

- **2016 team entry fees are \$130 per team for the competition (\$110 for school student teams) - please pay within 2 weeks Or make arrangements otherwise with the organiser.** There is no door entry charge.
- For 2016 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. (Win match = 2, plus 1 bonus point for each set won). Incomplete sets will count as long as one team has 10 or more points and is ahead by two clear points. *The latter do not apply in Grading Games, which take place in the first week.*
- A cowbell will sound 1 minute after the end of the previous match, and teams will start playing as soon as they are both ready. A full-time cowbell will sound at the end of the game time period, and the point in play at the time the cowbell sounds will be completed.
- The earliest any match will start is 4.30pm and the last matches will finish at 7.50pm. Match times will vary – see your team’s draw, which will also be placed on the website: www.volleyballwaikato.org.nz ('Social' page).
- Team make-up = 6 players on court (you may sub or rotate other players in). NB Teams will default the match if they have **less** than 5 players present (though we will try and organise fill-in players so everyone present has a game). Please don't grab A-grade players for lower grade teams – we get complaints & sometimes default teams!
- Teams will do duty (one scorer/linesperson) approximately every 2nd week for another match before or after their own match. The organisers will be able to help if necessary with refereeing for new teams – please speak to us. If for any reason you cannot make your duty, you must contact the organiser in advance.
- A ball will be supplied for each court, although teams may agree to use their own team ball.
- Players not on the court for their team **must** be completely off the courts, on the seats.
- **Spectators, and players waiting for their matches, or finished their matches, MUST sit on the seats against the wall, or outside in the lobby. PLEASE KEEP SMALL CHILDREN AWAY FROM THE COURTS – THIS IS FOR SAFETY REASONS.**
- Warm-ups are the responsibility of individual players or teams, and must take place outside the Gym (not in the Foyer please, as lights get broken!)
- Results and tables and draws will be emailed to each team (and posted on the Waikato Volleyball Association website ('Indoor/Social' page).
- Teams do not have to wear uniforms, **although this is encouraged**. Referees for duty teams should try and bring their own whistles, although we will supply one per court.
- 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 on duty, or as soon afterwards as practicable).

Playing Rules:

- **Referees** should be stricter in the higher grades, and should attempt to explain their rulings – especially in the lower grades. An object of the competition is to provide players an enjoyable experience, played under proper volleyball rules. Only team captains should talk to the referee during the match, who must be **standing** up.
- Players must **hit the ball cleanly**, without 'holding' it or 'carrying' (catching & throwing) it, or making a 'double-hit'. (Signal for double hit= two fingers raised; carry= hand out, palm upwards)
- The **top of the net** must not be touched by players in the action of playing the ball, & the **centre-line** mustn't be completely crossed by players' feet while the ball is in play (ref signal: point to net/floor) – standing on is OK, completely over is not.
- **Serving:** players must serve from **behind** the back line. The ball must go up from the hands before being hit on the serve.
- **NB a Referee's hand signal poster/chart is available on our website, or by request from the organiser.**
- 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 referee will call a replay (ref signal: both thumbs up).
- **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 at the end of the night.

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