



# AUSTRALIAN VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

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2017



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## AVL REGULATIONS

### PRIMARY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 1.1 VOLLEYBALL AUSTRALIA

Volleyball Australia (VA) is the sole owner of the event property called the “Australian Volleyball League”. VA through its staff is responsible for the delivery and management of the AVL.

#### 1.2 COMPETITION & EVENTS MANAGER

The Volleyball Australia (VA) AVL Event Director (VED) is responsible for delivering all facets of the AVL including, but not limited to marketing, media, developing competition collateral, operations, competition logistics, assisting host franchises with venue requirements, delivery of finals and general administration of the AVL season.

#### 1.3 CONTROL COMMITTEE

The Control Committee is the highest authority during each round of the AVL Season, delegated with the powers of VA. The Control Committee exists from the commencement of a Round, until the conclusion of the final match of the Round. The Control Committee for each game consists of the VED, who shall be the Chairman, Volleyball Australia Board Member and the National Technical Delegate (NTD). Contact details of the Control Committee will be published by the host in each program for each round

The Control Committee is responsible for the adherence to the VA Constitution, AVL Regulations and the Official Volleyball Rules 2017-2020. During the finals, the Control Committee is responsible for hearing and resolution of disputes not able to be resolved by the *On-the-Spot Protest resolution procedure* (clause 8.3), i.e. disputes not related to the Official Volleyball Rules.

#### 1.4 VOLLEYBALL AUSTRALIA REFEREES COMMITTEE (VARC)

The Volleyball Australia Referees Committee (VARC) is responsible for:

- appointing a NTD for the season;
- providing guidance to the NTD regarding the training, selection and continuous improvement of the AVL officials
- monitoring the performance of the NTD; who will be responsible for recruiting referees and in consultation with the State Referee Committee developing the draft referee roster for that Round.

#### 1.5 NATIONAL TECHNICAL DELEGATE

The NTD will be available for the duration of an AVL Round from 9.00am to 10.00pm on each day of the weekend in which the AVL Round takes place. The NTD is responsible for:

- responding to pre-match questions and “on-the-spot” protests (via phone if not in person)
- participation in AVL Control Committee in resolving protests
- nomination of round officials to be approved by VARC (minimum two weeks prior to each round) under consultation with state referee committee
- cooperation with the “Events Delegate” of VARC approve the officials’ roster for each round, and

The NTD is the “Rules of the Game” member of the AVL Control Committee.

During the rounds, the NTD will not be present at each venue but will be available by phone. During finals games, the NTD will be present at the venue to conduct duties as listed.

## 1.6 FIRST REFEREE

The First Referee will be accountable for conduct of the appointed match. The referee's will be appointed by the NTD in consultation with VARC as listed above. The Referee's are responsible for:

- Officiating the appointed match as set-out in the FIVB Rules of the Game & Referee Guidelines 2017-2020
- Collection of the O2bis forms from each team, 1 hour prior to the match

## TEAMS RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE

### 1.7 ELIGIBILITY OF TEAMS

The AVL is reserved for the franchises that have been invited to participate by Volleyball Australia.

The schedule for expressions of interest is provided in **Appendix A**.

### 1.8 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS

All Players and Team Officials participating in the AVL must be current Full Adult or U19 registered members of their State Association. International transfers will be subject to VA approval prior to registration (refer to Clause 1.10). VA will consider the registration of up to two International Marquee Players per team. Registration information must be listed on the AVL O-2 Form (**Appendix D**)

For clarity, an International Marquee Player is one of some international repute who has agreed to play in the AVL in consideration of either payment of fees or payment of living expenses for the duration of the AVL season, or part thereof.

### 1.9 COMPOSITION OF PLAYING TEAM

For both AVL Rounds and Finals, a maximum of 14 players are allowed on the O-2bis Form. For the AVL up to 14 players may be recorded on the score sheet and play in each match. A maximum of five (5) team officials may be seated on the team bench (including the Coach). These staff members must be listed on the score sheet, and be registered on the O-2bis Form (**Appendix K**) for each match. Players must either sit on the team bench or stand in the Warm-Up Zone.

The playing team must be selected from the AVL O-2 Form (**Appendix D**) submitted to VA by the date listed in **Appendix A**. A hard copy of the O-2bis Form (**Appendix K**) must be provided to the Referee one hour prior to the advertised game start time for each match.

#### 1.9.1 LIBERO PLAYER

The Coach can choose to change the Libero(s) between each match only.

Record on the scoresheet and on the bench: a maximum of 14 players

Score sheet Team list: 14 players – 12 regular + 2 Liberos

Score sheet Team list: 13 players – 11 regular + 2 Liberos

Score sheet Team list: 12 players – 12 regular + 0 Liberos

Score sheet Team list: 12 players – 11 regular + 1 Libero

Score sheet Team list: 12 players – 10 regular + 2 Liberos

*Note: only one Libero can be on court at any one time for the team.*

## 1.10 O-2 FORM AND PUBLICATION

It is the responsibility of the visiting team to supply a current copy of their O-2 form to the host organising committee by COB on the Thursday prior to the weekend Round to enable the publication of an event program. It is the responsibility of both teams (local and visiting) to provide the Referee with a hard copy list of players at least one (1) hour prior to scheduled play in a designated Round or Final.

Any international player who has not fully completed the FIVB transfer process (as per 1.12) is ineligible to be listed on the teams O-2 form unless they have received written approval from VA. Furthermore, the listing of an ineligible international player on the O-2bis form will cause the offending team to forfeit that round.

## 1.11 INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

An AVL Franchise must mark international players requiring clearance on their O-2 and O-2bis forms. An “international player” is defined as a player who does not have Australia as their Federation of Origin (FoO).

The FoO is defined by the following:

The Federation which is first to:

- register the player in its national team for an FIVB. World or Official Competition through the final FIVB O-2bis form, with the player’s presence being certified by the Control Committee; or
- issue a national licence for the player or otherwise register the player within the federation;

is considered to be the player’s FoO regardless of the players nationality.

Franchises will be required to process any/all international players through the *International Player Transfer Procedure* to be eligible for participation. Each Franchise is responsible for meeting applicable FIVB and FoO transfer fees and processing the international transfer procedure through the FIVB Volleyball Information System (VIS). See

[http://www.fivb.org/en/volleyball/Documents/FIVB\\_Electronic\\_International\\_Transfer\\_Procedure\\_Manual\\_2016\\_2017.pdf](http://www.fivb.org/en/volleyball/Documents/FIVB_Electronic_International_Transfer_Procedure_Manual_2016_2017.pdf)

FIVB International transfer fees are set at CHF1500 for the 2017 AVL Season. FoO transfer fees must be directly negotiated each year with each FoO. It is the responsibility of each franchise to pay the appropriate fees and transfer conditions as negotiated with the FoO

If franchises do not comply with the International Transfer Procedure they will be liable for any fines incurred by FIVB, AVC and/or FoO.

## 1.12 INVITATIONAL TEAMS

Invitational Teams will be permitted to be included and participate in the AVL draw upon authorisation by VA.

At the discretion of VA, matches involving Invitational Teams may or may not contribute to the points ladder or competition rankings for AVL. VA will confirm the status of the invitation to all participating franchises prior to the season commencement.

## 1.13 PLAYERS IN INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

VA assumes responsibility for ensuring that any International Teams and their players in the AVL by invitation are doing so with the sanction of the FIVB and their National Federations. Sanctions from National Federations are to be sent to the VA office prior to the season commencement.

## 1.14 INTER FRANCHISE TRANSFERS

Any person wishing to play for a different AVL Franchise than previously played, must first obtain a **Certificate of Clearance (Appendix E)** from the AVL Franchise in which they were previously

registered. Clearances must be processed before being eligible to compete as a member of another AVL Franchise. For example, a player registered with the WA Pearls must obtain a **Certificate of Clearance** from the WA Pearls before being eligible to compete for Canberra Heat.

Any AVL Franchise receiving an application for a “**Certificate of Clearance**” must immediately confirm receipt to the applicant, then consider the application and inform the applicant in writing of the outcome within fourteen (14) days of receipt. If a decision is not made within the 14 day period, the application will be deemed approved. The AVL Franchise from which a clearance is sought must not unreasonably refuse a request for clearance. Debts owed to an AVL Franchise are considered reasonable grounds for denial of a clearance. All players must be financially cleared as a minimum requirement.

One transfer can be granted per player per season.

Should any AVL Franchise refuse to grant a **Certificate of Clearance**, the applicant or their proposed AVL Franchise, will have the right of appeal to VA. VA is empowered to ratify or veto the decisions of AVL Franchises in regard to all inter-franchise transfers, but will not overrule a Franchise decision where financial clearance is required and has not been paid.

Approved clearances must accompany the AVL O-2 Form.

Failure to comply with the Inter Franchise Transfer Regulations will result in the team forfeiting all matches in which the player participated in and incurring any penalties as outlined in Clause 1.14 of these Regulations.

### 1.15 FORFEIT

Teams who play in the AVL are required to comply with these Regulations. Failure to do so may result in the forfeiture of a match, loss of one (1) premiership point and may also incur a fine of up to \$1000 payable to VA, a fine payable to the affected Franchise to cover costs incurred on forfeited matches (up to \$5000, determined by VA in consultation with the affected Franchise).

Conduct that may lead to forfeiture of matches, includes but is not limited to, the following reasons:

- Playing an ineligible player (not listed on the O-2bis)
- Playing an ineligible player (listed on the O-2bis but has been banned, suspended or not registered to play)
- Match truancy – unable to fulfil playing commitment, less than six (6) players
- Non-compliance of AVL fees and
- Non-compliance with advertised AVL deadlines

### 1.16 ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS

Any player nominated on the AVL O-2 Form at the closing date (see **Appendix A**) is eligible to participate in the Finals

### 1.17 COACHING REQUIREMENTS

Coaches appointed to the AVL Season must either be accredited to a minimum of a Level 2, or its equivalent. It is desirable, but not mandatory that AVL Coaches hold Level 3 volleyball coaching accreditation.

### 1.18 MATCH STATISTICS REQUIREMENTS

Team/player statistics will be managed by a single group organised by the VED. Video footage of each match shall be uploaded in a continuous file by the Host Committee. This is to be done within 48 hours of match completion. The title of the file should be “YYMMDD 2017 M/WAVL Home Team v Away Team G1/2” and uploaded into the round folder relevant to the match played.

## 1.19 MEDIA REQUIREMENTS

A media release including a minimum of three (3) photos (FREE OF ANY RIGHTS) per match to be uploaded to the AVL website no later than 24 hours after each game from both the visiting and home teams.

A match report (including at least one (1) photo) must be uploaded within 24 hours of each match to the AVL Facebook and AVL website by the Host Committee. This report must contain at least the following:

Division & match (e.g. 2017 Women's AVL Match 3)

Brief background on teams so far this season (1-2 sentences)

Overview of the match (e.g. *It was a tense start to the game with both teams trading very closely taking the score up to 16-16; then with the score at 16-17 it was J. Smith's turn to serve. With some great pressure from the service line a big blocking line up AUS stretched the lead out to 20-16. F. Jones then followed up with another patch of good serving and AUS were able to push away from CAN and took out the first set 25-19. The second and third set followed in a similar fashion with close starts to the sets, but AUS powering through to close out the sets. In the end it was a tight game but AUS came out on top, securing the 3-0 victory (25-19, 25-20, 25-22).*)

VA will upload content to the web site within 24 hours of receipt. VA reserves the right to sanction teams for non-compliance taking into account any mitigating issues.

## TEAM RANKING SYSTEM DURING THE LEAGUE

### 1.20 RANKING BY POINTS OBTAINED

**The ranking of teams is determined by the number of victories, matches won, among teams of the same conference or pool.**

The final ranking of all teams at the conclusion of the preliminary rounds will determine the match schedule for the Finals, which includes semi-finals and Medal Playoffs.

### 1.21 IN THE CASE OF EQUAL VICTORIES

In case of teams finishing with an equal number of victories (matches won) positions will be determined by the points gained by results as follows:

Match won 3-0; 3-1	3 points
Match won 3-2	2 points
Match lost 2-3	1 point
Match lost 0-3; 1-3	0 points
Match forfeited	-1 point

### 1.22 IN THE CASE OF EQUAL POINTS

#### **Set Quotient**

In the case of teams finishing with equal wins and equal points, they will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets played.

#### **Points Quotient**

If the tie persists according to the set quotient, the teams will then be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of points played.



### **Last Match & New Classification**

If the tie continues as per the point quotient between two teams, the priority will be given to the team that won the last match when these teams last played.

When the tie in point quotient is between three or more teams, a new classification of these teams in the terms of victory, set quotient and points quotient will be made taking into consideration only the matches in which they played each other.

## **MATCH CONDITIONS**

### **1.23 MATCH RULES**

All matches will be played according to FIVB Volleyball Rules of the Game 2017-2020.

Any new rules or interpretations will be clarified by VARC as required.

### **1.24 PROTEST RESOLUTION**

Protests will be resolved according to the *"On the Spot"/Post Match Protest Procedure* set out in **(Appendix G)**.

Any subsequent protest that requires consideration by the AVL Control Committee for the Rounds or Finals must be submitted in writing within one (1) hour of the completion of the match with a \$300 administration fee. Protests will be considered and resolved before the commencement of the next Round. If the protest is upheld, the administration fee will be returned. Protest that are denied or withdrawn will result in the administration fee not being returned.

## **TEAM OBLIGATIONS**

### **1.25 PLAYING COMMITMENT**

A team will be regarded as being incomplete and will forfeit the match if the team cannot provide six (6) players in play for the commencement of and at any time during the match.

### **1.26 TEAM NAMES AND BRANDING**

Team names and branding information must be submitted to the VED by the date specified in **Appendix A**. This must include;

- Full team name and relevant three (3) character anagram
- Franchise and / or team logo (hi-res .jpg and .gif versions)
- Specific team branding requirements, and
- Franchise website/ URL and / or Facebook address

VA requires the following minimum VA branding elements to be included on all playing jerseys. The AVL logo displayed on the front left chest or left sleeve (no smaller than 5.5cm x 9cm).

Any team planning new uniforms must contact the VED for approval of the design prior to the order being placed. The design must show the planned placement of the AVL logo.

Team staff must also have the appropriate AVL branding on their tops when appearing on the team bench. AVL branding on team tracksuits and training shirts is optional, however, branding as per above is encouraged.

### **1.27 UNIFORMS**

All teams are required to provide the VARC Events Delegate and VED with a digital photos of their captain's playing jerseys (all versions), the Libero playing jerseys (all versions) and the team shorts

(both Men's and Women's versions) for assessment against the FIVB Rules of the Game 2017 – 2020 requirements by the date set out in **Appendix A**.

Following inspection and assessment by the VED Franchises will receive approval (or rejection) of these uniforms. Any uniforms not approved must not be used until corrected, teams risk being ruled as "playing out of uniform" and will be subject to the Out of Uniform penalties.

Playing numbers from 1-20 only are allowed. Players must retain the same playing number throughout the season, including when changing jersey within or across matches.

Uniform rules as stipulated will be applied.

Unless the Home team advises, minimum of one (1) week prior to the Round, for the first matches of the Round, the Home team will wear their light uniform and the Away team will wear their dark uniform. For the second match of the Round, the Home team will wear their dark uniform and the Away team will wear their light uniform.

Playing jerseys, and team management shirts, must display the AVL logo. Placement of the AVL logo must be identical for all players and team management shirts in accordance with the regulations.

Compression garments are permitted to be worn by players for protection or support. These devices must be of the same colour as the corresponding part of the uniform. Black, white or neutral colours may also be used provided the colour is uniform among all team members. No other clothing (other than compressions) may be visible outside of the playing uniform without prior written permission of the NTD or VED.

Uniform violations notified by the first referee will result in a \$100 fine per violation to the offending team, payable to VA prior to the next Round or Finals.

## **1.28 TEAM EQUIPMENT**

The Host will provide warm-up balls and ball trolleys for each team. Teams must return all provided equipment (warm-up balls and trolleys etc) to the host and will be required to replace all that is lost. All other team equipment including water bottles, carriers and hand towels will be provided by individual teams.

If an away team damages the Host Franchise's allocated equipment or property, they will be required to pay the Host Franchise the cost of replacement or repair. It will be the host responsibility to report damaged or non-returned away team equipment directly to the VED.

## **MATCH OFFICIALS**

### **1.29 TECHNICAL OFFICIALS**

The NTD will use their best endeavours to appoint accredited and proficient and officials capable of handling the scheduled matches. In collaboration with the NTD a number of officials will be identified in each State prior to the commencement of the AVL season.

During the AVL season only those officials identified and approved by the NTD and VED will be appointed to referee matches.

Where it is not possible to provide referees from the approved list, the NTD will identify referees whom they consider competent to officiate at the AVL level. The NTD will nominate all officials for the finals.

Referees who are not wearing the current VA Referee uniform will forego their match payments.

### 1.30 FRANCHISE OFFICIALS

Franchise officials are permitted to appear on the O-2 forms for more than 1 franchise provided they have the form in Appendix P completed by both franchises and returned to the VED upon submission of each franchises O-2 form.

## CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

The Board of Volleyball Australia have approved a set of codes of behaviour for its membership. These codes are published within the Member Protection Policy. VA retains the right to sanction any participant whom does not comply with these codes whilst participating in the AVL. The respective codes (Players, Coaches and Officials) are listed in **Appendix L, M and N**.

## AVL POLICIES

### 1.31 ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

League Players, Coaches and Referees are not permitted to drink alcohol whilst inside the League venues, and in uniform.

### 1.32 DRUG POLICY

VA will not tolerate the taking of banned or illegal substances.

VA Anti-Doping Policy is applicable to the AVL Series. A condition of eligibility to play in the AVL is that all athletes accept this Anti-Doping Policy and random drug testing. The policy is available from the VA website.

Download a copy of the Anti-Doping Policy at <http://www.volleyballaustralia.org/anti-doping>

### 1.33 BLOOD

VA has chosen to adopt the Australian Sports Medicine Federation Infectious Diseases Policy.

Matches will not proceed if there is a bleeding player or blood evident on equipment or the playing area. Should a bleeding occur, the player will be immediately removed from the match and will not be permitted to return to the match until there is no further evidence of bleeding or blood. The playing area must be cleaned (ie all evidence of blood removed) before the match can resume.

The bleeding player is removed from the match by any available substitute player on the bench (excl. Libero) and will be recorded on the scoresheet under "Remarks". This action **will not** count as one of the team substitutions. When the player is ready to return to the match, they will immediately replace the player that took their position, this is again recorded on the scoresheet under "Remarks".

### 1.34 PLAYER AND TEAM OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Should a player, coach or team official be sanctioned with an "Expulsion" or "Disqualification" during the course of the AVL, they will be immediately suspended for their team's next scheduled match. Suspension means that the offender cannot be a member of the team or present within the Competition Area, in any capacity for the duration of the applicable match. In the case of a disqualification the AVL Control Committee will assess the sanction and decide upon any further suspensions and / or penalty to be applied on a case by case basis.

### 1.35 CHILD PROTECTION

Where teams comprise members under the age of 18 years, it is the responsibility of each team to fully comply with the applicable State/Territory Child Protection Legislation, both in their home State and the one in which they are visiting.

## AVL GUIDELINES

### PRIMARY ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

#### 2.1 ORGANISING COMMITTEE

VA will establish the AVL Organising Committee to assist the VED with the planning and delivery of the AVL.

#### 2.2 HOSTING COMMITTEE

The Host Committee is responsible for preparing, promoting and delivering all allocated rounds in accordance with the standards set for the in this document (including post-match requirements).

The Host Committee should include at least the following positions:

- Chairperson
- Operations Manager
- Media Manager

### AVL FRANCHISES

#### 2.3 AVL TEAMS

Each Franchise must develop a plan for the alignment and connectivity with at least four schools and one university as a feeder pathway for athletes and spectators.

#### 2.4 TEAM NAMING AND BRANDING

Teams are to develop a distinctive and descriptive team name and branding that is more reflective of the geographic area the team is based rather than the use of its State or University name.

### FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

#### 2.5 LEAGUE COSTS

The entry fees are provided in **Appendix C** and payment schedule is provided in **Appendix A**.

##### Entry Fee Inclusions

The following will be included as part of the entry fee into the AVL:

- AVL Collateral (marketing, media, posters, programs, venue signage inc freight costs);
- Content management (Facebook, website, team pages, player profiles, live scores etc.);
- Provision of NTD support,
- Match officials (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Referees, Scorers and Line Judges)
- Complete Finals Series preparation, promotion and delivery including venue hire, live streaming with commentator(s) and live scores, provision of first aid, match officials, ushers, ball retrievers, floor moppers and courtside announcers;
- Medals (Gold, Silver and Bronze), AVL Champions trophy and All-Star Award ; and
- Minimum 3 x Mikasa MVA200 balls per team.

##### Exclusions

The following is **not** included as part of the entry fees:

- Provision of first aid services at Rounds;

- Team transport to and during Rounds and Finals series;
- Team accommodation during Rounds and the Final series;
- Venue hire during Rounds;
- Other hosting staff during Rounds including Host Committee members, ushers, ball retrievers, floor moppers, courtside announcer(s) and photographer(s).

## 2.6 HOSTS COSTS

The Home Team will meet the cost of providing all equipment and services required for the delivery of the round. See the Hosting Checklist (**Appendix C**)

## 2.7 LEAGUE INCOME OPPORTUNITIES

### Entry Fees

100% of proceeds from ticketing will remain with the Host.

It is recommended that Hosts charge the following entry fees:

- A minimum of \$10 for a Women's and Men's double
- school children and concession Free

### Fundraising

100% of proceeds from fundraising activities will remain with the Host.

### Sponsorship

100% of proceeds from sponsorship monies obtained by the Host will remain with the Host.

AVL Franchises are to seek approval from VA for all sponsorships of teams competing in the Australian Volleyball League by completing the AVL Sponsorship Declaration Form (**Appendix J**) All AVL Franchises must register their proposed team sponsorships with VA for approval a minimum at four (4) weeks prior to the start of the season.

If any conflict (potential or real) arises between a proposed Franchise sponsorship and VA its values and / or sponsors, then VA will, in good faith, work with the Franchise and the proposed sponsor/s in an effort to find a satisfactory resolution for all parties. Ultimately however, if no such solution can be found, VA maintains the right to reject sponsorship requests on the following grounds;

- AVL Franchise sponsorship conflicts with an existing AVL sponsor.
- AVL Franchise sponsorship prohibits VA from securing an AVL sponsor in the same industry category.
- AVL Franchise sponsor operates in an industry category which breaches VA values
- AVL Franchise sponsor is judged by VA as having the likelihood of bringing VA and the AVL brand into disrepute.

Sponsorship monies obtained by VA (or its agent) for the League remain with VA. If a substantial sponsor is secured, flights and accommodation for the final series may be subsidised or prize money may be offered.

## COMPETITION VENUES

Venues and locations of the AVL must be approved by VA in consultation with VED and VARC. Venues can be in regional communities. The Host is responsible for the booking and payment of venue hire for Rounds. VA is the host for the Finals series.

All proposed venues must be advised to VA by the set deadline in **Appendix A** to allow time for inspection/ approval/ remediation or change.

## 2.8 HOSTING CHECKLIST

The overriding consideration regarding the selection and preparation of competition venues and the delivery of Rounds is the optimal provision of a cost-effective, professional product for the teams, officials, spectators and viewers.

Hosting games in regional centres will require the Host Committee being responsible for the transfer costs of the teams and match officials from the entry point (Capital City) to the regional centre.

Visiting teams playing in the regional centres will be required to pay for their accommodation unless the increase is in excess of a 10% difference to a standard accommodation package available in that State's capital city. In this case the Host Committee will cover the difference in costs.

The Hosting Checklist is provided at **Appendix C**.

The following should be provided:

- Parking space for both cars and buses;
- Canteen, or suitable outlet, for the selling of refreshments.
- Playing area with a minimum free zone of three (3) metres;
- Playing area with a minimum free space of seven (7) metres above the playing surface;
- Elevated seating for at least 300 spectators;
- Playing area with a minimum lighting level of 700 lux;
- Change rooms/area for teams
- Change rooms/ areas for match officials; and
- A warm-up area separate the playing area.

If these cannot be provided, the Host Committee must advise all parties of alternative arrangements or restrictions at least six (6) months prior to the first round.

## 2.9 GAME TIMES

To facilitate travel arrangements for away teams while optimising spectator/viewer attendance, recommended game times are:

- Match 1 - Saturday 3.00 pm or 5.00 pm
- Match 2 - Saturday 5.00 pm or 7.00 pm
- Post-Match BBQ/Function - Saturday 7.00 pm or 9.00 pm
- Match 3 - Sunday 11.00 am
- Match 4 - Sunday 1.00 pm

VA prefers that these times be maintained to assist with establishing routines, planning, promotion and marketing. It is acknowledged that these times may need to be altered due to local requirements. Timing changes must be approved by the VED prior to finalisation of the program.

## 2.10 FLAGS AND SIGNAGE

AVL and VA signage will be displayed in all competition and entry areas to the playing facility.

## 2.11 FIRST AID

The Host Committee must ensure a person with a current first aid certification is available at the venue with a first aid kit and ice. They must also be clearly identified to the teams, NTD and referees prior to each match.

## LEAGUE FORMAT

### 2.12 CONSTRUCTING THE DRAW

The draw and match schedule will be prepared having consideration to national and international volleyball events, State Leagues, hosting requests, other national sporting activities around Australia, teams' opportunities to host feature matches, the participation of invitational teams and opportunities for the host team to be involved in promotional activities.

*Please see Appendix H for the Draw.*

## AWARDS

### 2.13 TEAM AWARDS

A Trophy will be awarded to the Champion Team as well as gold medals to the players and team officials.

Silver and bronze medals will be presented to those players and team officials in the teams finishing second and third respectively.

Medals will only be awarded to the players and team officials who are on the nomination form (0-2bis) for Finals (Gold and Bronze) matches.

### 2.14 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Awards will be presented to best performing athletes, within playing roles, throughout the season as follows:

- Best Server
- Best Receiver
- Best Setter – Finals series only
- Best Attacker
- Best Blocker
- Best Libero

And one (1) award for:

- Most Valuable Player (MVP) – Finals series only

Awards, excluding Best Setter and MVP, will be determined based on the published AVL statistics and tables, across the full season including finals. In the case of the Best Setter and MVP only for the final series, these will be determined by a panel of selected from HP Coaches, former National players and Officials. Awards will be presented as part of the Finals presentations. Any player who is suspended due to sanctions or direct suspension will be ineligible to receive an award.

## AVL SERVICES

### 2.15 MEDICAL SERVICES

The local hospital must be informed of the dates and times of each AVL round. The Host Committee, for the duration of the League will appoint a local Sports Medicine Doctor or Clinic. VA must be provided with contact numbers and addresses for the notification of teams.

Participating teams may choose to bring a physiotherapist to the League. If this is the case the team should inform the Host Committee who will attempt to provide a suitable space within the venue for the physiotherapist to work.

## **2.16 OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER**

Host Committee are required to appoint Official Photographers for each round. The photos provided to VA must be FREE OF ANY RIGHTS.

## **SANCTIONS**

### **2.17 PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENT OF FEES & DOCUMENT DEADLINES**

A penalty of \$300 will apply where teams do not adhere to the payment and documentation deadlines; this includes entry fee, O-2 and O-2bis forms, player transfers etc. Applications for extensions must be received a minimum of three (3) days prior to the schedule deadline.



## APPENDIX A – Critical Dates



### CRITICAL DATES

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	DUE DATE
Initial non-refundable deposit and expression of interest	All Franchises / teams	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2016
Final Draw Released	VA	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2017
Competition Regulations Released	VA	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
Team names and branding submitted to VA	All Franchises / teams	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
Final confirmation of hosting venues provided to VA	All Franchises / teams	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
O-2 Forms submitted to VA	All Franchises / teams	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 (East Conference) 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 (South Conference)
Balance of Team entry fees payable	All Franchises / teams	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
Late Fees apply for O-2 forms (\$200 penalty)	All Franchises / teams	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
Sponsorship notification to VA ( <b>Appendix J</b> )	All Franchises / teams	8 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
AVL Official Starting Date	VA	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
Additions/alterations to O-2 Forms – during the week of date indicated	All Franchises / teams	1 <sup>st</sup> November 2017
Initial non-refundable deposit and expression of interest for the 2018 AVL series	VA	3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2017
Finals	VA	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2017

## APPENDIX B – Costs

### Entry Fee

The entry fee for the 2017 AVL is set at **\$2100.00 (GST Inclusive)** per team.

There will be no equalisation for the conference/preliminary or finals rounds.

## APPENDIX C – Hosting Checklist

### AVL HOSTING CONSIDERATIONS

REQUIREMENTS	STATUS
<p><b><u>PROGRAMS</u></b></p> <p>Finalise and print programs using VA supplied template, team lists and team logos. Include all team names from O-2.</p>	
<p><b><u>TEAM &amp; OFFICIALS AMENITIES</u></b></p> <p>Suitable team and officials amenities, lockable</p>	
<p><b><u>ENTRY/EXIT</u></b></p> <p>Free parking access and location</p> <p>Welcome desk/chair/personnel for door takings, programs, information etc.</p> <p>Team and Officials names need to be provided to Centre management, if required, to waive any entry fees</p> <p>Playing courts easily located or with extra signage directing teams to playing courts</p>	
<p><b><u>PRE-GAME WARM-UP AREA</u></b></p> <p>Contact name and number at venue for visiting officials and teams</p> <p>Location of warm-up area and match court</p> <p>Access to ice, first aid and/or assistance in case of incident</p> <p>Blood Kits</p>	
<p><b><u>FIELD OF PLAY</u></b></p> <p>National quality volleyball equipment inspected, tested and replacements readily available</p> <p>Referee stands adjustable and padded.</p> <p>Functioning scoreboards: manual (flipper) to be visible to referee and electronic scoreboards, visible to spectators, teams and court announcers.</p> <p>Line marking that clearly contrasts with floor and other markings, in accordance with Diagram 1b of the Rules of the Game 2017-2020. All marking to be complete prior to arrival of teams. If any other obvious court markings conflict significantly with volleyball marking, enquire about removal and re-laying after weekend.</p>	

REQUIREMENTS	STATUS
<p>Access to court mop/towels, first aid facilities</p> <p>Scorers bench with three chairs</p> <p>Team benches with 13 chairs each</p> <p>Three tables and six chairs at both ends of court for staff and teams to set up laptops for recording match statistics, live scoring, live streaming and scouting. Access to power points essential. Access to WIFI and/or wired network highly desirable.</p> <p>Australian flag available courtside for pre-match protocol</p> <p>Pack down expectations of venue for each day</p>	
<p><b><u>SIGNAGE</u></b></p> <p>Free zone and competition area signage</p> <p>Team sponsor signage to be set up in competition area</p> <p>Restriction on affixing posters/banners to doors/windows/walls, placing corflutes etc</p> <p>Erect banners outside the venue</p>	
<p><b><u>ANNOUNCERS</u></b></p> <p>Public Address system available, accessible courtside for announcers including microphone, iPod/mp3 player, auxiliary, speakers, desk and chairs (in sight line of scorer bench or electronic scoreboard) (confirm access early Friday afternoon to test)</p> <p>National Anthem may be played at the first matches (Men's &amp; Women's) of the finals – PA to be tested two (2) hours prior to protocol. Australian flag to be hung preferably on the side of the court on Scorer's bench side and four (4) volunteers to hold flag courtside for anthem protocol.</p>	
<p><b><u>REFEREES</u></b></p> <p>Collaborate with NTD and State Association to source all match officials for each round of matches.</p>	
<p><b><u>PROMOTION</u></b></p> <p>Posters in the venue the week prior to the event if possible</p> <p>Posters in state league venues</p> <p>Club and State Association websites, Facebook etc.</p>	

REQUIREMENTS	STATUS
<p>Promote free entry to school students including athlete visits</p> <p>Contact media agencies prior to weekend</p> <p>Press releases and radio interviews with coach/athletes</p> <p>Update AVL Facebook page with updates throughout the round</p>	
<p><b><u>SPECTATOR AREAS</u></b></p> <p>Access to VIP seating</p> <p>Access to general admission</p>	
<p><b><u>OTHER</u></b></p> <p>Canteen open and manned</p> <p>Host members or volunteers on site to help across weekend</p>	
<p><b><u>POST MATCH</u></b></p> <p>Update AVL website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Match Scores</li> <li>- Coaches Quotes</li> <li>- Match Photos</li> </ul> <p>Send copy of the scoresheet to VED via email</p> <p>Upload match footage</p>	





**APPENDIX E – Inter Franchise Transfer**

**2017 AVL INTER FRANCHISE TRANSFER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby apply for a CLEARANCE to play for another AVL Franchise

(Print Player Full Name)

Transferring from \_\_\_\_\_ AVL Franchise, State \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ AVL Franchise, State \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Player <Guardian (if under 18 years of age)>**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

1. Any mutually agreed conditions relating to this Permit must be outlined below.
2. Any AVL Club receiving an application for a "Permit" must immediately confirm receipt of the application to the AVL Club and the Applicant.
3. Any AVL Club receiving an application for a "Permit" must consider the application and inform the applicant in writing of the outcome within fourteen (14) days of receiving the application. If a decision is not made within the 14 day period, the application will be deemed approved.
4. All Certificate of Permit **MUST** be completed before a player can play for the new AVL team.

**\* Certificate of Clearance \***

I, \_\_\_\_\_ certify that \_\_\_\_\_

**Club President**

**AVL Franchise**

(Has/has not)\* approved of the above transfer \*delete as appropriate

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Club President**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**EXTRA CONDITIONS APPLY TO THIS PERMIT**

Yes/No (If yes, please give details)

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**Signature of Applicant**  
<Guardian (if under 18 years of age)>

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Club President**

***\* Approved Permits must accompany team registration forms***

## APPENDIX F – Match Playing Protocol

Note: This match protocol will apply to all round games. An augmented match protocol will be provided for finals. VA will ensure all teams participating in Finals Series are aware of any differences.

COUNTDOWN TO FIRST SERVE (mins)	ACTIVITY IN HALL	EXAMPLE TIME	NOTES
-60:00	Team lists submitted to Referee	14:00:00	Referee checks O2-bis against O-2 Forms and passes to scorer
-27:00	Referees check net	14:33:00	Referees confirm correct net height
-26:00	Coin Toss	14:34:00	Before the toss coaches and captains must sign the score sheet
-25:00	Introduction of the match	14:35:00	All players line up in playing uniform on the end line as follows Team Captain, Starting Libero, regular players and then Reserve Libero.  Coaching staff stand in front of team bench.  Announcer introduces the match.
-24:00	Official team photos at the net	14:36:00	First match of the round for each gender. Playing uniform for players, Match uniform for team officials
-23:00	Start of unofficial warm-up (no net)	14:37:00	Teams warm-up with balls in the official playing area. Team must be in playing uniform.
-13:00	Start of official warm up (at the net)	14:47:00	Teams start official warm-up. Teams that fail to warm-up together according to the principals of good sportsmanship will cause an immediate suspension of warm-up. Referees will separate the warm-up and allocate the remaining time evenly between the teams
-12:00	Team line-up forms (R5) submitted to second referee	14:48:00	Coach provides team line-up to second referee
-03:00	End of warm up	14:57:00	All players move to the side of the court close to the team bench.
-02:00	Announcer introduces Referees Then, announcer introduces starting players	14:58:00	Referees move onto the middle of the court, facing the scorer's table and are introduced, shake hands and then move to position. Starting players followed by the Libero are introduced in playing number order then the Head Coach, Away team is announced first  2 <sup>nd</sup> referee distributes game balls to ball keepers
	Team Positions		Starting players take their positions; 2 <sup>nd</sup> referee and scorer checks player positions; Match ball is passed to the server.
-00:00	First serve	15:00:00	1st referee whistles for service.
<b>MATCH</b>	<b>MATCH</b>	<b>MATCH</b>	
<b>AFTER MATCH</b>	<b>AFTER MATCH</b>	<b>AFTER MATCH</b>	
+00:30 (after match)	Teams shake hands at net		If there is a subsequent match, teams are to clear the benches quickly to allow for the court to be prepared for the next match



## APPENDIX G – Protest Resolution Procedure

There are two (2) different procedures for protest;

- A protest regarding the AVL structural breaches can be submitted as a “Grievance” following a match: and
- An “On the spot” protest regarding the decisions and duties of match officials.

The **National Technical Delegate (NTD)** holds official event authority to resolve and make determinations on issues and protests involving the Rules of the Game.

During Finals matches the “On the spot” protest procedure will be applied. This process will ensure an efficient and effective means to resolving a match situation, particularly when there is no scope to reschedule replay matches over the competition weekend.

The submission of a “Grievance” following a match will be referred to the AVL Control Committee for a decision prior to the next Round of matches, with the outcome published immediately. The decision of the AVL Control Committee will be final.

### 1. PROCEDURE FOR A “GRIEVANCE” PROTEST

A “Grievance” must be submitted pursuant to Rule 1.23 where the Team captain must inform the referees immediately an issue is identified. The scorer will record the issue as reported, the set and score at the time of the issue being raised. The match will then continue.

1.1 All protests concerning the AVL structures, for example an illegal player participating in a match, must be presented in writing to the NTD and the Hosting Committee Chairperson. Captains will be asked to confirm the issue recorded and initialise the “Remarks” before signing the scoresheet after the end of the match.

1.2 Once the score sheet is checked and signed without protest, no further protests will be accepted.

1.3 Such protest must be accompanied by a \$300 administration fee. Protests will be resolved by the Control Committee prior to the next round of matches. If the protest is upheld, the administration fee will be returned.

1.4 The Hosting Committee Chairperson must pass the protest on to the NTD with a written report within 30 minutes of the written protest being lodged.

1.5 The AVL Control Committee membership may contact participants in the match to give testimony prior to finalizing a decision.

### 2. Protest Decision

2.1 The AVL Control Committee decision is final.

2.2 The AVL Control Committee will communicate the decision without delay to the interested parties, with a written response within twenty-four (24) hours.

2.3 If the protest is upheld, the AVL Control Committee will advise all parties on the resultant penalties and actions.

### 2. PROCEDURE FOR “ON THE SPOT” PROTEST

A protest must be made pursuant to Rule 1.23. The game captain must seek clarification of a decision, application or interpretation of the Rules of the Game from the first referee. If the game captain does not agree with the explanation provided, they may choose to protest immediately by informing the first referee of the team’s intention to protest.

On the spot protests may only be made in the Finals Round and not in conference rounds throughout the season.

A formal protest may only be lodged by the Coach or Captain of the team who believes that match officials have either incorrectly applied a rule or incorrectly interpreted a rule under the FIVB Official Rules as amended by AVL Regulations that will affect the outcome of the match.

If a protest is upheld, the match recommences from the stage immediately before the error occurred. A system of "On the Spot" Protest resolution has been adopted.

If a team wishes to lodge a formal protest they should **immediately** inform the First Referee (while the ball is out of play).

The 1st Referee will stop the game, step down from the stand and **immediately** consult the on site NTD.

The NTD will resolve the protest.

#### Formal Protest

A Coach/Captain through the match officials can make a formal protest at any moment of a game (except while the ball is in play), as soon as they notice an improper situation or a decision not in accordance with the official FIVB rules as amended AVL regulations.

Such cases are:

- a) An improper decision by the Referee who did not apply the rules or did not assume the consequences of his/her decisions; and / or
- b) An improper decision of the scorer who made a mistake on the rotational order or on the score.

#### Improper cases

A protest about a Referee's decision, which sanctions a playing action or misconduct, will be considered an improper case and will be immediately dismissed by the NTD.

If a coach requests to lodge a Protest, the NTD enters the court.

- If the request does not fit the criteria of a legal protest, it is rejected;
- If the criteria for a Protest is legal, then the protest is accepted, and it is either then upheld or overturned based upon further information. Then there will be no penalty to the team from this point.

The coach/captain who submits an improper case, i.e. does not fit the criteria of a legal protest, will be sanctioned by a personal sanction "penalty" (Red card). In case of repetition, the coach will be disqualified from the match and will have to leave the playing area. Penalties are outlined in section 13.5.

If the protest is considered valid, the protest and start and end time of the interruption is recorded on the scoresheet.

#### **Interruption of the game**

As soon as the formal protest is made the game is interrupted.

The first Referee authorises the teams to leave the playing court and come to the bench, but they are not allowed to leave the playing area. Players are allowed to use balls in the free zone.

#### **The NTD will resolve the protest.**

In the case of a protest concerning a referee's decision, the NTD will seek testimony of the first referee, who makes a report on their reasons for the decision and application of the rules.

The NTD may also seek testimony of other match officials and participants.

According to the rules, the NTD decides to:

- reject the protest, or
- accept the protest and the referees decision is either then upheld or overturned based upon further information.

If the case is not covered within the Rules of the Game (Including associated documents), the NTD will assess all the available information before them prior to arriving at a final decision.

**To resume the game:**

The decision is communicated by the NTD to the referees, scorers, coaches, captains and to the court announcer, who informs the spectators.

If the protest has been rejected, the game is resumed after having applied the referee's decision or with the same positions and same score.

If the complaint is accepted, the decision of the referee is nullified and the game is resumed according to the decision of the NTD.

**The NTD protest decision is final.**

## APPENDIX H – Draw

SEE EVENT WEBSITE – [www.avl.org.au](http://www.avl.org.au)

## APPENDIX J – Sponsorship Declaration Form

To be completed and submitted to VA a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the season.

Sponsorship Declaration Form		
Sponsor Name	Type of business <i>(e.g. clothing manufacturer, hotel, transportation, accommodation, alcohol distributor etc.)</i>	Conditions of sponsorship <i>(e.g. court signage at home games, uniform signage, value in kind, blurb in program etc.)</i>
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## APPENDIX L – Player Code of Behaviour

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow participants, coaches, officials and spectators.
- Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as sexual or other harassment towards fellow participants and coaches.
- Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow team members and competitors.
- Care and respect the equipment provided to you as part of your program.
- Be frank and honest with your coach concerning illness and injury and your ability to train fully within the program requirements.
- Conduct yourself in a professional manner relating to language, temper and punctuality.
- Maintain high personal behaviour standards at all times.
- Abide by the rules and respect the decision of the adjudicator.
- Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training. Work equally hard for yourself and your team.
- Cooperate with coaches and staff in development of programs to adequately prepare you for competition at the highest level.

## APPENDIX M – Coach Code of Behaviour

### Safety and Health of Participants

- Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Be aware of and support the sport's injury management plans and return to play guidelines.

### Coaching excellence

- Help each person (athlete, official, etc) to reach their potential. Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage them with positive and constructive feedback.
- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Treat each participant as an individual.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of participants.

### Honour the sport

- Act within the rules and spirit of your sport.
- Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators.
- Show respect and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.

### Integrity

- Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free environment.
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance exists) with people under the age of 18.
- Ensure that any physical contact with another person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.
- Be honest and do not allow your qualifications or coaching experience to be misrepresented.
- Never advocate or condone the use of illicit drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances or methods.
- Never participate in or advocate practices that involve match fixing.

### Respect

- Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour.



## APPENDIX N – Officials Code of Behaviour

- Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport, promoting fair play over winning at any cost
- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviors and skills
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport
- Treat each person as an individual
- Display control and courtesy to all involved with the sport
- Respect the rights and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators in the conduct of the sport
- Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance will exist) with people under the age of 18 years
- Adopt appropriate and responsible behaviour in all interactions
- Adopt responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs
- Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a safe environment
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment free environment
- Do not tolerate harmful or abusive behaviours
- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else
- Help each person (athlete, official etc) reach their potential - respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and compliment and encourage with positive and supportive feedback
- Any physical contact with a person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development
- Be honest and do not allow your qualifications to be misrepresented.
- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else
- Be consistent and impartial when making decisions.
- Address unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all people

## APPENDIX O – Schedule of Fees

All fees listed are GST Exclusive and are payable to VA or otherwise stated.

- Failure to upload match videos \$100
- Forfeit of match Up to \$1,000 to VA  
Up to \$5,000 to Host Franchise
- Uniform violation \$100 per violation
- Non-compliance to meeting deadlines as published \$300

Further fees and penalties may arise during the season which will be decided upon on a case by case basis, in conjunction with Franchises and Key Stakeholders (VED, VARC, VA etc.)

**APPENDIX P – Inter Franchise Transfer**



**2017 AVL CO-SHARE FRANCHISE OFFICIAL**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby apply for a CLEARANCE to officiate/manage for more than 1 AVL Franchise  
(Print Team Official Full Name)

Franchise 1: \_\_\_\_\_ AVL Franchise, State \_\_\_\_\_

Franchise 2: \_\_\_\_\_ AVL Franchise, State \_\_\_\_\_

1. Any mutually agreed conditions relating to this Permit must be outlined below.
2. Both AVL Franchises listed above must submit this form upon initial submission of their O-2 form (or at the point of which the team official first appears on an updated O-2 form).
3. All Certificate of Permit **MUST** be completed before a team official can participate with a second AVL team (second is deemed to be whichever franchise plays latter of which the team official appears on the O-2 and O-2bis forms).

**\* Certificate of Co-Share Clearance \***

I, \_\_\_\_\_ certify that \_\_\_\_\_

**Franchise 1 President**

**AVL Franchise**

(Has/has not)\* approved of the above co-share *\*delete as appropriate*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Franchise 1 President**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ certify that \_\_\_\_\_

**Franchise 2 President**

**AVL Franchise**

(Has/has not)\* approved of the above co-share *\*delete as appropriate*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Franchise 2 President**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**EXTRA CONDITIONS APPLY TO THIS PERMIT**

*e.g. in the event of the franchises playing against each other, which team is the official to be allocated to?*

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**Signature of Applicant**