

Competition Rules

Beach Volleyball

This contest prioritises fun and aims to cultivate a social environment, with the aspiration that participants will appreciate the skills acquired and the game of beach volleyball. While a competitive spirit is welcome, it's essential to bear in mind that beginners require positive reinforcement, and an overly aggressive "win at all costs" mindset is not suitable. The Referee holds the authority to interpret all rules, and their decisions are conclusive.

1. Responsibility of Players

All players are responsible for reading and understanding the rules contained in this document.

Players and their associated spectators are not to BYO alcohol to UQ Sport venue.

If there are any rules that are not clear, please discuss these with the Referee prior to the commencement of the game or at half time. Because of time constraints the Referees may not discuss rules or rulings during the game.

Should any player be found to consistently damage equipment, venue apparatuses or other associated materials, they can be suspended from the competition and may be required to pay for damages incurred.

2. Responsibilities of the Officials

Referee

The Referee is directly responsible for the game and ensuring the described rules are adhered to. They are responsible for the safety of the players; and the timing and conduct of the game. They have a duty to be respectful and considerate to teams, act in an unbiased manner and ensure the game remains social and enjoyable for all involved.

Convenor

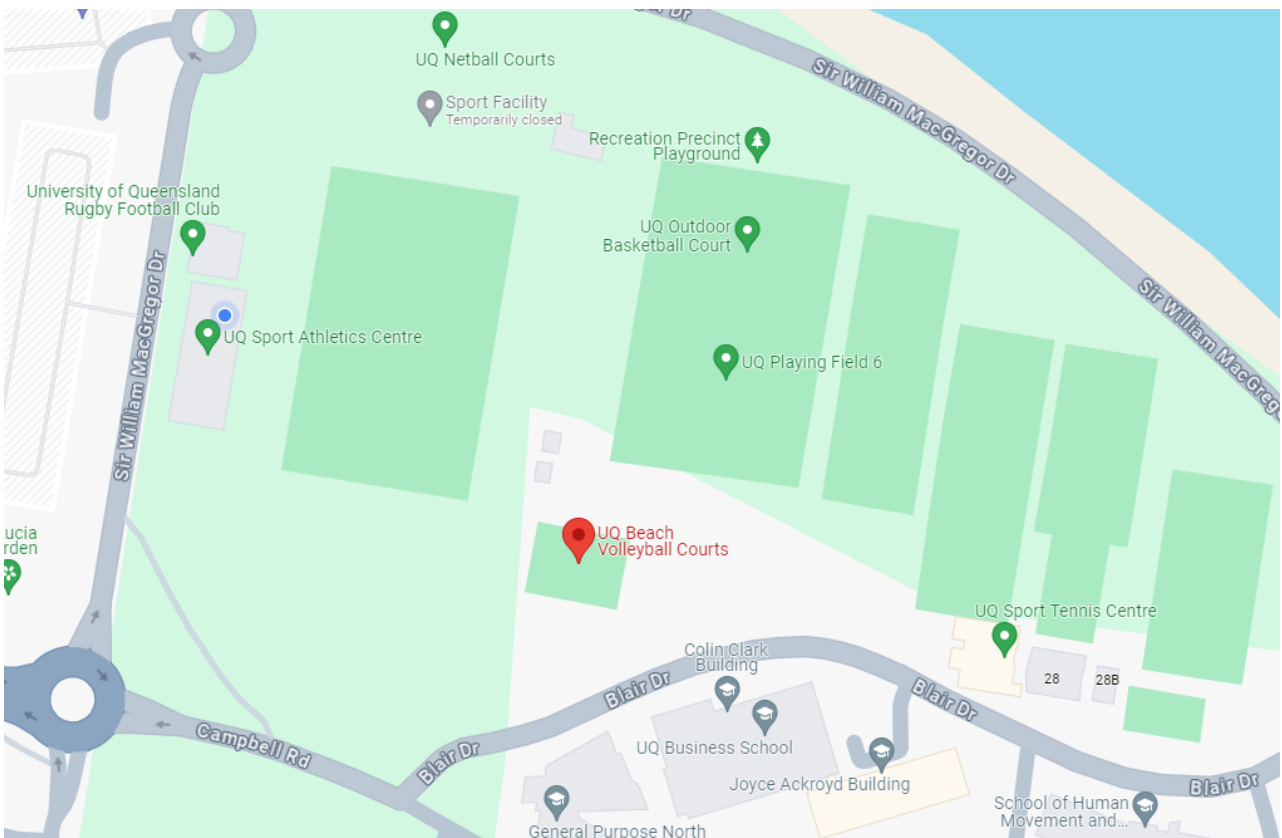
The Convenor is responsible for the management of all the games, teams, venue, equipment and administration. They will be present at all games to ensure First Aid is administered, information is provided and that all players and officials are conducting themselves in an appropriate manner.

3. Conduct of Players

It is the responsibility of all players to conduct themselves in a way that is respectful and considerate to team members, opposing teams, the Convenor, the Referee and any other people concerned. Any behaviour, act or language that is considered inappropriate by the officials (Referee or the Convenor) will not be tolerated. Poor conduct either on or off the court will be determined by the officials and action will be taken based upon the offence. This can include the removal of a player, or team, from the competition, should they be deemed dangerous or offensive to players or officials.

4. Location

Games will be played on the Beach Volleyball Courts located between the Athletics Centre and Tennis Centre. (See attached).



5. Game Commencement

- (a) Teams are required to be present at least ten (10) minutes before the scheduled start of their match to facilitate a seamless transition between games.
- (b) In the event that the game has not commenced by the conclusion of the first set, a 15-0, 15-0, 7-0 forfeit will be recorded, resulting in a 3-0 outcome.
- (c) Should teams be tardy, the game may proceed after the first set; however, the initial set will stand as a 15-0 loss, irrespective of the actual score.

6. Number of Players & Substitutions

In the finals matches, including the quarterfinal, semifinal, and grand final, every player on the court must have both signed in and participated in a minimum of two (2) games to maintain eligibility. Any discovery of an ineligible player on the court during finals will lead to an immediate 3-0 forfeit for the respective team. It is the duty of individual players and team captains to ensure the eligibility of all their players for finals matches. Although efforts will be made by the Referee, Convenor, and Competitions Coordinator to address such situations through the QR Code system, the ultimate responsibility lies with the individual players and team captains.

- (a) A team is allowed a maximum of six (6) registered/eligible players. Three (3) registered/eligible players is the minimum number of players that a team can have without a forfeit result.
- (b) Teams are allowed unlimited substitutions, which may only be made once the ball is out of play. Substitutions may not be made while the ball is in play.
 - i) In cases where there is a minor injury to a player on the court and the ball is still in play, the affected team may request an 'injury' substitution (while the ball is still in play). The point will then be replayed.
 - ii) With Referees if there is an injury minor or major on the court the play should be stopped and a reserve be done. The injured player must leave the court before play can resume.
 - iii) A injured player trying to move out of the court while play is still going on may lead to further injuries to themselves or others. Stopping play prevents further injuries.
- (c) Teams of four (4) must have at least 1 female on their team.

7. Players' Equipment and Attire

Uniform

UQ Sport advises players in a team should wear the same colour t-shirt or singlet. However, this is not mandatory.

Shoes

- (a) Sand socks are often used if the sand is too hot or cold. As well as if a player has a cut or skin sensitivity on their feet.
- (b) Players can play barefoot except when authorised by the referee.

Safety

No player can take the court with jewellery of any kind. All jewellery (including watches) MUST be removed prior to the game. The Referee will ask any player breaking this rule to remove the piece of jewellery.

8. Game Play

Game play should be conducted in accordance with the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules. The rule book can be found at the following link:

https://www.fivb.com/en/beachvolleyball/thegame_bvb_glossary/officialrulesofthegames

Structure of Play:

In all-round matches, each set consists of 3 sets which are played to 21 points, with the third set played to 15 points, all within a 12-minute timeframe per set.

If the time limit has not lapsed, the set must be won by a margin of 2 points (e.g., 24-22). In the event the time limit expires, the referee will declare a 'Last Serve' - the team with the most points after the final point wins the set, irrespective of a 2-point difference. If there's a tie after the last serve point, an additional point will be played to determine the winner.

For regular season matches, all 3 sets are played, even if one team secures victory in the first 2 sets, concluding the match. If a game starts late (without being deemed a forfeit), it must still conclude at the scheduled time. The Convenor has the discretion to shorten the length of the sets if necessary.

- (a) No time outs are permitted.
- (b) Finals matches are best of 3 and will follow the same time limits as regular season matches except for if a team has won the first 2 sets the third set will not be played.
- (c) There will be a 1-minute intermission between sets.
- (d) A coin toss/rock-off is conducted between both playing teams prior to the first set to determine the first serve/playing side. The winning team may choose the right to service/receive or their playing side for the first set. The second set will have the teams swap sides and starting server.

General:

(a) The competition will be split into divisions depending on the number of registered players.

(b) Teams of Four (4) must have at least 1 female on their team. (See section 6,C).

(c) The first 5 minutes before the game are available for players are able to warm up.

9. Drawn Matches

If the time limit expires, the referee will call for a 'Last serve' - The team with the most points after the final point has been played will win the set, regardless of whether there is a 2-point difference (if it is a tie after the last serve point, an additional point will be played to determine the winner).

10. Scoring and Competition Points

Competition points will be allocated as follows -

- Win – 3 points
- Draw – 2 points (see section 13)
- Loss – 1 point

Should teams finish with equal competition points at the end of the regular season, For/Against will be used to separate the teams ie. (Team A points scored – Team A points scored against). If it is still a tie, the result of the game between those two teams during the season will determine the final position of the teams on the table. If the teams in question did not play each other, or there is still a tie, the team with greater points scored finishes above the other team.

11. Finals

To qualify for participation in the finals (quarterfinal, semifinal, and grand final), players are required to both sign in and play a minimum of two (2) games during the regular season. Utilizing a player who does not meet this eligibility criterion in the final rounds will result in an automatic forfeit and disqualification for the offending team, as outlined in Section 6(e)

All finals matches must have a winning outcome for one team. Same as regular season rules. See section 8.

All players are also required to bring a form of PHOTO ID for the Convener to check player eligibility for every final game. The convener can ask for this at any time, failure to provide may lead to the game being forfeited.

12. Team Fixtures

It is the responsibility of the team captain and individual team members to read the draw. All correspondence will be forwarded via e-mail to team captains and will be available through the UQ Sport website, and UQ Sport 'Social Sport' Facebook Page.

Please check the fixtures right up until game day as fixtures can change from time to time.

13. Unforeseeable Acts

The following formula is to be used to determine the result for a game that cannot be completed for whatever reason (e.g. serious injury which impedes court, court unsafe, power outages, rain, etc.).

- A match called off anytime in the first half (i.e. in either the first or second set) will be declared a draw, unless one team is leading by a margin of 15 points or more. In this instance the result will stand at the score line when the game is called off.
- A game called off anytime in the third set will be determined based on the score line when the game was called off.

14. Disciplinary Sanctions

This event is intended to be social in nature. Any use of abusive language, engaging in bickering, or challenging the authority of the Referee will not be accepted. Decisions regarding such behaviors will be made at the Referee's discretion, and their decision will be final.

Typically, the following procedure will be followed for the aforementioned violations. It is important to note that the Referee has the full right to dismiss any player at any point for any reason, for any duration, if they deem it necessary for player safety or their ability to maintain effective control over the game.

15. Injury and Insurance

A player may request a 'time' pause in the game due to injury or illness, but the decision to halt play lies solely with the Referee. In the event of an injury, it is the player's or their teammate's responsibility to promptly notify the Referee, who retains the authority to stop the game at any moment.

In cases of minor injuries, the Referee should direct the injured player or a bystander to the Convenor for initial first aid treatment. QR Codes displaying the UQ Sport 'Incident Report' form are visibly placed throughout venues for anyone to report injuries.

If a player sustains a minor injury (or has blood on their clothing or person), they are allotted a maximum of two (2) minutes for on-court treatment (or to remove any signs of blood), or else they will be substituted with another player.

The Referee has the discretion to pause the game for any duration to address emergencies.

In the event of a medical emergency, the Referee should stay with the injured player and designate someone else to inform the Convenor of the emergency.

Many injuries that occur during officially sanctioned and managed UQ Sport activities are covered by our insurance policy. For further information regarding insurance please email insurance@uqsport.com.au or call 3365 6612. Alternatively, you can contact the Competitions Coordinator at socialsport@uqsport.com.au or call (07) 3365 6612.

16. Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures

Should any player, team, spectator, or official conduct themselves in a manner that is deemed inappropriate, discriminatory, disrespectful or dangerous, actions will be taken by UQ Sport Officials and Management.

If you feel that a player, team, spectator, or official has conducted themselves in such a manner, you may lodge a formal grievance report to socialsport@uqsport.com.au

Disciplinary Procedures are in place to ensure that action is taken against any player, team, spectator, or official who has acted in an inappropriate manner. Any action(s) taken will be at the sole discretion of UQ Sport Officials and Management.

Kindly be aware that the authority to remove a team from the competition, without a refund, rests with the Student Experience Manager & Competitions Coordinator.

This action may be taken if the team:

- Forfeits more than two (2) games without presenting a valid reason.
- Consistently exhibits inappropriate behaviour towards UQ Sport staff and other customers.

The determination of what qualifies as "valid" and "inappropriate" reasons is solely at the discretion of the Competitions Coordinator & Student Experience Manager in such instances.



Report Sexual and Sex-Based Harassment



The UQ Sport Prevention of Sexual Harassment Policy covers everyone interacting with UQ Sport Ltd.

Support Zero Tolerance at UQ Sport!

Anonymous reporting is supported through this form.





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SCAN HERE TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OR NEAR MISS



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THEN CALL UQ SECURITY 336 53333



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