

# **Southampton And District Volleyball Association**

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**Handbook**

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# 1 The SADVA Leagues

## 1.1 Fixtures

The full match schedule for the season will be made available to all teams on the association website at <https://www.sadva-volleyball.org.uk/fixtures.php>.

A reminder for each event will be sent to the team representatives of each team that is playing 6 days prior to the fixtures.

Only under exceptional circumstances (such as event cancellation due to bad weather) will matches be rescheduled.

## 1.2 Withdrawing from the League

Teams may withdraw from the league and reclaim their goodwill deposit as long as they withdraw after their last fixture of the season, and they have no outstanding debts with SADVA.

If a team withdraws from the league during the season (after the entry deadline has passed, and before their last fixture in the series), that team's goodwill deposit will be forfeited.

## 1.3 Late Arrival and Missing a Fixture

For the first match of each individual event:

- The warm up is 15 minutes long, timed from the event start time. If a team arrives during the warm up, they may take part in that warm up, but they forfeit any of the warm up time already lost.
- If a playing team arrives no later than 15 minutes after the match start time, they may play the first set, but they forgo their warm up.
- If a playing team has not arrived 15 minutes after the match start time, they forfeit the first set.
- If a playing team has not arrived 30 minutes after the match start time, they forfeit the match.

For all subsequent matches, if a playing team has not arrived by the start of the match then they forfeit that match, with each set being scored as 25-0.

In all cases, a team has "arrived" if it has 6 legal players on court, and the list of names have been entered and signed on the score sheet.

An individual player may arrive after the start of the match and may play in that match, as long as their name is on the score sheet at the start of the match. Any player arriving part way through a set is not allowed to take part in that set.

## 2 Match Day Protocols

### 2.1 Venue

All matches take place at *Woodlands Community College, Minstead Avenue, Southampton, SO18 5FX.*

### 2.2 Arrival

The college requires someone to sign in on arrival, so please check the entry log at main reception when you arrive

### 2.3 Timings

All matches are scheduled for Friday evenings between 7:00pm and 10:00pm, as follows:

7:00 Warm up for the first game  
7:05 Over the net  
7:10 Official start time  
7:20 *Forfeit the first set if team incomplete*  
7:30 *Forfeit the game if team incomplete*  
8:00 Game ends

8:00 Warm up for the second game  
8:05 Over the net  
8:10 Official start time  
8:20 *Forfeit first set if team incomplete*  
8:30 *Forfeit the game if team incomplete*  
9:00 Game ends

9:00 Warm up for the third game  
9:05 Over the net  
9:10 Official start time  
9:20 *Forfeit first set if team incomplete*  
9:30 *Forfeit the game if team incomplete*  
10:00 Game ends

If a 7:00 or 8:00 match finishes early, later times should be brought forward so we can clear the hall by 10pm

If a refereeing team arrives late then the match shall still be played for its 50 minute duration, and the following changes shall be made:

- the lost time shall be taken off of the next match that the refereeing team play
- the length of the next match shall be truncated so as to finish on time
- the refereeing team shall forfeit the first set

The refereeing team shall be considered late if the first referee, second referee and scorer have not arrived by the official start time of the match

## 2.4 Setup

We have to set the hall up ourselves. The following should be in the hall when you arrive:

- 1 large table for the scorers
- 2 chairs for the scorers
- 1 referee's stand

The posts are hung on the wall in the main equipment cupboard. We use the blue round posts, and use the wheels as the floor bolts. There are two pairs of bolt holes; we use the pairs that are closer to the walls

All of our equipment is stored in the black box with a red handle and a padlock at each end (the number for the padlock shall be made available to each team directly. The box contains the following:

- the net
- the match ball
- a box for each team with all the equipment they need to officiate

## 2.5 Cleaning up

We have to put the equipment back at the end of the evening

- The posts should be put back in the store cupboard
- Score sheets from that night's matches can go into the refereeing team's box
- Please clear up all of your water bottles

## **3 Matches**

### **3.1 Match Rules**

Matches shall be played to FIVB rules as published by Volleyball England, with the following overrides:

1. Each match will be played as best of 3 sets.
2. The first two sets will be played as first to 21 points, and 2 clear with a ceiling of 27. The third set should be played to 15 points, and 2 clear with a ceiling of 17.
3. Teams refereeing should provide at least a 1st and 2nd referee, a scorer and 2 lines people.
4. Referees decisions will be accepted by both teams on court.
5. Timeouts are not permitted in the last 5 minutes of a match.

### **3.2 Rule changes due to COVID**

1. Teams may play with 5 players if a team member has to pull out due to self isolation rules. The team shall play with a phantom server such that every 6 serves, they skip that server. They will not suffer a penalty point.
2. The match ball must be cleaned at the start of each set by the team that is refereeing that set
3. The requirements on players having to wear shirts with unique numbers on shall be waived for the season. Players on a team should attempt to wear shirts that can be distinguished from each other, for example by colour.
4. Each team should have a nominated person that can act as the COVID officer for the night of each fixture
5. The Sports Hall doors to the outside must be open for the evening except when any rain may cause a slippery surface
6. Mouth-blown whistles are not permitted
7. Track and trace responsibilities are delegated to the individual clubs
8. The transfer rules will be simplified such that any player can transfer from one team to another and back again once in a season. This just requires an email to the fixtures secretary no later than 48 hours after the match that the player makes a switch for.
9. Within each of the 3 leagues, each club can elect up to two players that are eligible to play on two teams for that club without requiring a transfer. Allocation of those two players can be made on a "just in time" basis, being nominated by an email to the fixtures secretary no later than 48 hours after the match in which they play for the second team.

### **3.3 Score sheets**

The list of players on the score sheet must be filled in and signed before the match starts. The list of players must not be altered once the match has started; any players that are not on the list of player names are not eligible to play that match. Players may be put on the score sheet before they arrive and they may be substituted on as soon as they arrive.

### **3.4 Player Kit**

~~All players, apart from the liberos, should play in a kit of matching colour and with unique numbers. Libero players must wear a contrasting colour kit. See COVID override in section 3.2 above~~

In mixed competitions, a male and female player may have the same number and can be identified on the score sheet with a suffix of 'M' and 'L' respectively.

### **3.5 First Aid Kits**

Teams are expected to bring their own first aid kits and to have a competent first aider.

### **3.6 Blood Injuries**

A player is not allowed to play with a bleeding wound, regardless of the seriousness of the injury. Any blood on a player's skin, playing kit, floor or equipment must be dealt with immediately. Referees should stop the game immediately.

Although the player does not have to be substituted immediately they should leave the court for treatment. An assessment of the likelihood of the player returning within 3 minutes should then be made. During this period the floor and any equipment should be cleaned.

If the blood flow cannot be stemmed or dealt with within the 3-minute period, then the player may have to be substituted legally or exceptionally. If a player does not recover and a substitution cannot be made then the team will be considered incomplete.

## 4 League Rules

Teams are awarded 1 league point for each set they win, plus 1 league point per win, provided that team wins 2 sets. A team must score 5 points in a set to be able to win that set

League position will be decided, in order of precedence, by the following:

- Number of league points
- Set difference
- Sets won
- Total points difference
- Total points won

### 4.1 Player Eligibility

Men are not allowed to play in the ladies league.

Mixed league teams must have at least 3 ladies on court at all times.

Juniors that are 14 years old or less at the start of September may play in the ladies' league and count as one of the 3 ladies in a mixed team.

### 4.2 Player Transfers

~~No player may play for two SADVA teams in the same league in a season unless he/she is officially transferred. See COVID override in section 3.2 above~~

~~Application to transfer a player must be made in to the Fixtures Secretary at least 7 days before the transfer is to be effected. In exceptional circumstances the 7 day rule may be waived by permission of the committee. See COVID override in section 3.2 above~~

~~Each application requires the approval of two impartial committee members. See COVID override in section 3.2 above~~

No player is to be transferred more than two times in any season.

### 4.3 Duty of care for juniors and at-risk adults

SADVA delegates all duty of care to the teams. Teams with juniors and at-risk adults must have a dedicated Child Welfare Officer and must have at least one individual with the responsibility of duty of care at each league fixture.