

## Amendments to the NVL Regulations for the 2013-2014 season

(All changes are highlighted in **bold**)

### Section B – Organisation of fixtures

#### Regulation B1 Pre Season Fixture Arrangements

Teams will be provided with the draft fixtures well in advance. At that time teams may enter mutual discussions and request agreed amendments to the proposed fixtures. Any such proposals must be agreed in writing by both teams, and confirm the new date, time and venue. Any such changes will need to be approved by the Competition Commission, who shall seek to ensure that teams do not gain a competitive advantage by delaying matches, delaying the start or conclusion of the season, or a team playing significantly more, or less, matches than other teams in the Division by key dates. No team in the cup/shield **should** arrange an NVL match onto any cup/shield date during the draft fixture process. Match rearrangements during the season (e.g. due to adverse weather) will be considered by divisional commissioners taking into account the teams continued participation in the cup/shield. After the amended draft fixtures have been returned to Volleyball England National Office, no other changes will be allowed except under very exceptional circumstances.

### Section C – Registration

#### Regulation C1 Players

iv. Players cannot be registered after 1st February during the season, except with the express approval of the Divisional Commissioner. (This will only be permitted in emergencies to enable games to take place e.g. where less than six registered players are medically fit or are available to play. **Written confirmation of Registered Players non-availability will be required before agreeing to an Emergency Registration**). The emergency registered player will be eligible to play for the team for the remainder of the season, but will **not** be able to play up for another team.

#### Regulation C3 Transfers

iv. Unless under contract, a player is deemed to become a free agent if they have not played in the NVL in the preceding two seasons, and have no documented indebtedness to a previous NVL Club. Teams are strongly advised to consult the player registration information available **from the Volleyball England National Office** to confirm the status of a player. Clubs registering new players should always be aware of the possibility of the need to formally transfer, and should take the following steps:

### Section D – Preparation for matches

#### Regulation D1 The Home Team is responsible for:

- v. Facilities
- (1) **Court Surface - flat, smooth, non-slippery and safe**
- (2) Free Zone - minimum 3m around court with preferably 5m to rear
- (3) Height Clearance - minimum 7.5m above playing surface
- (4) Court Markings - correct, unbroken as per FIVB court layout
- (5) Temperature - minimum **13°C**
- (6) Lighting - adequate, even, minimum 500 lux
- (7) Team Bench - size, and safely positioned
- (8) Warm up area - 3m x 3m, correctly positioned
- (9) Spectator seating - available
- (10) Sanctions box - 1m x 1m on the scorer's side of the court, outside of the with seat free zone and beyond the end line.

vi. Equipment

(4) Posts - rounded, smooth and safe

(5) Balls - **Only approved FIVB balls must be used in all competitions (see FIVB Sports Regulations Page 144 Annexe page 8).**

*(Two identical balls are required for a one ball system and 4 for a three ball system).*

vii. Supplying a Scorer, at least two competent Lines Judges and a visual scoreboard in all cases. **All Technical Officials** should be competent in the performance of their duties. The Scorer must be the same person throughout the match and be present at least 30 minutes before the start of the match. Line Judges should be present at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the match.

**Regulation D4 Referees:**

ix. The same Referee should **not be expected** to officiate in all three matches of a triangular.

**Regulation D5 Cup fixtures:**

i. The Referee Commission **will endeavour** to appoint the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> referees to K.O. Cup and Shield matches.

ii. The home team in Cup and Shield fixtures must inform both the Cup Commissioner and the NVL Referee Commissioner of the date, venue and warm-up time of the fixture, **within 4 days of completing the previous round. Matches are to be played on the date published in the fixtures list.**

**Section E – Arrangements at matches**

**Regulation E2 Golden Set:**

i. Where Competitions Commission have directed that a 2-legged match will be decided by a Golden Set then the following will be applied.

ii. A Golden Set will only be played where each leg has been won by a different Team. This is irrespective of any set or points difference between the 2 legs.

iii. The Divisional Commissioner is to ensure that the Referee of the Second Leg knows who won the First Leg so the requirement of the Golden Set may be determined

iv. The interval between the end of the Second Leg and the Golden Set shall be 5 minutes.

v. The Golden Set shall be played as if it were the 5<sup>th</sup> Set of a normal game, i.e. first to 15 points with an advantage of 2. All other rules relating to a 5<sup>th</sup> Set shall be applied to the Golden Set.

vi. Any sanctions applied in the Second Leg shall carry forward to the Golden Set.

vii. The Golden Set Scoresheet is to be used – any players or Team Officials sanctions by Disqualification in the Second Leg may not take part in the Golden Set, neither may any player who left the Second Leg through injury.

viii. Equally any player or Team Official serving a suspension during the Second Leg may not take part in the Golden Set.

**Regulation E4 Arrival of teams**

iv. If a fixture or competition is cancelled by Volleyball England then any expenses incurred by the participating Teams or Referees will not be refunded.

**Regulation E7 Other team Officials**

i. At all Volleyball England matches, a team shall nominate a coach for the match. This can be either a coach, who must be registered with Volleyball England as a Coach and present their **Bench Personnel Registration card**, or a player member (of that team). Their name and registration number shall appear legibly on the scoresheet. Only a qualified and registered Coach with Volleyball England shall be able to be recorded as Coach on the scoresheet **and must present their Bench Personnel card.**

## Section G – Penalties, Protests and Appeals

### Regulation G1 Penalties

- ii. In the Super 8s Divisions breaches which result in a game not being played and/or forfeited will have a minimum fine of £500 and a review by the Competitions Commission as to the future of that Team within the League.
- ix. Should, during the season, a team be issued with a fine an invoice will be sent to the Team addressed to the Team Secretary. This must be paid within 14 days from the date on the invoice.

### Regulation G4 Remarks on the Scoresheet

- i. Comments relating in any way to the competence of the match Referees **must** not be recorded on the scoresheet.

### Regulation G4 Protests

- i. All disputes must be referred in writing to the Volleyball England National Office as soon as possible prior to the scheduled match date, or within five days after the match took place or **when the decision was made**. Disputes beyond this period shall not be entertained.
- iv. Only disputes regarding the technical application of any sanction will be considered. **This does not cover the award of Red cards.**

## Section H – Misconduct

**Regulation H2** In the case of expulsion or disqualification, the first referee will submit a full report (RC9) to the Volleyball England National Office and to the NVL Referee Commissioner after the match.

### Regulation H3 Penalty Points

- i. A player, coach or authorised bench personnel who receives a penalty for misconduct (**red** card) will be charged 3 disciplinary points.
- ii. A player, coach or authorised bench personnel who is expelled (red and **yellow card jointly**) for repetition of a misconduct offence during the match will be charged 5 disciplinary points
- iii. A player, coach or authorised bench personnel who is expelled (red and **yellow card jointly**) for a single offence during the match will be charged 5 disciplinary points
- iv. A player, coach or authorised bench personnel who is expelled (red and yellow card jointly) following a penalty for a different offence during a match will be charged 5 disciplinary points. These five points are in addition to the 3 disciplinary points where a person has received a previous penalty.
- v. A player, coach or authorised bench personnel who is disqualified (red and yellow card **separately**) during a match will be charged 9 disciplinary points. Where disqualification results from aggressive conduct, these 9 points will add to any previous disciplinary points received during the match. If disqualification occurs as a result of other misconduct following an expulsion, the 9 points will replace the 5 points awarded for expulsion.

## Section I – End of Season

### Regulation I4 Promotion and Relegation

- iv. All teams in a promotion position must take their place in the appropriate division if permitted to do so by other regulations. However, in exceptional circumstances the Competitions Commission may review the situation if a written submission is received by 1st **May** during the current season.

## Section J – Regulations for Specific Competitions

### Regulation J1 Volleyball England K.O. Cup

iv. An NVL registered player may chose to play for a non-NVL team in the Cup different from the club/team which holds his / her NVL registration, provided:

- (6) **NVL teams may contain non-NVL registered players subject to that player having an affinity with that team ie a player from the same Club.**
- x. **Shirt numbers must be numbered between 1 and 20**
- xi. **Matches must be played on the scheduled date unless agreed in writing by the Cup Commissioner.**

## Section K – Instructions to Referees

- ii. First referees are required to notify the Competitions Commission of any inadequacies in playing conditions **by recording** them on the scoresheet. (Regulation D1. )
- iii. First referees are required to ensure that the number of sets played by a player, who it is advised is playing up from one team to another, is recorded on both the players registration card and the scoresheet (Unless a Junior – see Regulation E6 viii(2)).
- viii. Referees should only allow players, coaches or bench personnel, in possession of a valid, current registration card for that team, to sit on a team bench or otherwise participate in a match. (Regulation E7. iii refers)

## Section O – Appendices

### Appendix B - Pre Match Protocol

	The total warm-up will last for 30 minutes. <i>Prior to the start of the 30 minutes the Home Team</i> prepares the court (See NVL Regulation D 1) and erects the posts and net. NOTE: The preparation of the court and the correct erection of the net is <i>not</i> the responsibility of the referees; they are only responsible for checking the facility and equipment. The NVL warm-up protocol is as follows:	
a)	- 45 mins	Referees courtside and in uniform.
b)	- 30 mins	Net ready for initial height check by Referees. <b>Home team to adjust net height if necessary</b>
c)	- 30 mins	Scorer to be present. Team and Referee registration cards submitted to the scorer. Scorer commences scoresheet.
		Home team provides the match balls. <b>Second</b> Referee checks match balls conform to the rules and are at the correct pressure.