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1. AMATEUR DEFINITION:

A Competitor must not have received any financial rewards or material benefits in connection with his or her sports participation, except as permitted hereunder.

A COMPETITOR MAY:

- (a.) Be a physical education or sports teacher who gives elementary instruction.
- (b.) Accept, during the period of preparation and actual competition:
 - (i) assistance administered through the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated:
 - Food and lodging
 - Cost of Transport
 - Pocket money to cover incidental expenses
 - Insurance cover in respect of accidents, illness, personal property and disability
 - Personal sports equipment and clothing
 - Cost of medical treatment, physiotherapy and authorised coaches.
 - (ii) Compensation authorised by the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated, in case of necessity, to cover financial loss resulting from his or her absence from work or basic occupation, on account of preparations for, or participation in, international sports competitions. In no circumstances shall payment made under this provision exceed the sum which the Competitor would have earned in the same periods. The compensation may be paid with the approval of the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated at its discretion.
 - (iii) accept prizes won in competition within the limits of the rules established by the F.I.V.B.
 - (iv) accept academic and technical scholarships.

A COMPETITOR MUST NOT:

- (a.) be or have been a professional athlete in any sport, or contracted to be so.
- (b.) have allowed his/her person, name, picture or sports performance to be used for advertising except when the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated enters into a contract for sponsorship or equipment. All payments must be made to the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated, and not to the individual.
- (c.) Carry advertising material on his person or clothing in international competitions, other than trade marks on technical equipment or clothing.
- (d.) have acted as a professional coach or trainer in any sport.

2. FEEs, DUES, LEVIES

- (a) Each Constituent Association shall pay annually to the Federation affiliation fee as determined from time to time. Such affiliation fee shall become due and payable to on the first day of JULY in each year in respect to the year ending the Thirtieth (30th) day of June following.
- (b) Capitation Fees payable to the Federation per annum shall be determined at the Annual Conference of the Federation.
- (c) School children, not competing in Constituent Associations' competitions, may register with the A.V.F. Incorporated via their respective constituent controlling Association, free of cost.
- (d) Each Constituent Association shall also be liable to pay to the Federation, from time to time, such other fees as may be decided by the Federation.
- (e) The amount of any levy shall be determined by the Federation in Conference or in the interval between Conferences, by a vote of Constituent Associations. In such instance, a two-thirds majority vote of Constituent Associations shall be necessary to authorise a levy.
- (f) Failure by a Constituent Association to meet its commitments on or before the date set for each commitment shall entail the automatic suspension of the Association in default. If payment of the money in arrears and any such fines as deemed appropriate by the Federation is made within thirty (30) days of the set date for payment, the Federation may set aside such suspensions and restore the defaulting Association to membership. Failure by a Constituent Association to meet its financial commitments on or before the thirtieth (30th) day after it has become due shall be deemed a violation as in Constitution (---9. Suspension and Expulsion, and be subject to the provisions of that clause.

3. AUSTRALIAN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (a) The Australian Men's and women's Volleyball Championships shall be conducted between teams representing Constituent Associations of the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated. One (1) only visiting League may be invited to participate in any one Australian Championship.
- (b) The State which is to control the Championships shall be determined by the Annual Conference of the Federation. Where possible, rotation between members shall apply.
- (c) At least four (4) months clear notice of the proposed date and place of the Championships shall be given by the Controlling Association to the Federation and to each other Constituent Association. If, four months prior to the last day on which the Championships can be held, the Federation has not received such notice, the Controlling Association shall be deemed to have forfeited the right to conduct the Championships. The Championships shall then be allotted to the next Constituent Association in succession. No alteration of the proposed date and place may be made without the approval of the Federation.

- (d) Nominations of teams are due to be lodged with the Honorary Secretaries of the Controlling Association and the Federation three (3) months before the date of the first match of the series, and the registrations of players are due to be lodged 21 days before the date of the first match of the series. The number of players registered shall not exceed 12 in each team. If nominations or registrations are not received by the due date, a late fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be charged. After seven days acceptances shall be closed. In the event of withdrawal or illness or for other sufficient reason, additional players may be registered, provided notice is given to the Controlling Association.
- (e) In order to be eligible to represent any Constituent Association the player must be registered with that Association and must be an Australian citizen or a permanent inhabitant of Australia for six (6) months immediately prior to the date of commencement of the series.
- (f) The Controlling Association shall be responsible for the organisation and conduct of the Championships, subject only to the Constitution and By-Laws and the Playing Rules of the Federation. The Controlling Association shall be responsible for all financial matters in respect to the Championships, receiving any profits and bearing any loss. The Controlling Association shall receive a nomination fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) from each competing State.
- (g) The Controlling Association shall submit to the Federation progress reports regarding the organization of the Championships. The first report shall be submitted four months prior to the Championships and following ones at monthly intervals. A final report shall be submitted by the delegates of the Controlling Association at the first session of the Conference. At the conclusion of the Championships, the Controlling Association shall forward to the Honorary Secretary a concise report of the Championships. This report shall include the names of the players of each team, the results of all games and the final placement of all teams in the series.
- (h) The Championships shall be conducted on a round robin basis, with each team playing each other once.
- (i) If two or more teams are level with wins at the conclusion of the rounds, the order shall be determined by the ratio of sets scored for to the sets scored against. If still level, the points scored for and against will be dealt with in the same manner.
- (j) Playing Rules

The Championships Series shall be conducted under the official International Rules as adopted by the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated. The official Score Sheet and Instructions to Scorers, for the Championships Series, shall be those laid down by the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated. The ball to be used in the Championship play shall be made of an airtight rubber case covered with leather or approved by the Australian Volleyball Federation.

(k) Judiciary Committee

Before the commencement of each Championship Series, a Judiciary Committee consisting of one representative of each State shall be appointed. The Judiciary Committee shall determine appeals, protests, reports, etc., arising from the Championship matches, and shall have power to impose disciplinary penalties upon players or officials. In any question referred to the Judiciary Committee, the members representing the States involved shall not take part.

(l) Playing Colours

The playing colours of the State Association uniforms shall be :-

Western Australia:	Yellow - Black
South Australia:	Royal Blue - Gold - White
Victoria:	Navy Blue - White
Tasmania:	Green - Red - Primrose
New South Wales:	Sky Blue - White
Queensland:	Maroon - White
Australian Capital Territory:	Bottle Green - Gold

(m) Referees:

- (i) Before the commencement of each Championship Series, a committee of referees appointed by the Australian Volleyball Referees Commission shall inspect the Championship court/s and equipment and submit a report covering dimensions, etc. to the Annual Conference.
- (ii) The Australian Volleyball Referees Commission shall prepare a Schedule of referees and umpires for all matches.
- (iii) Each Constituent Association shall nominate at least one referee to officiate at the Championships.

4. AUSTRALIAN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (a) The Australian Men's and Women's Volleyball Club Championships shall be conducted between teams representing the champion club of each State.
- (b) The State Association which is to control the Championships shall be determined by the Annual Conference of the Federation or other legal means.
- (c) Nominations of club teams representing each State shall be the responsibility of and be left to the discretion of the respective Constituent State Associations.

- (d) State Associations will forward a nomination fee of twenty (\$20.00) dollars to the host Association in respect of club team (s), participation in the Australian Club Championships.
- (e) It shall be deemed that the champion club in each State as on the thirteenth day of April each year shall be eligible to compete for the Australian Championships for that year.
- (f) To be eligible to compete, players must be registered with the respective clubs for the current year. The registration must be approved by the State Association and lodged with the Australian Volleyball Federation (Incorporated Record Secretary) one (1) month before the date of the first match of the series.
- (g) The competition shall be conducted on a round robin basis, each team playing each other once.
- (h) The winner and the minor placings will be resolved on the basis of most wins scored. If level on wins, the ratio of sets scored for to those scored against in all matches will be used to reach a decision. If these are also level, the ratio of points scored for to those against will be used.
- (i) Unless otherwise stated in Article 4, all By-Laws regulations pertaining to the Australian Men's and Women's Volleyball Championships will apply to the Australian Men's and Women's Club Championships.

5. AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS-
UNDER 20 YEARS AND UNDER 17 YEARS

- (a) The Australian Junior Volleyball Championships, under 20 years and under 17 years shall be conducted between teams representing constituent associations of the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated. The Championships shall be held annually at dates determined by the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated.
- (b) The States which are to control the Championships shall be determined by the Annual Conference of the Federation.
- (c) At least four (4) months clear notice of the proposed date and place of each Championships shall be given by the Controlling Associations to the Federation and to each Constituent Association. If, four (4) months prior to the last day on which the Championships can be held, the Federation has not received such notice, the Controlling Association shall be deemed to have forfeited the right to conduct the Championships. The Championships shall be allotted to the next Constituent Association in succession. No alteration of the proposed dates and places may be made without the approval of the Federation.

- (d) Nominations of teams for each Championships are due to be lodged with the Honorary Secretaries of the Controlling Association and the Federation three (3) months before the date of the first match of the series and the registration of players are due to be lodged 21 days before the date of the first match of the series. The number of players registered in each team shall not exceed twelve (12). If nominations or registrations are not received by the due date, a late fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) shall be charged.
- (e) In order to be eligible to represent any Constituent Association the player must be registered with that Association and must have been an Australian citizen or a permanent inhabitant of Australia for six (6) months immediately prior to the date of commencement of the series.

AGE: All Junior players registered must be either under the age of seventeen (17) years or under twenty (20) years on the 1st JANUARY in the year in which he/she plays in either of the Championships. The Executive Officer of each State Association will furnish the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated Record Secretary with original or copies of Birth certificates or other proof of ages in respect of all players. In cases of dispute, the respective Associations will be responsible for providing proof of age.

- (f) The Controlling Associations for the organisation and conduct of the Championships, subject only to the Constitution and By-Laws and the playing rules of the Federation. The Controlling Associations of each Championships, shall be responsible for all financial matters in respect of the Championships, receiving any profits and bearing any loss. The Controlling Associations shall receive a nomination fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) from each competing State.
- (g) The Controlling Associations shall submit to the Federation progress reports regarding the organising of the Championships. The first reports shall be submitted four (4) months prior to the Championships and following ones at monthly intervals. At the conclusion of each Championships, the Controlling Associations shall send to the Honorary Secretary a concise report of each Championships. These reports shall contain the names of the players of each team, the results of all matches played and the final placement of all teams in each series.
- (h) Each series shall be conducted on a round robin basis. The fixtures shall be made by lot drawing to be carried out by the Controlling Associations six (6) weeks prior to each Championships. The draw for each Championship shall be circulated to each State five (5) weeks prior to each Championship. If any objection is to be made, then it must be in the hands of the host State concerned within two (2) weeks of date of notice of draw.

- (i) If teams are level with wins at the conclusion of all rounds, the order shall be determined by the ratio of sets scored for to sets scored against. If still level, the points scored for and against will be dealt with in the same manner.

(j) Playing Rules

Unless otherwise stated the Championships series shall be conducted under the official volleyball rules as adopted by the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated. However, it will be the discretion of the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships Committee to determine the height of the net for both Junior Men's and both Junior Women's Championships. The official score sheet for both Championships shall be those laid down by the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated. The ball used in Championships play shall be that approved by the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated.

- (k) (i) The Australian Volleyball Referees Commission shall prepare a Schedule of referees and umpires for all matches.
- (ii) Each constituent Association shall nominate at least one referee to officiate at the championships.

(l) Judiciary Committee

Before the commencement of each Championships series, a Judiciary Committee, consisting of one representative of each State, shall be appointed. The Judiciary Committee shall determine appeals, protests, reports, etc., arising from Championships matches and shall have power to impose disciplinary penalties upon players or officials. In any question referred to the Judiciary Committee, the members representing the State involved shall not take part.

(m) Playing Colours

The playing colours of all Championship Teams shall be those as adopted by the Constituent State Associations.

(n) Trophies

For each Championship (Men and Women), the winning team shall be awarded a challenge trophy. A medallion shall be given to the individual members of the team with a maximum number of twelve (12).

6. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

The regulation and control of all matters whatsoever in connection with the selection, management and control of all teams of Australian Volleyball players to represent Australia shall be under the sole jurisdiction of the Federation with power to delegate all or any of its duties or powers to any Constituent Association or person or persons.

7. APPEALS

- (a) When an Appeal, arising from decisions and/or actions of a Constituent State Association is desired to be made, the letter of Appeal, together with a statement of the facts of the case, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Federation. In addition, it shall be necessary to forward seven (7) other copies to the Federation and, at the same time, one copy to the Secretary of the State Association concerned. The Secretary of the Federation shall immediately notify the State Association concerned of the motion of the appellant.
- (b) On receipt of such an Appeal, the Secretary of the State Association shall forward to the Federation, within twenty-eight (28) days, a statement together with seven (7) copies relative to the facts of the Appeal. If not received within this time, the Secretary of the Federation shall proceed without the Statement.
- (c) The Secretary of the Federation shall, in consultation with the President, determine the manner in which the Appeal is to be decided. The following methods are permissible -
- (i) A mail vote of the Federation may be taken and the decision shall be final.
 - (ii) The hearing may be deferred until the next Conference of the Federation, and the decision taken by the Conference, which shall be final.
 - (iii) The hearing of the Appeal may be delegated to a single arbitrator or to a Tribunal of three independent persons, acceptable to both sides, whose decision shall be final.
- (d) Any delegate of the Conference or member of the Executive Committee shall be debarred from taking part in the proceedings of the body, when engaged in the settlement of any appeal in which such members are, or the Constituent State Association which they represent is a party. Each member of the Executive however, shall be in receipt of all correspondence relative to the appeal, including ballot papers.
- (e) Costs of the hearing of the Appeal may be charged to either party by decision of the Executive Committee of the Federation.

8. POWERS AND DUTIES OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS

- (1.) Each affiliated State Association shall retain powers of administration and control of amateur volleyball within the State, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Federation. The selection and control of State representative teams and the management of the State Championships shall be the responsibility of the State Association.

(2) It is the duty of a State Association -

- (a) To become affiliated to the State Olympic Council, and to co-operate with the other State Amateur bodies in promoting the interests of amateur sport.
- (b) To effectively carry out the enforcement of the amateur laws of the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated.
- (c) To register all amateur volleyball players within the State and pay to the Federation annually the levy due.
- (d) To accept as affiliated members, and to provide representation on the State Council for all Amateur Volleyball Associations within the State desirous of affiliation, competent to conduct an amateur volleyball competition under the Playing Rules of the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated and willing to accept the obligations of membership as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Association (subject to these having been approved by the Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated as provided in Section 6. of the Constitution Laws of the Federation.
- (e) To encourage and promote amateur volleyball as widely as possible, but in particular in the schools, colleges and universities and in country centres.
- (f) To promote Men's and Women's Volleyball under the International Playing Rules.

9. INTERSTATE TRANSFERS

- (a) Any person registered as a playing member of a Constituent Association or its affiliations, must first obtain a certificate of clearance from the Constituent Association for the State in which he is registered before being eligible to compete as a member of any other Constituent Association Representative Team.
- (b) The Certificate of Clearance, reproduced in Appendix A, shall be in accordance with Australian Volleyball Federation Incorporated Regulations and shall be signed by the Secretary of the Constituent Association granting the clearance.
- (c) Should any Constituent Association refuse to grant an Interstate Clearance upon application by any member as aforesaid, the applicant shall have the right of appeal against the decision, such appeal being referred to the Executive Council.

- (d) Any Association receiving an application for a clearance must deal with it within twenty-eight (28) days and inform the applicant in writing of any decision taken.
- (e) The Executive Committee shall be empowered to ratify or veto the decisions of the Constituent Associations.

10. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership of the Federation may be conferred upon any person who has rendered outstanding service to volleyball and to the Federation provided that:

- (i) The Executive Committee shall present to the Federation a written report outlining the history of the service of the nominee, together with recommendations as to the suitability of the honour.
- (ii) Notice of Motion to elect a Life Member shall be given in writing to the Hon. Secretary not less than 60 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- (iii) The election of life member shall require a majority of three-fourths of the delegates present and voting at an Annual General Meeting.
- (iv) A life member shall be a permanent member of the Federation without voting power.
- (v) A life member appointed as an office bearer or to a Committee or sub-committee by the Federation shall be entitled to vote within the Executive or within the Committee or Sub-Committee whichever the case may be, and
- (vi) A life member appointed as a delegate by a Constituent association shall have the voting rights of the delegate.

AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION INCORPORATED

INTERSTATE TRANSFER

Ihereby apply
to have my Registration transferred from the
to the
Date

Signature of Applicant.

CERTIFICATE OF CLEARANCE

I certify that the
has approved of the above Interstate Transfer.
Date

Secretary.