

Amendments to the NVL Regulations for the 2015-2016 season
(All changes are highlighted in **bold**)

Introduction

For Under 15's, Under 16's, Under 18's, Inter Regional, Student Cup **and Sitting indoor volleyball** competitions, please refer to the Volleyball England website for current rules.

In writing these Regulations we have tried to ensure that the result of any volleyball match is decided on court and within the spirit of the game.

Regulation A 3.

Before competing in any Volleyball England competition, each team must:

iv. Have a qualified and registered coach (minimum Level 2) committed to supporting that Team. (Where a current NVL team does not meet this requirement they have until the start of the 2018/19 season in which to comply)

Regulation A 5.

Conditions for a New Entrant into the National Volleyball League will normally include:

vi. A Team must have a qualified and registered coach (**minimum Level 2**) committed to supporting the NVL team.

Regulation B 2.

During the season

iii. Only under very exceptional circumstances, fixtures may be rearranged with prior consent of the appropriate Commissioner and the opposition. Requests for rearrangement must be made to the Divisional Commissioner at least 21 days prior to the original fixture date. Consideration of requests with less than 21 days' notice will only be considered in the most extreme circumstances. The National Office must be kept informed of the changes. **Teams must be aware that sourcing Referees for changed fixtures may well be problematic and must be prepared to source their own.** *Requests to re-arrange a fixture due to holiday arrangements is not considered to be a very exceptional circumstance.*

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 **24th April 2016**.

Regulation C 1.

iv. Players cannot be registered after 1st March 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 **seven** 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 C 2.

i. Any other personnel **needing** to sit on the team bench under FIVB International Rule 4 must be registered with the Volleyball England National Office.

Regulation D 1.

viii. **(8) Where the match is the 2nd match of a double header then it must be made clear in the match confirmation that this is the case and that the match start time may be subject to delay based on the finish time of the previous match.**

Regulation D 3.

Single match	Super 8's	£19
	Div 1	£16
	Div 2	£16
	Div 3	£14
Matches 1 & 3 of a triangular	Div 2	£38
Matches 1 & 3 of a triangular	Div 3	£34
All three matches of a triangular (exceptional circumstances only)	Div 2	£56
All three matches of a triangular (exceptional circumstances only)	Div 3	£52
Cup	Rounds	£16
	Semis & Finals	£19

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 **NVL Referee Commissioner** 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.

Regulation E 1.

ii. **Technical timeouts will be used in all Super 8s and Division 1 NVL matches. In Divisions 2 and 3 and the National Cup/Shield they are optional. If either Teams requests the use of Technical Timeouts prior to the start of match then they will be used.**

iii. Super 8s teams are **encouraged** to produce programmes for all home matches.

iv. **Women are ineligible to play in Men's competitions and vice-versa.**

v. **Trans-Gender – For details refer to Volleyball England's Policy**

Regulation E 6.

ii. Any missing player registration **details** will need an explanation; 'with Volleyball England' will **not** be accepted. Any player without registration **details** at a match must have an email from Volleyball England (and present photographic identification e.g driver's licence, passport etc) to confirm registration

iv. (2) The team registering the player shall forward the **completed form** by first class post at the conclusion of the game.

iv. (3) Confirmation that a player's registration is with the Volleyball England Office must be obtained if **the player's details do not appear on the relevant NVL team page on the Volleyball England website** within 7 days of submission. Failure to obtain this confirmation will make this player ineligible to play until the completed documentation has been received.

viii. (1) A club, having two or more teams competing in the NVL, once having nominated the team to which each player belongs, shall be entitled to play a lower team player in that club's higher team for up to 10 sets during the current season (i.e. appearance in that set whether for 1 point or the whole set and if a Libero player, whether they enter the court or not) without the necessity of transfer. It is the Club's responsibility to notify both Referees and Scorer before the start of the match as to which players are involved. If a player is found to have played for the lower team

after automatically being transferred up, then that player will be considered an unlawful player and the team will forfeit the game

Regulation E 7.

iii. A Coach from another team who wishes to act as Coach **for another team must be registered** as a Bench Personnel for that team.

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. In Divisions 1, 2 and 3 breaches which result in the fixture not being played and/or forfeited will have a minimum fine of **£100** for a first offence, and **£200** for a second and any subsequent offence and a review by the Competitions Commission as to the future of that team. **In Divisions 1, 2 and 3 where a Team fails to play either of its last two games of the season, the fine will be £200.**

Regulation H 4.

vi. Coaches and Authorised Bench Personnel who receive suspensions will serve their ban in their next scheduled **League / Cup** match with the team they accumulated the points with regardless of their role within that team.

Regulation H 7.

vi. There shall be a right of appeal to the Volleyball England Judicial Panel **of any decision made by the Disciplinary Sub Committee.**