



Vic Open Mornington Championships 2017 Playing Rules – Open Divisions

1. **Games will be played as time-limited matches** of 65 minutes duration. The draw indicates the scheduled start time of a match. Teams are permitted 10 minutes on-court warm up prior to the designated start time. Grand Finals will be played best of 3 sets with no time limit, with the third set being played to 15 points, with a change of ends when the leading team reaches 8 points.
2. **Current FIVB playing rules will apply**, with the exception that only ONE MINUTE (maximum) will be allowed between sets. Time outs and substitutions WILL NOT be allowed during the last 5 minutes of play. All Open Divisions to play the 12 substitution rule.
3. **Players must be registered** with their State body.
4. **Duty requirements** (a) The duty team will be required to supply 1 referee, 1 net umpire, 1 scorer and 2 lines people. Mornington Volleyball Club prefers qualified referees to officiate to ensure players' expectations are met and rules are interpreted fairly. It is also the Referee's responsibility to fill out the MVP votes (Division 1 teams ONLY) located attached to the scoresheet. Failure to carry out duty fully will result in loss of 1 match point. It is the duty teams' responsibility to ensure teams are listed on the scoresheet. Referees are required to provide their own whistles.
(b) 2 match points will be lost by a duty team arriving late or failing to appear. A repeat failure to complete duty will result in loss of the team bond (\$100).
5. **Match outcomes** (a) **Match points will be allocated** on the basis of 2 for a win, 1 for a draw and 0 for a loss. Advantage rule to apply, which is teams must have at least 13 points with an advantage of 2 to win the set.
(b) As specified in the draw, the finals schedule between each Division may differ.
(c) If cross over match does not yield a final result in the time allocated the team with the most points for the match will be declared the winner. If no result is forthcoming, a final set to 15 points will be completed with the first team to reach 15 declared the winner.
6. A team will forfeit the first set if they are **not present at the allotted time**. After 10 minutes the match will be forfeited at a score of straight sets.
7. Teams must present **AT LEAST 6 players for each match**. If through injury during a match a team is reduced to 5, the team can still continue to play but the "blank" rule will be used. The team can still continue in the tournament but once reduced to 4 players will forfeit from that point on.
8. **Players recorded on the team sheet** must be present, uniformed and available in 60% of the total matches during the tournament. Failure to abide by this rule will make that player ineligible to play in the finals.
9. One player per **set** may play **Libero**. This player must be specified at the start of the set.
10. If a play is in progress when final siren sounds, that rally is to be STOPPED and the point not included.
11. Team members are NOT PERMITTED TO ALTERNATE BETWEEN TEAMS, DIVISIONS OR POOLS. All teams are eligible for finals.
12. **All players will play at their own risk and the Mornington Volleyball Club Inc. will not be held responsible for medical and associated costs incurred.**
13. The tournament committee and Chief Referee will have absolute authority as to the interpretation of these rules and will have the power to decide any issues not covered in these rules.
15. Alcohol consumption is **strictly prohibited** in all playing venues.
16. Breaches of these rules or behaviour that reflects poorly on the tournament can result in disqualification and forfeiting of team bond. Bond money will be forwarded by cheque within 30 days of conclusion of the event subject to satisfactory reports from the Mornington Volleyball Club Committee.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE AWARE OF THESE RULES.