

- All matches will be 40 mins long, **played in sets up to 25 points** (must win by 2 clear points, i.e. 25-20, 26-24, 27-25, etc. The winner is the first team to win 2 sets, and the match is then finished. If the 2nd set is unfinished it will be won by the team that is ahead at the hooter –, otherwise the set is tied).
- Semi-finals and Finals winners will be the first team to win 2 sets; if the game is tied 1 set all, then a 3<sup>rd</sup> set is played to 15 points, **But in a semi-final** if the hooter sounds, the winner is the team ahead when the point being played is finished – if tied, one more point will be played. In the finals, the 3<sup>rd</sup> set will be completed.
- Each game will start **playing** as soon as both teams are ready. After the maximum time the referee will end the game, and the point in play at the time will be the final point, no matter what the score is (except for semi-finals, as above).
- The draw, and these rules are published on the Ethnic Tournament page of our website: [www.volleyballwaikato.org.nz](http://www.volleyballwaikato.org.nz)
- **Team make-up** = 6 players on court (you may sub or rotate other players in). There must be at least 4 players from your team ethnicity/nationality/region on court at all times during the matches.
- **Mixed teams:** there must be at least 2 women, and at least 2 men on court at all times.
- The organisers will arrange for a **referee** for each Mixed and Women's Match & some men's matches, but the duty team must supply 1 scorer/assistant linesperson, who should stand on the opposite side of the court from the 1<sup>st</sup> ref to help with line calls. (Some teams may supply 2 refs).
- A numbered **ball** will be supplied for each court.
- **Players not on the court for their team must be completely off the courts, either on the benches, or at the side of the courts, towards the back of each court.**
- **Spectators, and players waiting for their matches, or finished their matches, MUST sit on the benches against the wall, or between the 2 Main Gym courts, or outside in the lobby, (there are seats & a drinks machine there) , or in the outside Plaza.**
- **Warm-ups** are the responsibility of individual players or teams, and must take place outside the Gym.
- **Results** will be put up on the results sheets in the Foyer area.
- Teams are encouraged to wear **uniforms**.
- Referees for duty teams should try and bring their own **whistles**, although we will supply one per court. We will also supply referees for most game, but duty teams will have to supply a scorer/assistant.
- A **basic first-aid kit, and ice**, will be available at the organiser's table, and the organisers will also have a cellphone for emergency use only.
- Teams are encouraged to **play fairly**, and must abide by the referee's decisions (NB any problems or complaints unable to be sorted out by the referee shall be decided on immediately by the Organiser, or as soon afterwards as possible).
- **WE ARE ALL HERE TO HAVE FUN, SO PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS HAPPEN!**

### Playing Rules:

- Players must **hit the ball cleanly**, without 'holding' it or 'carrying' (catching & throwing) it, or making a 'double-hit' – except on the first reception of the ball on their side of the net. (Signal for double hit= two fingers raised; carry= raise outstretched hand, palm upwards)
- The **top tape of the net** must not be touched by players while hitting or blocking the ball – otherwise it is fine (new rule), & the **centre-line** mustn't be completely crossed by the feet while the ball is in play – the rest of the body is fine (ref signal: point to net/floor).
- **Serving:** players must serve from **behind** the back line. The ball must go from the hands before being hit on the serve.
- If the **ball** hits the roof, or walls, it is out. On the line is in. If another ball comes on court and interferes with play, the ref will call a replay (ref signal: both thumbs up).
- **Teams may not use players from any other team, except in case of injury, with the permission of the organiser and captain of the opposing team.**
- **Scorers** will use the score indicators. At the end of each set, the set score must be written down on the scoresheet on the clip-board, which should be left at the court for the organisers to collect after the game. **It is team captains' responsibility to check that the scores are correct.**

*For further information, see the organiser: Dave Macpherson, at the Tournament*