

# **Bristol & District Volleyball Association**

## **Rules 2018 / 2019**



## **CONTENTS**

Index

## **PAGE**

2

Men's League – Rules

3

Woman's League – Rules

5

Mixed League – Rules

7

## **Men's League - Rules 2018-19 – Revision 02**

### **MN 0. Objectives**

**MN 0.1** The key objective of the men's league is to be competitive & a good feeder for the Southwest league & National league.

### **MN 1. Game Characteristics**

**MN 1.1.** All Bristol & District League Matches shall be played to Federation of International Volleyball (FIVB) Rules ([https://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/documents/FIVB-Volleyball\\_Rules\\_2017-2020-EN-v06.pdf](https://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/documents/FIVB-Volleyball_Rules_2017-2020-EN-v06.pdf)). However the following exceptions to the rules set out in this document apply.

**MN 1.2.** All Bristol & District Tournament Matches shall be played to the Federation of International Volleyball (FIVB) Rules & to the direction of the Individual Tournament Director. Specifically it may be necessary to shorten or have timed matches.

### **MN 2. Playing Format**

**MN 2.1.** All matches are best of three sets. The first team to win two sets wins the match. 2-0 and 2-1 are match winning scores.

**MN 2.2.** The first and second sets are played up to 25 points with a minimum margin of 2 clear points. In the case of a 24-24 tie play shall continue until one of the teams achieves a two point margin. This is capped at 28 points ie 28-27 is a win.

**MN 2.3.** If a third set is required, the winning team will be the first to achieve 15 points with a minimum margin of 2 clear points. However, in the case of a 14-14 tie play shall continue until one of the teams achieves a two point margin. This is capped at 18 points. ie 18-17 is a win.

**MN 2.4.** All games shall be played on a men's height net (2.43m).

### **MN 3. Regular Interruptions**

**MN 3.1.** Regular game interruptions are Time-outs & Player substitutions.

**MN 3.2.** Under Bristol & District Rules each team is allowed ONE time-out and six substitutions per set.

### **MN 4. Eligibility**

**MN 4.1.** In all Bristol & District matches each team may play a player of any standard including southwest league, national league or international standard. Women should not be played in the men's league.

**MN 4.2.** A Player may not play for more than one team in the men's league.

**MN 4.3.** If a team has only five players they may proceed as an emergency, if they do start with five players, they will be penalised, and the opposing team will start with a five-point advantage in the first two sets & three-point advantage in the third. Teams are strongly discouraged from playing with five players. A team may also choose to borrow a player, but this should be announced in advance and noted on the score sheet. If they do the opposing team will start with a five-point advantage for the first two sets & a three points for the third set. If a team borrows a player from another team & does not declare that player before the match begins & this is subsequently discovered the result will be declared void & the opposing team declared winners by forfeit. The team that played an ineligible player without declaring it will be fined £25.00

**MN 4.4** Prior to the season starting each team must complete a player registration sheet with a minimum of ten men named. During the season you can add to the registration sheet provided the player concerned has not been registered with another team.

**MN 4.5** After a player has been registered, they may not transfer to another team & must remain with their original team for the whole season.

## **Men's League - Rules 2018-19 – Revision 02**

### **MN 5. Equipment**

**MN 5.1.** Teams are expected to play games in matching kit with clearly visible numbers. A £10 team fine will be levied for not adhering to this.

**MN 5.2.** Teams are expected to bring to a match:

**MN 5.2.1.** Two whistles

**MN 5.2.2.** 3. B&D Score sheets

**MN 5.2.3.** A working Pen

**MN 5.2.4** If possible a scoreboard and aerials

### **MN 6. Results**

**MN 6.1** It is the responsibility of the winning team to make sure that results are entered onto the website [www.bad-vl.org](http://www.bad-vl.org)

**MN 6.2** Results are entered in the following manner;

**MN 6.2.1.** Completed & signed off score sheets should be photographed with a smartphone or similar (a completed score sheet is a sheet that has a match number, date, the venue, the winning team, the winning score & player lists for both teams who played).

**MN 6.2.2.** Convert the image to a pdf (you can use [www.convert-jpg-to-pdf.net](http://www.convert-jpg-to-pdf.net)).

**MN 6.2.3** Upload as a pdf file to the [www.bad-vl.org](http://www.bad-vl.org) website through the update tab (user names & passwords obtained from B&D webmaster, Kris Lus; [kel@cbvc.org.uk](mailto:kel@cbvc.org.uk)).

**MN 6.2.4** Through the update tab manually input the results for each set.

**MN 6.2.5** Results & scoresheets must be uploaded by 6pm the Monday after the game being played. A £10 fine for the Result and a £10.00 fine for the scoresheet will be incurred by teams failing to complete this on time.

**MN 6.2.6** After each match day is complete it is the responsibility of the winning team(s) to text the Match Number, Set Score (for each set) & match result to the men's league secretary. This is in addition to the requirements set out MN 6.2.5

**MN 6.2.7** It is the responsibility of every team to keep a copy or an image of the score sheet for every match that they play in until the end of the season.

### **MN 7. Affiliation**

**MN 7.1** Any team that plays in a Bristol & District Volleyball Association League fixture must be affiliated to our National Governing Body which is Volleyball England.

## **Men's League - Rules 2018-19 – Revision 02**

### **MN 8. Sanctions**

**MN 8.1** If a team fails to present within 10 minutes of the published start time they will be fined £15. This includes the refereeing team not having a minimum of five present to officiate (1<sup>st</sup> Ref, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ref, Scorer, 2. line judges).

**MN 8.2** Teams that fail to play the scheduled game with matching / numbered kit will be fined £10.

**MN 8.3.1** Teams that fail to submit the score sheet as set out in MN 6.2.5 will be fined £10.

**MN 8.3.2** Teams that fail to submit the result as set out in MN 6.2.5 will be fined £10.

**MN 8.4** All fines will be taken from a team's £50 deposit which will carry over to the following year if still complete or be returned if a team withdraws from the league. If a team receives sufficient fines during the course of the league that there is no deposit left, they will be asked to replenish this before playing any further matches.

**MN 8.5** At the end of each calendar month during the season the men's league secretary will issue a fine sheet to any team that has been deemed to have broken the rules in the preceding month(s). The sheet will detail the match and the rule broken, along with how much the fine is & how to appeal.

**MN 8.6** Right to appeal, each team, will be given the right to appeal. They must do so within 14 days of the fine being issued. They must justify in writing why they believe they are not in breach of the rules. This appeal will be reviewed by a sub-committee consisting of the three-league secretary's (men's ladies and mixed) and the fixture secretary.

### **MN 9.0.0 Match Protocol**

**MN 9.1.1** All matches should be conducted in accordance with the Match Protocol as outlined in the handbook.

**MN 9.1.2** Any team that changes the published match order or applies undue pressure on another team to change the match order without written consent from the league secretary in advance of the published date shall be fined £25.00 for each triangle of fixtures it effects. In the case of triangles that are on side by side courts where the matches cross courts the fine will apply twice.

### **MN 10.0.0 AGM Attendance**

**MN 10.1.0** It is now a mandatory requirement that all clubs send representation to the BDVA AGM. Any club that fails to send representation who played in any competition run by the BDVA will be fined £50.

## **Women's League – Rules 2018-19 – Revision 02**

### **WN 0. Objectives**

**WN 0.1** The key objective of the women's league is to be competitive & a good feeder for the Southwest League & National League.

### **WN 1. Game Characteristics**

**WN 1.1.** All Bristol & District League Matches shall be played to Federation of International Volleyball (FIVB) Rules ([https://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/documents/FIVB-Volleyball\\_Rules\\_2017-2020-EN-v06.pdf](https://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/documents/FIVB-Volleyball_Rules_2017-2020-EN-v06.pdf)). However the following exceptions to the rules set out in this document apply.

**WN 1.2.** All Bristol & District Tournament Matches shall be played to the Federation of International Volleyball (FIVB) Rules & to the direction of the Individual Tournament Director. Specifically it may be necessary to shorten or have timed matches.

### **WN 2. Playing Format**

**WN 2.1.** All Matches are best of three sets. The first team to win two sets wins the match. 2-0 or 2-1 are match winning scores.

**WN 2.2.** The first and second sets are played up to 25 points with a minimum margin of 2 clear points. In the case of a 24-24 tie play shall continue until one of the teams achieves a two point margin. This is capped at 28 points ie 28-27 is a win.

**WN 2.3.** If a third set is required the winning team will be the first to achieve 15 points with a minimum margin of 2 clear points. In the case of a 14-14 tie play shall continue until one of the teams achieves a two point margin. This is capped at 18 points ie 18-17 is a win.

**WN 2.4.** All games shall be played on a women's height net (2.24m).

### **WN 3. Regular Interruptions**

**WN 3.1.** Regular game interruptions are time-outs & player substitutions.

**WN 3.2.** Under Bristol & District Rules each team is allowed ONE time-out and six substitutions per set.

### **WN 4. Eligibility**

**WN 4.1.** In all Bristol & District matches each team may play a player of any standard including southwest league, national league or international standard. A team may only play women in the women's league.

**WN 4.2.1** A Player may not play for more than one team in the Women's league.

**WN 4.2.2** A man or a junior boy may not play in the woman's league.

**WN 4.3.** If a team has only five players they may proceed as an emergency, if they do start with five players, they will be penalised, and the opposing team will start with a five-point advantage in the first two sets & three-point advantage in the third. Teams are strongly discouraged from playing with five players. A team may also choose to borrow a player, but this should be announced in advance and noted on the score sheet. If they do the opposing team will start with a five-point advantage for the first two sets & a three points for the third set. If a team borrows a player from another team & does not declare that player before the match begins & this is subsequently discovered the result will be declared void & the opposing team declared winners by forfeit. The team that played an ineligible player without declaring it will be fined £25.00

**WN 4.4** Prior to the season starting each team must complete a player registration sheet with a minimum of ten women named. During the season you can add to the registration sheet provided the player concerned has not been registered with another team.

**WN 4.5** After a player has been registered, they may not transfer to another team & must remain with their original team for the whole season.

## **Women's League – Rules 2018-19 – Revision 02**

### **WN 5. Equipment**

**WN 5.1.** Teams are expected to play games in matching kit with clearly marked numbers. A £10 team fine will be levied for not adhering to this. A £10 team fine will be levied for not adhering to this.

**WN 5.2.** Teams are expected to bring to a match:

**WN 5.2.1.** Two whistles

**WN 5.2.2.** 3 B&D Score sheets

**WN 5.2.3.** A working pen

**WN 5.2.4** If possible a scoreboard and aerials

### **WN 6. Results**

**WN 6.1** It is the responsibility of the winning team to make sure that results are entered onto the website [www.bad-vl.org](http://www.bad-vl.org)

**WN 6.2** Results are entered in the following manner;

**WN 6.2.1.** Completed & signed off score sheets should be photographed with a smartphone or similar (a completed score sheet is a sheet that has a match number, date, the venue, the winning team, the winning score & player lists for both teams who played).

**WN 6.2.2.** Convert the image to a pdf (you can use [www.convert-jpg-to-pdf.net](http://www.convert-jpg-to-pdf.net)).

**WN 6.2.3** Upload as a pdf file to the [www.bad-vl.org](http://www.bad-vl.org) website through the update tab. (user names & passwords obtained from B&D webmaster Kris Lus; [kel@cbvc.org.uk](mailto:kel@cbvc.org.uk)).

**WN 6.2.4** Through the update tab manually input the results for each set.

**WN 6.2.5** Results & Jpeg must be uploaded by 6pm the Monday after the game being played. A £10 fine will be incurred by teams failing to complete this on time.

**WN 6.2.6** After each match day is complete it is the responsibility of the winning team(s) to text the Match Number, Set Score (for each set) & match result to the women's league secretary. This is in addition to the requirements set out WN 6.2.5.

**WN 6.2.7** It is the responsibility of every team to keep a copy or an image of the score sheet for every match that they play in until the end of the season.

### **WN 7. Affiliation**

**WN 7.1** Any team that plays in a Bristol & District Volleyball Association League fixture must be affiliated to our National Governing Body which is Volleyball England.

## **Women's League – Rules 2018-19 – Revision 02**

### **WN 8. Sanctions**

**WN 8.1** If a team fails to present within 10 minutes of the published start time they will be fined £15. This includes the refereeing team not having a minimum of five present to officiate (1<sup>st</sup> Ref, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ref, Scorer, 2 line judges).

**WN 8.2** Teams that fail to play the scheduled game with matching / numbered kit will be fined £10.

**WN 8.3.1** Teams that fail to submit the score sheet as set out in WN 6.2.5 will be fined £10.

**WN 8.3.2** Teams that fail to submit the result as set out in MX 6.2.5 will be fined £10.

**WN 8.4** All fines will be taken from a team's £50 deposit which will carry over to the following year if still complete or be returned if a team withdraws from the league. If a team receives sufficient fines during the course of the league that there is no deposit left, they will be asked to replenish this before playing any further matches.

**WN 8.5** At the end of each calendar month during the season the men's league secretary will issue a fine sheet to any team that has been deemed to have broken the rules in the preceding month(s). The sheet will detail the match and the rule broken, along with how much the fine is & how to appeal.

**WN 8.6** Right to appeal, each team, will be given the right to appeal. They must do so within 14 days of the fine being issued. They must justify in writing why they believe they are not in breach of the rules. This appeal will be reviewed by a sub-committee consisting of the three-league secretary's (men's ladies and mixed) and the fixture secretary.

### **WN 9.0.0 Match Protocol**

**WN 9.1.1** All matches should be conducted in accordance with the Match Protocol as outlined in the handbook.

**WN 9.1.2** Any team that changes the published match order or applies undue pressure on another team to change the match order without written consent from the league secretary in advance of the published date shall be fined £25.00 for each triangle of fixtures it effects. In the case of triangles that are on side by side courts where the matches cross courts the fine will apply twice.

### **WN 10.0.0 AGM Attendance**

**WN 10.1.0** It is now a mandatory requirement that all clubs send representation to the BDVA AGM. Any club that fails to send representation who played in any competition run by the BDVA will be fined £50.

## **Mixed League – Rules 2018-19 – Revision 02**

### **MX 0. Objectives**

**MX 0.1.** The key objective of this league is to be social, friendly & relaxed.

### **MX 1. Game Characteristics**

**MX 1.1.** All Bristol & District League Matches shall be played to Federation of International Volleyball (FIVB) Rules ([https://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/documents/FIVB-Volleyball\\_Rules\\_2017-2020-EN-v06.pdf](https://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/documents/FIVB-Volleyball_Rules_2017-2020-EN-v06.pdf)). However the following exceptions to the rules set out in this document apply.

**MX 1.2.** All Bristol & District Tournament Matches shall be played to the Federation of International Volleyball (FIVB) Rules & to the direction of the Individual Tournament Director. Specifically it may be necessary to shorten or have timed matches.

### **MX 2. Playing Format**

**MX 2.1.** All Matches are best of three sets. Ie the first team to win two sets wins the match. 2-0 and 2-1 are match winning scores.

**MX 2.2.** The first and second sets are played up to 25 points with a minimum margin of 2 clear points. In the case of a 24-24 tie play shall continue until one of the teams achieves a two point margin. This is capped at 28 points, ie 28-27 is a win.

**MX 2.3.** If a third set is required, the winning team will be the first to achieve 15 points with a minimum margin of 2 clear points. However, in the case of a 14-14 tie play shall continue until one of the teams achieves a two point margin. This is capped at 18 points, ie 18-17 is a win.

**MX 2.4.** All games shall be played on a men's height net (2.43m).

### **MX 3. Regular Interruptions**

**MX 3.1.** Regular game interruptions are time-outs & player substitutions.

**MX 3.2.** Under Bristol & District Rules each team is allowed ONE time-out and six substitutions per set.

## Mixed League – Rules 2018-19 – Revision 02

### MX 4. Eligibility

**MX 4.1.** In all Bristol & district volleyball association mixed league matches, each team shall have a minimum of three wild cards on court during play.

**MX 4.2.** The definition of a wild card is:

**MX 4.2.1.** A woman.

**MX 4.2.2.** A man over the age of 55 on August 31<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of the season.  
(This is to be viewed as an interim rule as we move towards a full mixed league of three men & three women in future seasons possibly 2019/20 season).

**MX 4.2.3.** A junior player which is someone under the age of 17 on August 31<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of the season.

**MX 4.3.** A person who fits two of these categories, as an example a woman over 55 cannot be counted as two wild cards.

**MX 4.4.** If a team elects to play with a libero and the player fits the criteria set out in 3.2 he or she cannot be counted as one of the wildcards because their involvement in play is intermittent.

**MX 4.5.** It is a five point penalty for each missing wildcard in the first two sets. It is a three point penalty for each missing wildcard in the third.

**MX 4.6.** Teams must always have three wild cards on court, otherwise rule 4.5 shall be applied.

**MX 4.7.** A player may not play for more than one team in the mixed league.

**MX 4.8.** If a team has only five players, they may proceed as an emergency. If they do start with five players, they will be penalised, and the opposing team will start with a five-point advantage in the first two sets & three-point advantage in the third. Teams are strongly discouraged from playing with five players. At all times teams must still have three wildcards as rules 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3. A team may also choose to borrow a player, but this should be announced in advance and noted on the score sheet. If they do the opposing team will start with a five-point advantage for the first two sets & a three points for the third set. If a team borrows a player from another team & does not declare that player before the match begins & this is subsequently discovered the result will be declared void & the opposing team declared winners by forfeit. The team that played an ineligible player without declaring it will be fined £25.00

**MX 4.9** Prior to the season starting each team must complete a player registration sheet with a minimum of ten players named. There must be a minimum of five wild cards named. During the season you can add to the registration sheet provided the player concerned has not been registered with another team.

**MX 4.10** After a player has been registered, they may not transfer to another team & must remain with their original team for the whole season.

### MX 5. Equipment

**MX 5.1.** Teams are expected to play games in matching kit with clearly visible numbers. A £10 team fine will be levied for not adhering to this.

**MX 5.2.** Teams are expected to bring to a match:

**MX 5.2.1.** Two whistles

**MX 5.2.2.** 3 B&D Score sheets

**MX 5.2.3.** A working pen

**MX 5.2.4** If possible a scoreboard and aerials

## **Mixed League – Rules 2018-19 – Revision 02**

### **MX 6. Results**

**MX 6.1** It is the Responsibility of the winning team to make sure that results are entered onto the website [www.bad-vl.org](http://www.bad-vl.org)

**MX 6.2** Results are entered in the following manner;

**MX 6.2.1.** Completed & signed off score sheets should be photographed with a smartphone or similar. A completed score sheet is a sheet that has a match number, date, the venue, the winning team, the winning score & player lists for both teams who played.

**MX 6.2.2.** Convert the image to a pdf (you can use [www.convert-jpg-to-pdf.net](http://www.convert-jpg-to-pdf.net)).

**MX 6.2.3** Upload as a pdf file to the [www.bad-vl.org](http://www.bad-vl.org) website through the update tab (user names & passwords obtained from B&D webmaster, Kris Lus; [kel@cbvc.org.uk](mailto:kel@cbvc.org.uk))

**MX 6.2.4** Through the update tab manually input the results for each set.

**MX 6.2.5** Results & scoresheets must be uploaded by 6pm the Monday after the game being played. A £10 fine for the Result and a £10.00 fine for the scoresheet will be incurred by teams failing to complete this on time.

**MX 6.2.6** After each match day is complete it is the responsibility of the winning team(s) to text the Match Number, Set Score (for each set) & match result to the mixed league secretary. This is in addition to the requirements set out MX 6.2.5

**MX 6.2.7** It is the responsibility of every team to keep a copy or an image of the score sheet for every match that they play in until the end of the season.

### **MX 7. Affiliation**

**MX 7.1** Any team that plays in a Bristol & District Volleyball Association League fixture must be affiliated to our National Governing Body which is Volleyball England.

### **MX 8. Sanctions**

**MX 8.1** If a team fails to present within 10 minutes of the published start time they will be fined £15. This includes the refereeing team not having a minimum of five present to officiate (1<sup>st</sup> Ref, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ref, Scorer, 2 line judges).

**MX 8.2** Teams that fail to play the scheduled game with matching / numbered kit will be fined £10.

**MX 8.3.1** Teams that fail to submit the score sheet as set out in MX 6.2.5 will be fined £10.

**MX 8.3.2** Teams that fail to submit the result as set out in MX 6.2.5 will be fined £10.

**MX 8.4** All fines will be taken from a team's £50 deposit which will carry over to the following year if still complete or be returned if a team withdraws from the league. If a team receives sufficient fines during the course of the league that there is no deposit left, they will be asked to replenish this before playing any further matches.

**MX 8.5** At the end of each calendar month during the season the mixed league secretary will issue a fine sheet to any team that has been deemed to have broken the rules in the preceding month(s). The sheet will detail the match and the rule broken, along with how much the fine is & how to appeal.

**MX 8.6** Right to appeal, each team, will be given the right to appeal. They must do so within 14 days of the fine being issued. They must justify in writing why they believe they are not in breach of the rules. This appeal will be reviewed by a sub-committee consisting of the three-league secretary's (men's ladies and mixed) and the fixture secretary.

### **MX 9.0.0 Match Protocol**

**MX 9.1.0** All matches should be conducted in accordance with the Match Protocol as outlined in the handbook.

**MX 9.1.1** Any team that changes the published match order or applies undue pressure on another team to change the match order without written consent from the league secretary in advance of the published date shall be fined £25.00 for each triangle of fixtures it effects. In the case of triangles that are on side by side courts where the matches cross courts the fine will apply twice.

## **Mixed League – Rules 2018-19 Season – Revision 02**

### **MX 10.0.0 AGM Attendance**

**MX 10.1.0** It is now a mandatory requirement that all clubs send representation to the BDVA AGM. Any club that fails to send representation who played in any competition run by the BDVA will be fined £50.