UNDER 15
AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL
CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2008

APRIL 14-17, 2008

ALBURY SPORTS CENTRE
220 North St
Albury NSW
TEAM NOMINATIONS

The following teams may nominate to compete in the 2007 Under 15 Australian Championships:

- Under 15 State Representative Teams
- Regional Academy of Sport Teams
- Elite School Teams (where State Teams are not entered or with the approval of their State Body)

Please note that as an elite National event, team entries will be subject to the approval of State Volleyball NSW.

ENTRY FEE

The Championship entry fee is,

- $370.00 (GST inclusive) per team.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- It is a condition of entry that each participating player be a registered member of their state body.

Players must be born in 1994 or later to be eligible to compete. (As it is an Under 15 tournament a player cannot turn 15 in 2008). Copies of each player's birth certificate will need to accompany entry forms.

ENTRY PROCESS

- Teams must enter on the official entry form(s) via fax, e-mail or post.
- Entries will be accepted until 5.00pm, Friday, 20th March, 2008.
- Teams will be invoiced by State Volleyball NSW once entries have been received and all entry fee payments will be due by Monday 31st March, 2008.
- Teams will be sent confirmation, draws and other information via e-mail from SVNSW.

REFEREES & DUTY

- Each team entered will be given a duty roster.
- Each duty team are to provide a 1st Referee, a 2nd Referee, a scorer and 4 line judges.
- The 1st Referee SHOULD NOT be a playing member and will have a minimum Regional level accreditation, with refereeing experience. At the discretion of the Chief referee a player may be given approval to officiate as a 1st Referee. This may mean bringing your own independent referee to the tournament. Costs for this are each team's responsibility.
There will be a chief referee available for feedback and queries at all times through the tournament.

WITHDRAWAL OF TEAMS

- Any team withdrawing after the entry date 20\textsuperscript{th} March 2008, will forfeit half of their entry fee and will be invoiced.
- Any team withdrawing in the 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament will forfeit 100\% of their entry fee and will be invoiced.

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

FIVB rules will be followed, except where explicitly stated, or limited by the venue playing conditions.

1. TEAM SIZE
   - Each team shall consist of no more than 12 players
   - The minimum number of players than can be fielded without incurring a forfeit is seven (7).
   - INJURIES: A team must have a minimum of 6 fit players, capable of playing to be able to continue participating in a match or the tournament.

2. FORFEIT SCORE
   - A forfeit score shall be recorded as twenty five (25) points to nil (0).
   - A forfeit match shall be recorded as three (3) sets to nil (0).

3. REGISTRATION/PLAYER ELEGIBILITY
   - Player eligibility and registration will be controlled and enforced by the State Volleyball NSW Event Management Committee.
   - Teams playing ineligible players in a match shall forfeit that match.

4. UNIFORMS
   - All teams must wear the team uniform (playing tops and shorts) with clearly visible numbers front and back.
   - Players not in correct uniform may not enter the court.
   - Libero players must have an alternate colour top for identification.

5. MATCH POINT SYSTEM
   - WIN = 2 points
   - LOSS = 1 point
   - FORFEIT = 0 point

CHAMPION STATE POINT SYSTEM

- GOLD MEDAL =3 points
- SILVER MEDAL =2 points
- BRONZE MEDAL =1 point

The state with the highest overall points tally will be awarded the Title - Under 15 Australian Champion.
Points won by regional or school teams will be credited to their state.

6. **CHAMPIONSHIP GRADING**
   In the event that two or more teams in a pool are equal on points at the end of the preliminary rounds, then the higher place team(s) will be decided when the first of the following criteria (applied in order) **FAVOURS ONE TEAM**.
   - Percentage of sets won during the competition
   - Percentage of points won during the competition

7. **MATCH DURATION**
   - All first round matches will be the best of 5 sets.
   - Second round matches (between teams not vying for a final play-off) may be limited to best of 3 sets only if there are time constraints
   - Matches will not be time limited.
   - Sets 1-4 are played to 25 points (no cap) and set 5 is played to 15 points, (no cap).
   - In a best of 3 set games the 3\textsuperscript{rd} set is played to 15 points (no cap).

8. **GUARANTEED EARLIEST START TIMES (GEST)**
   The match times listed on the official championship draw are the **earliest** times a match will commence. The match, however, may start later if the previous matches run over time.

9. **OFFICIAL MATCH TIME**
   The match time is defined as either the Guaranteed Earliest Start Time (GEST), as listed on the draw, or twenty (20) minutes after the completion of the previous match, which ever is the later.

10. **OFFICIAL WARM-UP DURATION**
    The official court warm-up duration, including spiking, is twenty (20) minutes. (this is twenty (20) minutes prior match commencement time). If the previous match finishes more than twenty (20) minutes before the GEST, teams may take the court to warm-up (excluding spiking) earlier if they wish.

11. **TIME DEFAULTS**
    Any team not ready to start at the official match time, forfeits the first set. If the team is still not ready to play five (5) minutes after the official match time, the second set is forfeited. If the team is still not ready to play ten (10) minutes after the official match time, the match is forfeited.

12. **TWELVE SUBSTITUTION RULE**
    Any number of players may substitute into the same rotational position on court within the following limitations:
    - A maximum of twelve (12) substitutions per set.
    - A player may take the court only three (3) times per set, including starting on court.
    - Once a player has started in, or substituted into, a particular rotational position, that player may only be substituted back into that same position for the duration of the set.

13. **DUTY TEAMS’ RESPONSIBILITIES**
    - All teams must supply duty officials as rostered on the official championship draw.
Duty teams must be available twenty (20) minutes before the official match time (i.e.; At the start of the official warm-up)
Duty teams must supply a minimum of a 1st referee, a 2nd referee, a scorer and two (4) lines people.
Teams must supply their own whistles for duty.
Teams failing to fulfil duty requirements adequately, as deemed by the Chief Referee or Tournament Director, will lose a match point.

14. PROTESTS
- Teams may protest if they believe a match official has made an error under the rules of the tournament that will affect the outcome of the match.
- If a team wishes to make a protest, the captain must immediately inform the first referee. The first referee will stop the match and immediately call for the Chief Referee. Teams may not protest after the match is finished.
- The Chief Referee will announce his/her decision to both coaches and the match will resume.
- In the format of the Under 15 Australian Championships there is no scope for replaying matches at a later time. Therefore a system of instant dispute resolution is used and no further correspondence will be entered into.

15. LIBERO
- The LIBERO per set rule, as per National Junior Guidelines (AVF) shall apply in every set.

16. NET HEIGHTS

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UNDER 15 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007
ENTRY FORM

STATE/ ACADEMY/SCHOOL NAME: _______________________________
PRIMARY CONTACT: _______________________________________________
ADDRESS: _________________________________________________________
TELEPHONE (W): ____________________ TELEPHONE (M):___________________
FACSIMILE: _________________________________________________________
E-MAIL: ___________________________________________________________

PLEASE NUMBER THE AMOUNT OF TEAMS THAT YOU WISH TO
ENTER IN EACH DIVISION:
BOYS DIVISION [   ] GIRLS DIVISION [   ]

ENTRY FEE: $370.00 PER TEAM (gst inclusive)

TOTAL FEES PAYABLE INCL GST: $

PLEASE COPY AND COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR EACH TEAM
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