



**New Zealand Masters Games 2019**  
**VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION**  
organised by **RIVERCITY VOLLEYBALL**  
**WANGANUI N.Z.**

## **Information & Rules**

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The Organisers, Rivercity Volleyball, and their nominated representatives are a group of enthusiasts whose goal is to offer you an opportunity to play and experience an exciting, safe, and enjoyable NZ Masters Games Volleyball Tournament.

### **Disclaimer**

***The Organisers endeavor to make the game as safe as possible for participants but accept no responsibility for participant injury or personal loss that may occur during participation in this or any Organisers sanctioned competitions. Entry into the competition assumes individual and team acceptance of the disclaimer. It is the responsibility of the team captain or team organiser to ensure that their team and supporters fully understand the rules outlined below.*** Please DO NOT leave your personal belongings unattended. The Organisers accept NO responsibility for any damaged or stolen property.

### **Health and Safety**

- Ensure you are not wearing dangerous items of clothing or jewellery when playing.
- Report any faulty equipment to an Organiser immediately.
- Please advise if any liquid is spilled on the playing surface or if the stadium roof is leaking. If the wet area cannot be cleaned immediately then advise an organizer and stop playing.
- Always stretch and warm up before a game.
- Do not play or allow others to play if impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- If you are pregnant then you must advise an organizer and provide a medical certificate before continuing to play any game. The Organisers reserve the right to decide if a pregnant player continues in the competition regardless of medical certificate.
- If in the Organisers opinion, a player is not suitable to play and could cause them harm or could harm others then, the organizers may ban or restrict that player from participating.
- Do not play with an injury if that injury could be worsened.
- Do not play in a cast.
- Wear appropriate non-marking footwear and sports clothing (no bare feet, and no jeans).
- If you consider there to be a hazard in the playing environment advise an Organiser immediately and do not play until the matter is resolved.

### **Entry into the Competition and Stadium**

- The Organisers hire the stadium facilities. All teams, supporters, spectators or an individual's activity within the facilities, during the time and within the terms of the event, shall be in accordance with the Organisers rules and approvals. No person or group may enter the facilities during the times of event without the Organisers permission. Any person, team, or group of individuals (including competitors or non-competitors) must immediately remove themselves from the place of the event if instructed to by an Organiser.
- **CHILDREN**  
The safety and behaviour of children is the responsibility of the playing parents or guardians. An organiser or official may stop games if problems occur.
- The Organisers reserve the right to amend or change the rules before or during the course of the competition.
- The Organisers reserve the right to:
  - Restrict or prohibit entry into the competition of any team, or individual.
  - Restrict or prohibit an individual within a team to enter any Division or grade, (primarily, but not necessarily, for safety reasons).

## Removal from the Competition

The procedures for determining removal or sanction shall solely be at the discretion of the Organisers.

- The Organisers reserve the right to remove or sanction any person, group, or team from the competition for:
  - Undertaking any activity within facilities hired by the Organisers, and during the time of hireage, not sanctioned by the Organisers (this includes any action, which in the Organisers opinion, undermines the Organisers authority or which may affect the smooth or safe running of the competition).
  - Abuse or hostility towards Organiser(s) or other players.
  - Fairplay violations (including Misconduct).
  - Safety violations.
  - Duty defaults.
  - Game defaults.
  - Non-compliance with the Organisers rules.

## Registration

- All players must be registered with The NZMG office and have also paid the Volleyball registration fee.
- Where teams may be short of players because of injury or because of another suitable reason, then permission may be sought from the organisers to play another player not registered for that team. Approval is at the organisers discretion.

## Captain's Responsibility

1. Advise your team and any of your supporters of the applicable rules and health and safety matters.
2. All teams will be required to do game Referee Duties.
3. Organize your team and nominated 1<sup>st</sup> Referee(s), and advise them of game times and duty requirements.
4. CHECK SCORES and sign the scoresheet at the end of the match.
5. Only the captain can ask the referee for their decision interpretation on court.
6. Maintain team discipline and behavior.
7. Write any disputes on scoresheet or officials disputes notice, after the game.

## Games & Game Play

- The Organisers endeavor to provide a reasonable number of games to be played, but reserve the right to reduce or increase games & times. Subsequently the draw is subject to change during the tournament if required.
- The Organisers reserve the right to intervene in the running of any game where actions or activities of teams or officials are in serious conflict with the Organisers rules. It must be recognised that this will not normally occur where officials are suitably in control of a match.
- Official's control of a match shall be respected at all times.
- Official time clock is the Organisers time clock (at desk). Time shall be as decided by the organizers.
- Official balls to be used (as provided by Organisers, or alternative balls if approved by Referee & both Captains).
- \*6 registered players must be ready to play, on court, no more than 3 minutes past the official start time of that game. (A bell starts and finishes the game)
- Games are generally played as per Volleyball NZ system BUT tolerance is allowed for 'Social Fun' Division for ball handling skills.
- All sets are rally point up to 25 but must win by 2 points, except when the cap of 27 is reached.
- Exceptions: - games are best of 3 sets or time (official points count for whichever occurs first)
  - an incomplete set counts at the final bell if a team reaches 15 points.
  - if the bell goes during a rally, the rally result counts.

The Organisers reserve the right to alter, if necessary, any points given to teams for any match and also consider an event beyond the control of a team (such as an accident delaying a team from playing for example). The Organisers rulings, however, are final.

## Uniforms

- No jeans, no bare feet (players will not be allowed on court).
- Only non-marking court shoes.
- Sport shorts, appropriate track pants or suitable leggings (NO jean type shorts) Organisers discretion.
- No caps, hats, headgear\*, or dangerous jewelry\*. (\*Organisers have discretion for cultural apparel if deemed safe)

## Duties

- All Referee's must have their own whistle.
- Duty team is responsible for filling out and checking scoresheets for defaults.
- Nominated officials or Court Controller will randomly check game scoresheets during games.
- Teams must provide proficient duty personnel for grade.  
(The Organisers may determine Proficiency)
- Minimum 2 persons for duty: Named or nominated 1<sup>st</sup> ref / scorer, 2<sup>nd</sup> ref / scorer.
- Teams may elect to continue to play to time even if game is officially completed. If both teams wish to continue then the game can continue.

## DEFAULTS

- **Game defaults: \*applied at the discretion of the organisers**
  1. \*6 registered players (registered for that team) not on court at 3 minutes past the official start time and during the match.
  2. Deliberate time delay in timed matches particularly in the last 5 minutes of the match. (organisers discretion...organisers reserve the right to apply sanctions)
  3. Serious Misconduct.
- **Duty defaults: applied at the discretion of the organisers**
  1. Not having 2 proficient duty members for the division either from that team or when an arrangement for substitution has occurred.  
(The Organisers reserve the right to advise of non-suitability before or after a match. Normally this will only apply when a duty team suddenly substitutes non-experienced referees for the grade)
  2. 1<sup>st</sup> ref not proficient for grade.
  3. Serious Misconduct.

## Game Disputes and Misconduct

- Disputes Committee will be formed by Organisers.
- The Captain (ONLY) may write disputes on the scoresheet at the end of a match or on an approved Organisers "Disputes Notice".
- \$50 Disputes fee payable immediately upon confirming a Dispute is lodged.
- No dispute will be considered valid if abuse to the referee is applied.
- Yellow and red cards can be applied as per VNZ rules (even verbally used, if not cards are not available).
- The Organisers can default or ban teams for serious misconduct (no refund).
- The Organisers decisions on disputes shall be final.

## General Game Play Rules

The following are only a guide to gameplay and clarifications may be issued at times.

- Volleyball NZ handling and gameplay rules generally apply.
- Handling rules become more lenient for "Social" grade at the referee's discretion.
- The following applies to **ALL grades**:
  1. The ball may not be carried.
  2. 3 hits are allowed per side (The block does not count as a hit).
  3. A defending player may not block or spike a serve.
  4. A player may not consecutively hit the ball (special rules apply).
  5. A player cannot be called for two hits off a serve or an attack hit (but can be called for carry).
  6. Serves from anywhere behind baseline within the court boundary within 8 secs (rules apply).
  7. Servers must release the ball when serving – no serves off hand or held ball.
  8. A serve that hits the net and passes to the opponent's side counts as a ball in play. A player is only allowed 1 service attempt.
  9. The ball may contact any part of the body.
  10. Players cannot penetrate the center line.
  11. Back Court players may not "attack hit" above the height of the net while in the front court.
  12. SIX PLAYERS ON COURT AT ALL TIMES (registration rules apply) unless otherwise approved by the Organisers.
  13. Time Outs – 2 per set allowed EXCEPT ...NO time outs allowed to be called in the last 5 minutes of a timed match. (Referee to control injury time outs)
  14. Fairplay in all matters on court.
  15. Yellow & Red Cards - per FIVB Rules.

**SPIKING AND POWER SPIKING:**

1. No Power Spiking in “Social Fun” Division.
2. Some Spiking actions may be limited in “Social Fun” Division for safety reasons at the discretion of an organiser or referee.
3. No limits exist for division “Social Competitive” & “A Grade” (FIVB Rules apply).

**SERVING & POWER SERVING:**

1. Power Serving may be banned in “Social Fun” Division at the discretion of the organizers in the interest of Fairplay.

If in doubt what a power serve or power spike is, please ask an organiser.

Please apply common sense and Fairplay for the division and level of skill of the opposition.

**General**

- Only Players & officials only allowed on wood floor area.
- NO SPECTATORS allowed on playing area or between courts.
- The Captain registered on the team sheet is liable for any damage they, their team or supporters may cause.
- Alcohol or drug impaired players, playing in an unsafe or inappropriate manner may be asked to leave the court or stadium area.
- No ball handling on lower floors while games are in progress.
- First Aid assistants are available – ask at the Office for First Aid assistance.

**2. Stadium Rules**

- No smoking within Stadium.
- Only clean, non-marking footwear to be worn on the playing surface. (Please remove dirty footwear before entering the Stadium)
- Parking in Car park areas only.
- No Bicycles, Skateboards or Scooters in stadium.

**Entry into the facilities constitutes an acceptance of the Organisers Rules and Health and Safety policy of Rivercity Volleyball. Team (and individual team players) participation in the competition constitutes an acceptance of the Organisers and Safety policies. All captains upon payment of fees, agree to accept the above conditions and rules on behalf of their teams.**

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Please note Photographers will be taking photos throughout the Tournament.  
Please advise if you have strong objections to any photos you may be in being used for publicity purposes.

*PS. Remember to smile... it looks a lot better 😊*

