

Amendments to the NVL Regulations for the 2018-2019 season

We have made changes to the regulations to make it simpler, easy and cheaper for Clubs as well as clarifying a number of rules based on questions raised by teams.

Updated the document to reflect the changes in the VE organisation removing references to Commissions and replacing with the Working Group and updated titles as required

Updates to reflect the changes to the Super League

Updated the various dates for this season.

Updated numbering as required.

Updated links and references where required.

Regulation A 3

- iv. Have a qualified and registered coach (minimum Level 2) committed to supporting that Team. To help clubs become compliant with the regulation, the full implementation of the rule has been staggered:
Clubs who currently have a level two registered coach must remain compliant.
All teams in the Super League and Division 1 need to have a Level 2 qualified coach by the beginning of the 2018/19 season.
For Division 2 teams, their deadline is the start of the 2019/20 season.
Division 3 teams have an extra year and must have a Level 2 coach by the start of the 2020/21 season.
To be considered compliant with the rule, a team must have a coach who is at least registered as a learner on a Level 2 coaching course, appearing on their team's Volleyball England page.
Teams which fail to meet the deadline will be sanctioned and deducted one league point for each match it plays until they become compliant.

Regulation B 2. During the Season

- ix. Normally fixtures can not be played after the end of season date of 22nd April 2019. Any such requests will be under truly exceptional circumstances and will be decided by the competitions working group.

Regulation C 1. Players

- i. All teams should register a minimum of 8 players by the 1st September 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 may result in a £25 administration charge.

Regulation D 1. The Home Team is responsible for:

- i. Arranging for the availability of the venue (facilities) – [see D1.v](#) and the equipment – [see D1.vi](#). For all Volleyball England competitions, only equipment deemed suitable, fit for purpose and safe, or which has FIVB approval may be used unless the Competitions Working Group gives prior agreement. The playing conditions must conform to those laid down in the current FIVB Official Volleyball Rule Book.

- v. Facilities
 - (5) Temperature - minimum 10°C

- vii. Supplying a competent Scorer and at least two competent Lines Judges in Division 2 and above and a visual scoreboard in all cases. All Technical Officials should be competent in the performance of their duties.

- viii. Confirming in writing to the Secretary of the visiting team, the match Referees, the Volleyball England Hub and the Divisional Working Group Lead **at least 14 days**, and not more than 21 days (according to the postmark, or email delivery receipt) prior to the date of the match, in the same letter or email
 - (6) The names of the Referees; TBC is not acceptable; Away Teams must know who is scheduled to Officiate
 - (8) Where the match is the 2nd match of a Double header (only two NVL League/Cup/Shield fixtures and *not* any other preceding match) 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. Expenses for Match Officials:

Expenses for Match Officials should be paid on the day, preferably by electronic transfer, or by electronic transfer within 3 Working Days of the match (i.e. by Thursday morning for a weekend match).

Single match	Super League	£20
	Div 1	£17
	Div 2	£17
	Div 3	£15
Matches 1 & 3 of a triangular	Div 2	£40
Matches 1 & 3 of a triangular	Div 3	£36
Cup	Rounds	£17
	Semis	£20
All Competitions Finals (except where Tournament fees apply)	Finals	£25

Regulation D 4. Referees

- vii. Where the NVL appointments Sub-Committee of the Officials Group 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. The Officials Group Appointment committee will continue to actively try and appoint Referees up to 3 weeks before the fixture is played; after that the Home Team is solely responsible for sourcing Officials, except in cases where the match is only confirmed within that 3-week window (e.g. re-arrangements or Cup and Shield Fixtures). Where a Team appoints its own Referee it must notify the NVL Officials Group Member 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 NVL Officials Group Member.

- xi. Where only 2 Officials have been appointed to a Triangular Fixture they will be expected to officiate all 3 matches. If the Home Team wishes to officiate the middle Fixture, then both Officials must be currently registered with VE and the First Referee must be at least Grade IIIIR.

Regulation E 3. The schedule

Note: As the home team alone is responsible for the venue and equipment, venue changes, double bookings, missing equipment will not normally be considered to be outside the control of the team.

Regulation E 4. Arrival of teams

iii. Where a team is delayed by factors that are wholly out of a team's control (e.g. public transport breakdown on the day) and can be backed up by professional and independent reports of confirmation (e.g. Public transport company, Police, Motoring organisation) indicating driving conditions and advice, this can be considered by the Competitions Working Group as an extenuating circumstance.

Regulation E 9. Bad Weather

In the event of bad weather, teams should make every effort to play their fixtures whilst taking responsibility for their own safety. If either team feels they are unable to complete the fixture they must ensure they have professional and independent evidence (e.g. Weather, Public transport company, Police, Motoring organisation, Sports Hall) indicating travel conditions and advice or hall closure notice. Teams are expected to call and email the opposition, the Referees and the relevant Competitions Working Group Divisional Lead as soon as possible and at the same time agree a date for the match to take place.

Regulation F 1. Scoresheet and Match day protocol

ii. Sending the top copy of the Scoresheet, Libero Control sheet (as necessary) and for Super League matches only, a copy of the match day programme to the Volleyball England Hub by first class post on the first working day after the match. In the event of late arrival of this copy at the Volleyball England Hub, the date of cancellation of the first-class stamp will be used to see whether a team should be fined. An email with a legible

photo or pdf sent to competitions@volleyballengland.org is also acceptable. (if you choose to email the information you should keep the hard copy of the scoresheet until the start of the following season in case of any queries)

Regulation F 2. Reporting Results

Advising the match result, including match number, teams, result and set scores, to the nominated Volleyball England results service immediately after the match by telephone, WhatsApp, email or SMS; if possible by 8pm. Results should be reported to Geoff Hollows on **07918 636146** or ve.resultsservice@btinternet.com.

Regulation K 1. Instructions to Referees

- ii Referees are to confirm as soon as possible that they are attending the match and are requested to let the Home Team know their likely match fees and expenses.
- iv. First referees who issue an expulsion or disqualification penalty are required to submit a Form RC9 to the Volleyball England Hub and NVL Officials Group Member after the match. ([Regulation H 2.](#) refers.)
- ix. Referees who do not get paid promptly i.e. on the day, or within 3 working days by electronic transfer, should contact the relevant Competitions Working Group Divisional Lead. ([Regulation D3.](#) refers) and the Officials Group Member
- x. Referees are to record on the scoresheet if an incorrect match ball is used. ([Regulation D1. vi](#) (5))
- xi Referees are to record on the scoresheet if Line Judges are not provided in Divisions 2 and above.

Section L. Anti-doping (Drug Taking) Regulations

Regulation L1. Anti-doping rules apply to all volleyball players, at all levels of the game.

Regulation L2. A copy of the Volleyball England Anti-Doping Rules and regulations for doping control is available [here](#).

Regulation L3. Doping Controls may be carried out at any time during or out of competition.

The anti-doping rules of Volleyball England are the UK Anti-Doping Rules published by UK Anti-Doping. These rules can be amended from time to time, such rules shall take effect and be construed as the rules of Volleyball England.