked Example

Club Roster

Players assigned to **Team A**: ①②③④⑤⑥⑦⑧.
Players assigned to **Team B**: ⓐⓑⓒⓓⓔⓕⓁ.

This is a Team A match

Players Available ①②③④⑤⑥ⓐⓑⓒⓁ (player Ⓛ is a Libero)

Bench ⑥ⓑⓒⓁ

Court	②	③
	①	④
	ⓐ	⑤

It's the start of the match and the players take to the court.

There are 5 (at least 4) core players from **Team A** recorded as on court.

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Bench ②⑥ⓒⓁ

Court	⑤	ⓐ
	④	①
	③	ⓑ

The team substitute sub ⓑ for player ②.

There are 4 (at least 4) core players from **Team A** recorded as on court.

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Bench ①②⑥Ⓛ

Court	⑤	ⓐ
	④	ⓒ
	③	ⓑ

The team want to substitute sub ⓒ for player ①.

This would leave only 3 core players from **Team A** recorded as on court, which means an ineligible player is being played.

✖ If this substitution occurs, the set would be conceded 25-0.

Bench ①②⑥ⓒ

Court	⑤	ⓐ
	④	Ⓛ
	③	ⓑ

Instead, the team bring on libero player Ⓛ to replace player ①.

Team A now only have 3 core players *actually* on court, but the scoresheet still records player ① as on court, so 4 core players are *recorded* as on court, which is fine.

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END

HISTORY OF AMENDMENTS

AGM 2026

C3 - Player transfers within club teams

C6.1 - Players must be registered by the match date

C6.1 Players can be assigned to a women/men and a mixed team

C7 - Phantom player added

C8 - Updated NVL restrictions

D4d - Ensuring venue details are correct – home team may forfeit sets if details are incorrect

D6 - Ensuring inter-club matches are played before 1st of February

D8.4 - Clubs must reply within 7 days or face K3B sanction

D9.5 - Home team forfeit a match if minimum required officials aren't provided

E2 - Volleyball England rules rather than EVA

E9 - Changes to warm-up times

E10 - Sets forfeited after each 20 minutes

F1 - Revised officials requirements for Women divisions

F3 - FIVB rather than EVA scoresheets

K3a - FIVB rather than EVA scoresheet

K3b - Not inputting the full details is subject to the same penalty as providing a scoresheet late

K3c - Forfeit sanction if failure to provide a scoresheet (removed 'completed scoresheet').

AGM 2025

<u>Revised</u>

A3. A reminder that the rules change regularly and clubs need to be aware of the current rules.

B1. England Volleyball no longer provide registration certificates, so the requirement here is clarified.

C1. is revised to clarify players can only be registered to a single club (with one exception).

C6. corrected to list NVL Super League and London Premier Division. This had already been applied for the previous season via a rule update on the website.

C9. the rules for the Mixed League have been brought in line with all other leagues; player restrictions now apply. The minimum requirement for women and junior players has been reduced from 3 players to 2 players.

Section D has been re-written extensively to accommodate the removal of the requirement for teams to confirm home and away matches at 21 and 14 days respectively. Items that were tied to those deadlines were removed/reworded both in Section D and Section K.

D7.1 related to the above - the right of a team to request and expect a date change made more than 14 days in advance has been removed.

D8. The disparate rules for match forfeits are now gathered in this section with some clarifications added, but no fundamental rule changed.

F3. A clarification that A3 copy of the official FIVB scoresheet can be used.

I5. Wording on venue removed as covered elsewhere.

I7 and I8 swapped. I7 wording changed from “team” to “club”.

Minor clarifications, grammar and spelling corrections.

Added

A4. To note that in-season rule corrections and clarifications will be clearly communicated.

F1. Officials added for Men’s Division 3. This had already been applied for the previous season via a rule update on the website.

F8. A definition for a neutral referee.

AGM 2024

Revised

C6. Changed from “NVL Super 8 and SVA Division 1” to “NVL Division 1, SVA Division 1 and LVA Division 1”.

C7.2 Added reference to I1.1 for clarity.

C8.3 and C8.4 The “junior clauses” added in 2023 are removed, along with associated references.

E6 and K5. Incorrect net height added to the section and fines regarding equipment.

E11.1 and E11.2 Revised rule to record and initial a time on the scoresheet for Time Restricted Venues.

I6. Clarified that HVA provide refs for the Cup Finals.

K1. Fine for not having a qualified first referee (when required and on complaint), increased to £20.

Added

D11 and K13. Addition of a fine for away teams who fail to show up to a fixture and have not provided 72 hours' notice.

F7. Requirements for proof of referee qualification if a complaint is made.

G5.6 Any player who was ineligible to play cannot receive the MVP award.

AGM 2023

Revised

Various minor changes for clarity.

A3. "Fines/disciplinary action" changed to "fines, disciplinary action, sets being conceded and/or matches forfeit".

B1. "The England Volleyball Association" changed to "England Volleyball".

B3. The club's invoice for the season's competitions must be paid before the club's first competitive match.

C1. Added references to amended C7.3 and new C8.4.

C2. Player transfers "before 1 February and must be confirmed before the player plays for the new club" rather than simply "before the end of January". Date matches I2. Reference to new C8.4 is added.

C4. Removed the "or by request in writing to the Competitions Secretary" for the addition of new players to the roster. This can be done online; don't pass this work to the Competitions Secretary.

C7.1. "Men" changed to "Senior Men". See addition of C8.3 and C8.4.

C7.3. Added "They are considered two different players when it comes to MVP awards."

C11. The maximum number of conceded match sets recorded for playing an ineligible player is 3.

D10. The Competitions Secretary will set a date for any league fixtures not communicated before 1 November.

E4. Clarify that shirts should be numbered uniquely. Added requirement that Libero shirts must be significantly different. Added desire for club uniforms.

F1. It is now a requirement for Division 1 Men's matches have a second referee present.

F5: You can no longer ask the HVA to upload match results for you. The responsibility lies with the home team. The HVA will still assist if there are difficulties in doing this.

G5.2. MVP designation changed to reflect what all teams are doing anyway; write them in the remarks section of the scoresheet.

I1.1 and 1.2 gender restrictions removed from eligibility to play in Cup matches. This now says no Senior Men can play in the Women's Cup and no Senior Women can play in the Men's Cup.

I2. Changed the cup registration date from 1 March to 1 February. Date matches the player transfer date at C2. Clarified that this is for any KO Cup match.

I5. Cup court requirements changed to be the same as league requirements as it implied that DIv1 venue requirements were different to other divisions, which they are not. Confirmed that venue costs for cup matches should be shared.

J3. Reworded as both the goodwill deposit and competition fees must be paid before a club's first competitive match is played.

K1. Amended the conditions of a fine due to incorrect or unsuitable officials due to the change made at F1.

K2. Removed reference to C2, which has nothing to do with this. Reference corrected from E11 to E12.

K5. New fine for incorrect match ball.

K11. Changed to say "set conceded" rather than "match forfeit" due to playing an ineligible player. Corrected reference from C10 to C11.

Appendix A. Corrected to say that playing an ineligible player means the set is conceded, rather than the match forfeit. A few minor changes.

<u>New</u>

C8.3. A Junior player can play as part of a Women's Cup team, unless they are on the national pathway or equivalent.

C8.4. A Junior player can be registered and play for two clubs, unless they are on the national pathway or equivalent. They cannot play matches in the same Division for different clubs, e.g. they could not play Division 1 matches for two different clubs, but could play Division 1 for one club and Division 2 for another club. Multi-club Juniors cannot transfer to another club during the season. They are considered two different players when it comes to MVP awards.

AGM 2022

<u>Revised</u>

A few minor typos corrected.

E5. Added clause for approved HVA match ball.

K9. Addition of £5 fine for missing meetings regardless of apologies.

AGM 2019 (presented at following Fixtures Meeting)

New

C2. Transfer deadline added.

C10. Added definition of “Played”.

D5. New penalty for not confirming matches in good time.

E12. New section using some of the original E11 to clarify the match results for an incomplete match.

F. Mixed league official requirements added.

K4. Repurposed for failure to confirm match.

Updates

C10. Penalty for player restriction rule break is forfeit of set, rather than match.

D2. Added as own section (moved from re-arranging match section).

Section D – duplicate removals.

D8. Reworked to match what we already do when re-arranging matches.

E10. Changed to clarify what we do when a team is not ready to play.

E11. Clarifications.

G2. Last two bullet points replaced with a single bullet point reading "largest set point difference (set points for, minus set points against)".

K2. Sanction is reworded and now encompasses additional situations.

AGM 2018

New

C4. Player registration mechanism added.

C5. New player team assignment rules. See also new Appendix A.

C10. Statement that fielding an ineligible player means match is forfeit.

D7. Statement added on score assigned for any forfeited match.

E11. Formal addition of all the rules used for matches played at venues that are time limited.

F5. New rules on responsibility for supplying match result information.

G4. New rules that teams who miss more than 50% of their matches have all results removed from the league results at the end of the season.

G5. “Most Valuable Player” mechanism added.

J. New Goodwill Deposit description and operation.

Updates

Numbering changes to sections as required. A few grammatical errors corrected. Use of word “match” in all instances to replace “game” as appropriate

B1. Addition of EVA registration number requirement

B3. Addition of payment date specified.

C3. Changes to what clubs must confirm to the Competitions Secretary and when, in-line with other rule changes.

C7. Clarification of team player eligibility based on gender.

C8. Clarification of team player eligibility based on age.

D5. Clarification of when all league results must have been received.

D6. Amendments to rules for re-arranging matches.

F1. Minor changes to required officials and now presented in a table.

G1. Formal addition of 1 league point awarded to opposition for forfeited match.

G2. Two extra metrics to decide current league position.

I2. Revision that players must have been registered (not played) before the given date before being eligible to play in the KO Cup.

K. Revision of Disciplinary Actions. Cross references between Disciplinary Actions and the Rules to which they relate.

AGM 2017 (agreed at 2017 Fixtures meeting)

Reformatted

Update

F1. Old: These shall be neutral and qualified for all Division 1 matches.

F1 New: These shall be qualified for all Division 1 matches.

F5 Old: If time runs out before the completion of a match where no team is in default (i.e. the minimum two hours were available and the match started on time) both teams retain the sets already won and the away team is awarded the current set, plus any incomplete sets.

F5 New: If the match runs over scheduled court time, the referee should allow the match to finish as much as possible.

1. Based on information available to the referee, he/she should call time on the match when it can continue no more.

2. An incomplete match would be given to the team with the most sets won (as long as the match has started on time - if not the home team forfeits).

3. For this purpose, an incomplete set is counted as a win for the team with a lead of 2 or more points, otherwise a tie. If set scores are tied, the winner is the team with a ‘points total’ of at least two more than their opponent's.

4. If teams are still tied, then the two teams each get 1 league point.

AGM2011

Update

C4. Clubs must specify their teams and players (including any NVL Super 8 / SVL Division 1 players - male or female) in those teams to the HVA before 30th September.

C7. Two teams in the same division, from the same club, will play as separate teams; each team submits a team of 6 named players. Any player not named, may play for the other team, up to a maximum of 2 separate occasions (i.e. the 3rd match played for either team, ties the player to that team). The details must be entered in the remarks section of the score sheet as „Match1" or "Match2".

C8. Only one player from the NVL Super 8/SVA National League Division 1 can be on the score sheet for any team in the HVA. All NVL Super 8/SVA Division 1 players have to be identified on the team sheet.

C9. Women may play for men's teams, in the league competition.

C11 Junior Players

C11.1 Any player, male or female, under the age of 16 on 1st September of the current season will be considered to be a "Junior" player.

C11.2 A "Junior" player registered with a club, may play in any of the club's teams, without the playing up or playing across rule being applied.

D3.e) Sending match information to the opposing team, in writing at least 21 days before the match date.

D4. The away team is responsible for confirming match information, in writing at least 14 days before the scheduled match date.

F1. These shall be neutral and qualified for all Division 1 matches.

F1.1 These shall be neutral and qualified where possible, for all other divisions.

F3. All clubs playing in Division 1 are required to provide two officials (1st & 2nd referee) for other clubs as set out in the fixtures list.

F3.1 For all other divisions two officials are required (1st and 2nd referees), although these can be members of the home club.

G1. League points will be awarded as follows:

• 1 point for playing the match +

• 1 point for every set won +

• 2 points for winning the match

Where a team loses a match as a result of a forfeit, no points will be awarded to the team.

G2. If two or more teams tie on league points, their position will be decided on:

• Most matches won then

• Least matches lost then

• Most sets for then

• Least sets against then

• The result of the matches played between the teams in the league.

I1. All rules A – H apply except that:

1.1. No male players, regardless of age, will be allowed to play in the Women's KO Cup competition

I8. Two teams from the same club in the Cup play as separate teams. These can be different to the teams registered in the league.

J11. Failure to send in team lists to Competitions Secretary by end September in current season.

New

C12. All players registered with a club are eligible to play in the Mixed Division.

C12.1 No playing up rules apply.

C12.2 Each team shall have a minimum of three (3) ladies on court at any time.

F3.2 The home team is required to provide a competent score for all matches.

I8.1 ALL players from each team must be registered for this purpose.

I1-1.2. No female player, regardless of age, will be allowed to play in the Men's KO Cup competition

AGM2010

Correction/clarification

New

Update

AGM2009

Reformatted +

New

C3 The HVA reserves the right to refuse the registration of a player who has outstanding debt within the association.

I3 All KO Cup players registered before 1st February must have played at least one game (league or Cup).

Updated

C4 Clubs must specify their teams and players (including any NVL/SVL Division 1 players male or female) in those teams to the HVA before 30th September.

E1 All matches are to be played as per FIVB "Rules of the Game".

E4 All shirts to be numbered as per FIVB "Rules of the Game"

F3 All clubs playing in Division 1 are required to provide two officials (1st & 2nd referee) for other clubs as set out in the fixtures list. For all other divisions the minimum number of officials is one (1st referee), and where possible two (1st and 2nd referees), although these can be members of the home club.

J1 £10 + 1 league points deducted

Added to C6 - The higher team must nominate 6 players. These players must play for the team before the end of January or another player should be nominated.

AGM 2008

Updated Rule: I6

Old: Officials for all KO Cup matches must be neutral and qualified and shall be supplied by a third club, as noted in the cup draw. The Competitions Secretary will assign the club responsible for each match.

New: Officials for all KO Cup matches must be neutral and qualified and shall be organised by the home side, as noted in the cup draw. Opposing teams will share the cost of referees.

AGM 2007

New Rule: B13

All leagues fixtures must be completed two weeks before the KO Cup final. Any games not completed after that deadline will be declared null and void. [votes: 9 for / 1 against]

New Rule: I9

For KO Cup matches, opposing teams will share the cost of the hall hire [votes: 10 for / 0 against]

AGM 2006

Updated Rule: B8g:

Old: Clubs with two teams in the same division will play as separate teams. If a senior team is designated, then players will be allowed to play up a maximum of two times. When this situation of playing up arises, it must be stated clearly on the score sheet. (This rule does not apply to the KO Cup Competition).

New: Two teams in the same division from the same club play as separate teams each team submits a list of players. Any player can play for the other team up to maximum of 2 separate occasions. The details must be entered in the remarks section of the score sheet as Match 1 or Match 2.

Proposed by MP Seconded AB

New Rule: I7

Two teams from the same club in the Cup play as separate teams. These can be different to the teams registered in the league.

Proposed by AW Seconded TA

Updated Rule: B8h

Only one player from the EVA/SVA National League Division 1 can be on the score sheet for any team in the HVA. All Division 1 players have to be registered on the team sheet.

Proposed by NJ Seconded AW

New Rule: I8

For the cup finals each team must supply 2 line judges & a scorer to officiate at the other match.

Proposed by AB Seconded GD