

## 2021 Ethnic Volleyball Tournament Conditions

- All matches will be 35\* 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, **as long as the set has reached at least 10 points**, otherwise the set is tied. [The same for a 3<sup>rd</sup> set, if 1-1].
- \*Semifinals will be 40 minutes long. \*Finals will be allocated 45 minutes, but will finish after one team has won 2 sets, this may take 3 sets. If a 3<sup>rd</sup> set is needed to break a 1-1 tie, that set is to 15 points.
- 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 finals, as above).
- No timeouts allowed (unless injury), and maximum 1 minute between sets,
- **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 some referees to help but the duty teams are encouraged to supply 2 referees and 1 scorer (who should stand on opposite sides of the court to help with line calls).
- A numbered **ball** will be supplied for each court, but teams may agree to play with one of their own balls, if both teams agree.
- **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 – by the Organisers bench at The Peak and Te Rapa Sportsdrome.
- Teams are encouraged to wear **uniforms**.
- Referees for duty teams must bring their own **whistles**.
- A **basic first-aid kit**, 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 **net** must not be touched by players & 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 scorable, 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** at the end of the game.

**For further information, see the organiser: Dave Macpherson (021-477 388), at the The Peak, or Alex Mariano at Te Rapa Sportsdrome (027-497 8671)**