

Amendments to the NVL Regulations for the 2017-2018 season
(All changes are highlighted in bold)

Updated the document to reflect the changes in the VE organisation removing references to the Head Office and replacing with the Hub and updated titles as required

Updated the document to make it easier to navigate and use by adding hyperlinks, bookmarks and an index.

Updated the various dates for this season.

Updated numbering as required.

Regulation A 5. Conditions for a New Entrant into the National Volleyball League will normally include:

- v. **The Regional / Area Association or Club should provide name(s) and letter(s) of support from evidence of referee development such that a minimum of one qualified and registered referee(s), who are from there, not currently officiating in the National League, but are prepared to do so.**

Regulation A 9. Club Structure

- iii. Where clubs seek to amalgamate then the **Volleyball England Hub** shall be supplied with full details including detailed minutes, details of who attended meetings, and such other information as the **Volleyball England Hub** may require. Volleyball England has a role in ensuring that clubs are formed correctly and with the consent of those involved.

Regulation C 1. Players

- i. All teams must register a minimum of 8 players by the 1st August before the start of the season. A valid registration requires a completed NVL registration form, with photo attached (or emailed to competitions@volleyballengland.org) and the required registration fee complete with player signature. Failure to adhere to the deadline will result in a £25 administration charge.

Regulation C 3. Transfers ([See Appendix A](#))

- v. **International Transfers;**
 - (1) **Any player that has previously held a National License with another Volleyball Federation before being registered with Volleyball England will require an International Transfer. International Transfers are bound by the Regulations set out by the FIVB. International Transfers are initiated by the Volleyball England Hub.**
 - (2) **Any Team found to play anyone who does not have the 'approved' ITC certificate will forfeit any match 3-0 (25-0, 25-0, 25-0) and will lose their match point.**
 - (3) **It is the responsibility of Teams to ensure that any 'emergency registered' players do not require an International Transfer.**
 - (4) **All Divisions within the NVL are bound by the ITC Regulations.**

- (5) Any team who play in any CEV European Competition are required to have International Transfers for all players that require them. This applies to all Volleyball England approved Competitions including the National Cup and Shield.

Regulation D 1. The Home Team is responsible for:

*Any delay to the start of a match attributed to lack of equipment, the home team will be penalised in accordance with regulation [E 5. Late Arrival](#); **this does not apply to equipment failures during the Warm Up or the match; these shall be dealt with in accordance with the Rules of the Game as Exceptional Delays.***

Regulation D 3. Expenses for Match Officials:

Expenses for Match Officials should be paid prior to the match or by electronic payment within 3 Working Days of the match (i.e. by Thursday morning for a weekend match).

Regulation I 4. Promotion and Relegation

- vi. **Men's and Women's Division 1**
- (1) The winners of the Division will be promoted to the Super 8s for 2018-19.
 - (2) The team finishing 2nd will play off against the 7th placed team in the Super 8s. The winner will play in the Super 8s in 2018-19 and the losers in Division 1. This match will be played at a central venue organised by Volleyball England with the costs shared.
 - (3) The team finishing 8th in Division 1 will playoff in a triangular against the two 2nd placed teams in Division 2. The winner will play in Division 1 in 2018-19 and the losers in Division 2. The fixture will take place at a central venue organised by Volleyball England with the costs shared.
 - (4) The teams finishing 9th and 10th will be relegated to Division 2 for 2018-19.
- viii. **Men's and Women's Division 2 South**
- (1) The winners of each Division will be promoted to Division 1 for 2018-19.
 - (2) The 2nd place team in the Divisions will playoff in a triangular against the 8th place in Division 1 and the 2nd place team in Division 2 North. The fixture will take place at a central venue organised by Volleyball England with the costs shared. The winner will play in Division 1 in 2018-19 and the losers in Division 2.
 - (3) The team finishing 8th in Division 2 South will playoff in a triangular against the 2nd placed teams in Division 3 South East and Division 3 South West. The winner will play in Division 2 in 2018-19 and the losers in Division 3. The fixture will take place at a central venue organised by Volleyball England with the costs shared.

- (4) The team finishing 9th and 10th will be relegated to Division 3 for 2018-19.
- x. **Men's and Women's Division 3 South East and South West**
 - (1) The winners of the Division will be promoted to Division 2 for 2018-19.
 - (2) The teams finishing 2nd in Division 3 South East and Division 3 South West will playoff in a triangular against the 8th placed team in Division 2 South. The winner will play in Division 2 in 2018-19 and the losers in Division 3. The fixture will take place at a central venue organised by Volleyball England with the costs shared.

Appendix A – Procedure for Player Transfers

- 8. There will be a **£21.00** transfer fee for administration work involved.

Appendix C - Pre Match Protocol

f)	-13 mins	<p>Presentation of teams. Teams to line up on the side lines near the scorer's table from the third meter line towards the respective baselines. On the first referee whistle 12 players to enter the court lining up laterally in the middle of the court facing (the scorer table or the main TV camera). Referees to walk towards the first referee chair. The players of the two teams shake hands and return to their respective benches. Referees to return to the scorer's table.</p>
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