

Amendments to the NVL Regulations for the 2014-2015 season
(All changes are highlighted in **bold**)

Regulation A 1.

To enter the National Volleyball League (NVL), each team must

- i. Have paid a goodwill deposit of **£100.00**
- ii. Have any outstanding debts with Volleyball England (English Volleyball Association Ltd) from previous seasons cleared. Teams in debt to the Association may not be permitted **to play fixtures if the previous season's debts are not cleared by the 31st July. Teams / Clubs with historic debts to Volleyball England will not be permitted entry to the NVL until the debts are cleared and the matter resolved by the Competitions Commission**

Regulation A 10.

Disputes.

- ii. **A Competitions Commissioner has the delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the Competitions Commission to facilitate the day to day running of a competition.**
- iii. **Where appropriate the Competitions Commissioner can impose fines and / or deadlines to facilitate the smooth running of a competition.**

Regulation B 1.

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 Competitions 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 **entered** in the Cup/Shield **will** 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.

Regulation B 2.

viii. Under no circumstances (other than with prior consent of the Competitions Commission) can fixtures be played after the close of the NVL season, the date of which is published as part of the Volleyball England calendar. The NVL end of season date is the **26th April 2015**.

Regulation C 2.

vi. All Bench Personnel (**including Coaches**) must register with Volleyball England and submit a photo when applying for their Bench Personnel card.

Regulation D 1.

ii. Booking a period of three hours for single matches and seven hours for triangular matches. If less is booked and time runs out, the home team will forfeit the last match in which they played. If, after the recommended hours booked the matches have not been completed, the teams concerned will rearrange the outstanding fixture at an agreed venue and date approved by the Divisional Commissioner as acceptable to the teams involved. The teams involved will share total costs (**ie the cost of travel of the away team, venue and Referees costs**) of the new match equally. This ruling includes unfinished matches.

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. **Failure to provide the Technical Officials will result in a £10 fine.**

Regulation D 3.

Single match	Super 8's	£17
	Div 1	£14
	Div 2	£14
	Div 3	£12
Matches 1 & 3 of a triangular	Div 2	£34
Matches 1 & 3 of a triangular	Div 3	£30
All three matches of a triangular (exceptional circumstances only)	Div 2	£52
All three matches of a triangular (exceptional circumstances only)	Div 3	£46
Cup	Rounds	£14
	Semis & Finals	£17

Regulation D 4.

vii. Where the NVL appointments Sub-Committee of the Referee Commission has not appointed Referees for the match, the home team is responsible for appointing them, **and should start this process after the season's fixtures and Referee appointments have been published. Where a Team appoints its own Referee it must notify the WhoTheRef Administrator that the appointment has been made.** If the visiting team objects to the Referee appointments made by the home team then this should be referred to the Referee Appointment Committee.

viii. **Teams are not permitted to cancel any Referee appointed by the NVL Appointment Sub-Committee and appoint their own.**

ix. **Details of Referee appointments and vacancies are available from www.WhosTheRef.com**

x. **In case of difficulty finding Referees the secretary should contact the Regional Referee Administrator or NVL Referee Commissioner with details of efforts made so far for advice and information. Evidence of the home teams' efforts to obtain referees must be made available to the Divisional Commissioner and the NVL Referee Commissioner in case of a complaint.**

xii. **If a home team has not been able to source two qualified and registered match officials then they should notify their opponents, Divisional Commissioner and NVL Referee Commissioner. Whilst it is always preferable to have qualified and registered officials it is recognised that there is insufficient referee availability on occasions. The home team should look to source a qualified referee to fulfil the fixture with someone who is not on the NVL Panel this season, but may be officiating regularly in local leagues. Failing that the home team should source the most competent, experienced and suitable person eg player or coach, to act as second official, again advising opposition and Commissioners.**

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Regulation F 1.

i. Sending the top copy of the Scoresheet, Libero Control sheet (as necessary), Match day protocol sheet **and for Super 8s only a copy of the match day programme** to the National Office by first class post on the first working day after the match. In the event of late arrival of this copy at the National Office, the date of cancellation of the first class stamp will be used to see whether a team should be fined. s

Regulation G 1.

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.

Regulation G 6.

i. On filing an appeal with the Volleyball England National Office against the decision of a Commissioner, a copy of the appeal shall be sent to any other affected party at the time of submission. A deposit of £100.00 **must** be paid when lodging any appeal, with such deposit to be returned in the event that the appeal is successful. The Volleyball England National Office should give out the relevant documents to each affected party. **No appeal will be considered unless a copy of the appeal submission and the £100 deposit is received by Volleyball England with the 14 day deadline.**

vii. Any party wishing to refer to any document or letter shall submit copies of such items to all parties concerned at least **7** days prior to the appeal being heard. **All parties will have a right to reply within a deadline of 3 days**

xi. No appeals of any description whatsoever shall be considered unless filed within 14 days of notification of the original decision **and the relevant deposit paid**. Original decisions are those made by the Commissioner at the time and on the available information. Once the decision is made no further information will be considered, nor decisions reviewed, except under appeal. Therefore, teams are reminded that they must submit all information for consideration when asking for a Commissioner ruling.

Regulation G 7.

i. There shall be a right of appeal of the decision of the Competitions Commission to the Volleyball England Judicial Panel. Any appeal must be submitted to the Volleyball England National Office within 14 days of the Appeal decision date and be accompanied with a £100 deposit. Timescales for the Judicial Panel Review will be notified by the Chairperson of the Judicial Panel.

Section N Minimum operating standards

Match Programmes

All Super 8's teams are required to produce programmes for all home matches **and a copy is to be sent to Volleyball England Head Office along with the Scoresheet.**

Team Lists

All divisions – Teams are to present the scorer with a Team List specifying Players Name, Shirt No. and Registration No., and any Libero Player(s).

Non compliance with the MOS **will be subject to a fine under Regulation G 1.**; repetitive non compliance will be reviewed by the Competitions Commission.

Regulation O 1.

- i. No player or club/team representative shall place or attempt to place a bet on a match or other event or competition in which they or their club participates.**
- ii. No player or club/team representative shall solicit or facilitate, or attempt to solicit or facilitate, another person to bet on a match or other event or competition in which they or their club participates.**
- iii. No player or club/team representative shall offer, or attempt to offer, a bribe in order to fix or contrive a result or the progress of a match or other event or competition in which they or their club participates.**
- iv. No player or club/team representative shall receive, seek or attempt to receive or seek a bribe in order to fix or contrive a result or the progress of a match or other event or competition in which they or their club participates.**
- v. A player or club/team representative shall report any approach or other activity which contravenes, or which may contravene, the sport's rules on betting to their respective commissioner, co-operate with any investigation and/or request for information including the provision of documentation (e.g. telephone/betting records to officials engaged in the investigation of suspected integrity issues in the sport in relation to betting)**
- vi. A player or club/team representative shall perform to the best of their ability in any match or other event in which they participate in.**
- vii. Any breach of this regulation will be dealt with under Regulation H 7 Conduct.**