

MEMORANDUM

TO: VVL CLUBS
FROM: EVENTS & COMPETITIONS COORDINATOR – VOLLEYBALL VICTORIA
DATE: 26/11/2014
SUBJECT: VVL COMPETITION BYLAW

Dear VVL Clubs,

This memo is to introduce the VVL Competition Bylaws for the 2015 season, which is accompanying this memo. Once again, Volleyball Victoria would like to thank all those who have provided their feedback through this process, and in particular on the draft bylaw document.

In addition to a couple of formatting errors which have now been fixed, there have been a couple of changes to the draft document that we sent to all VVL clubs on Wednesday 19th November, these changes are listed below as well as being highlighted in yellow in the document (the original changes are still marked in red font for ease of recognition).

- 1. We have added 16.1 to Section 16 Junior Players, defining a junior athlete as being under the age of 17 during the calendar year.**
- 2. We have revised 19.9 and have added 19.10 to Section 19 Transfer / Clearance of Players. These now read:**
 - 19.9. A Club must not receive more than 2 transferred players per division per gender in each VVL season.**
 - 19.10. A Club must not play or list more than 2 transferred players on the scoresheet of any given match.**

Other than the above, the document has seen minimal to no changes to rules. However, some clauses within the document may read very differently to how they were worded previously, and therefore, your understanding of these clauses may change.

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Volleyball Victoria has recently been advised by Volleyball Australia that they have begun a comprehensive investigation into Interclub, Interstate, and International Transfer Protocol with the view to ensure that the sport is consistent across Australia and in line with international protocol.

Findings from Volleyball Australia are expected by mid to late January 2015. How these recommendations will affect our VVL Competition Bylaws is currently unknown however it is possible that it may impact the Transfer Rules currently in place for VVL, we will keep all informed as soon as we can on this process.

These Bylaws will be strictly upheld by Volleyball Victoria in 2015 and therefore we strongly recommend and encourage that Clubs thoroughly read and familiarise themselves with the VVL Bylaws with the understanding that these rules will be strictly enforced moving forward.

NB: Please be aware that the VVL Bylaw document in its entirety has been revised by Lander & Rogers and the majority of the document has been re-written to provide greater clarity and understanding of each rule and its designed purpose. However, this does not mean that the rules and their designed purpose have changed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require clarification of any of the rules, bylaws, sections, or wording of such. I am contactable at 9794 0009 or at events@volleyballvictoria.com.au

Regards,

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