

# Bristol & District Volleyball Association

## Rules Revision 03 2019 / 2020



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## Match Protocol (All Divisions) - 2019-20 – Revision 03

Ref.	Description.		
<b>PRO 0.0</b>	<b>Match Protocol (Men's League, Women's League &amp; Mixed League)</b>		
<b>PRO 0.1</b>	The match day protocol is based on a conventional three set triangle. Common sense should be applied to adapt the protocol to follow the same format for a single header, double header or quadrable header.	<b>Bedminster Down.</b>	<b>Wellsway</b>
<b>PRO 1.0</b>	First Match.		
<b>PRO 1.1</b>	Countdown begins (from advertised hall booking time).	9:15	13:45
<b>PRO 1.2</b>	Arrive a minimum of 10 minutes before the published start time.	9:05	13:35
<b>PRO 1.2.1</b>	If possible, gain access to the store cupboard & without disturbing the previous booking get out the posts, net, aerials, scorers' table, two chairs, scoreboard.		
<b>PRO 2.0</b>	<b>20 Minutes</b>	9:15	13:45
<b>PRO 2.1</b>	Hall is cleared from previous use.		
<b>PRO 2.2</b>	Playing teams and Refereeing team <b>ALL</b> Erect volleyball net, posts and aerials; check height of net (2.43m – Men, 2.24m –Women)		
<b>PRO 2.3</b>	Ensure scorers' table, chair, scoreboard, scoresheet and rotation slips are present.		
<b>PRO 3.0</b>	<b>15 Minutes</b>	9:20	13:50
<b>PRO 3.1</b>	Scorer begins entering players' and match officials' details onto scoresheet.		
<b>PRO 3.2</b>	1st Referee calls captains to scorer's table, conducts the toss and informs the scorer the outcome of the decision.		
<b>PRO 3.3</b>	Scorer should record the order of service. Captains and/or coaches should sign the scoresheet.		
<b>PRO 4.0</b>	<b>14 Minutes</b>	9:21	13:51
<b>PRO 4.1</b>	2nd Referee should give rotation slips to both team captains (or coaches)		
<b>PRO 5.0</b>	<b>12 Minutes</b>	9:23	13:53
<b>PRO 5.1</b>	1st Referee should signal start of official 10-minute warm-up period; hitting though position four.		
<b>PRO 5.1.1</b>	In the spirit of cooperation and in the interests of time efficiency under BDVA rules separate warm-ups are not permitted. All teams will share the net during the warm-up period.		
<b>PRO 5.1.2</b>	If the timings have started to slip, the first referee has the right to cut down the warm-up time down to get the game back on track. As an example, the referee could cut the warm-up timings from four minutes, four minutes, two minutes to two minutes, two minutes, one minute.		
<b>PRO 5.1.3</b>	If timings are a long way adrift the referee should consider cancelling the war-up all together & going straight into the game.		

<b>PRO 5.2.0</b>	<b>8 Minutes</b>		
<b>PRO 5.2.1</b>	1st or 2nd Referee whistles for both teams to begin hitting through position two.	9:27	13:57
<b>PRO 5.3.0</b>	<b>4 Minutes</b>		
<b>PRO 5.3.1</b>	1st or 2nd Referee whistles for both teams to begin serving practice.	9:31	14:01
<b>PRO 5.4.0</b>	<b>2 Minutes</b>		
<b>PRO 5.4.1</b>	1st or 2nd Referee whistles to signify end of warm-up period. Both teams should retire to their benches outside of the free zone.	9:33	14:03
<b>PRO 5.4.2</b>	2nd Referee obtains rotation slips from teams (if not already done) and passes them to the scorer who should immediately record them on the scoresheet.		
<b>PRO 5.5.0</b>	<b>1 Minute</b>		
<b>PRO 5.5.1</b>	1st Referee goes to position on the stand; blows whistle for teams to enter court.	9:34	14:04
<b>PRO 5.5.2</b>	2nd Referee checks each team's position on court against their rotation slip.		
<b>PRO 5.6.0</b>	<b>0 Minutes</b>	9:35	14:05
<b>PRO 5.6.1</b>	1st Referee blows whistle for 1st service.		
<b>PRO 6.0</b>	<b>2nd Match</b>		
<b>PRO 6.1</b>	At the conclusion of Game 1, there should be no more than a 15-minute delay until the commencement of Game 2 first service.		
<b>PRO 6.2.1</b>	The countdown for Game 2 should start from the T-15-minute point in the Match Protocol. Specifically, you should follow Clause PRO 3.0 to Clause PRO 5.6.1 inclusive.		
<b>PRO 6.2.2</b>	Note – The T-15-minute point is intended to allow the team that has just officiated some time for a gentle warm-up before going over the net. More than a 15-minute delay between games will increase the likelihood of the hall hire being exceeded.		
<b>PRO 7.0</b>	<b>3rd Match</b>		
<b>PRO 7.1</b>	At the conclusion of Game 2, there should be no more than a 15-minute delay until the commencement of Game 3 first service.		
<b>PRO 7.2.1</b>	The countdown for Game 3 should start from the T-15-minute point in the Match Protocol. Specifically, you should follow Clause PRO 3.0 to Clause PRO 5.6.1 inclusive.		
<b>PRO 7.2.2</b>	Note – The T-15-minute point is intended to allow the team that has just officiated some time for a gentle warm-up before going over the net. More than a 15-minute delay between games will increase the likelihood of the hall hire being exceeded.		

## **Men's League - Rules 2019-20 – Revision 03**

### **MN 0.0 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 1.0 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 1.3.1.** All Bristol & District League Matches, Friendly Matches, Tournaments, Events, Meetings & gatherings whether official or informal shall be fully abide with the associations code of conduct.

**MN 1.3.2.** The associations code of conduct applies to everyone involved with the Bristol & District Volleyball Associations league matches, friendly matches, tournaments, events, meetings & gatherings. This includes but is not limited to players, coaches, bench personal, referees, line judges, scoring personal, spectators, parents & guardians.

### **MN 2.0 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 i.e. 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. I.e. 18-17 is a win.

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

**MN 2.5.0.** In the event of there being more than one division of Men's volleyball teams there will be promotion, relegation & playoffs.

**MN 2.5.1** The team that finishes Second in the division will be the runners-up. If there is a higher division, they will go into a play-off against the team finishing last but one in that division as set out in clause MN 2.5.2. The team that finishes first will be champions. If there is a higher division, they will be automatically promoted.

**MN 2.5.2** If there is a lower division the team that finishes last in the division will be relegated to the division below for the following season. If there is a lower division, the team that finishes second from last will play-off with the team that finished second in the division below as set out in clause MN 2.5.1.

**MN 2.5.3** Play-off games will be played after all regular season games are complete. For play-off games teams may only play players that have played during the regular season as clause MN 4.4.1.2

### **MN 3.0 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.

## **Men's League - Rules 2019-20 – Revision 03**

### **MN 4.0 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 4.3.1** 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.

**MN 4.3.2** Teams are strongly discouraged from playing with five players. A team may also choose to borrow a player from one of the other team's present playing in the triangle of games, but this should be announced in advance and noted on the score sheet.

**MN 4.3.3.1** If a team does choose to 'borrow' a player 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 25-0, 25-0.

**MN 4.3.3.2** The team that played an ineligible player without declaring it will be fined £25.00. A team may not borrow a player from another team playing in the Bristol & District men's competition that are not playing on the day the match is scheduled to played.

**MN 4.4.1.0** Prior to the season starting each team must complete a player registration sheet with a minimum of ten men named.

**MN 4.4.1.1** During the season you can add to the registration sheet at any time provided the player concerned has not been registered with another team. Player registration closes on the start of the final game of the season.

**MN 4.4.1.2** After the last game of the regular season is complete, teams involved in the play-offs will not be able to register any new players for the play-off games.

**MN 4.4.2.1** Player registrations will follow the format of regional & national leagues. After the Initial registration at the time of league entry, all players registrations will be carried out online at the BDVA website, details you are to provide are a Forename, Surname & valid email address. A Unique number will be generated for each player. The Players details and unique number will be available for download in the form of a team sheet.

**MN 4.4.2.2** After the initial player registration with the league entry forms, teams will be required to complete an online registration for any subsequent player.

**MN 4.4.3.1** BDVA Player registration details accompanied by a BDVA Team Sheet are to be presented to the Scorer at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the match. Referees must check identity and validity of players. Any details or irregularities are to be noted on the scoresheet.

**MN 4.4.3.2** A new Team Sheet must be presented by the playing team for every match day.

**MN 4.4.3.3** Failure to present a team sheet on a match day will lead to a £5.00 fine.

**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 including the post season play-offs.

### **MN 5.0 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

## **Men's League - Rules 2019-20 – Revision 03**

### **MN 6.0 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 7.0 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.

### **MN 8.0 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. Match Protocol**

**MN 9.1.0** All matches should be conducted in accordance with the Match Protocol as outlined in clauses PRO 0.0 to PRO 7.2.2.

**MN 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.

### **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 2019-20 – Revision 03**

## **WN 0.0 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 1.0 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 1.3.1.** All Bristol & District League Matches, Friendly Matches, Tournaments, Events, Meetings & gatherings whether official or informal shall be fully abide with the associations code of conduct.

**WN 1.3.2.** The associations code of conduct applies to everyone involved with the Bristol & District Volleyball Associations league matches, friendly matches, tournaments, events, meetings & gatherings. This includes but is not limited to players, coaches, bench personal, referees, line judges, scoring personal, spectators, parents & guardians.

## **WN 2.0 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 2.5.0.** In the event of there being more than one division of mixed volleyball teams there will be promotion, relegation & playoffs.

**WN 2.5.1** The team that finishes Second in the division will be the runners-up. If there is a higher division, they will go into a play-off against the team finishing last but one in that division as set out in clause WN 2.5.2. The team that finishes first will be champions. If there is a higher division, they will be automatically promoted.

**WN 2.5.2** If there is a lower division the team that finishes last in the division will be relegated to the division below for the following season. If there is a lower division, the team that finishes second from last will play-off with the team that finished second in the division below as set out in clause WN 2.5.1.

**WN 2.5.3** Play-off games will be played after all regular season games are complete. For play-off games teams may only play players that have played during the regular season as clause WN 4.4.1.2

## **WN 3.0 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.

## **Women's League – Rules 2019-20 – Revision 03**

### **WN 4.0 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 4.3.1** 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.

**WN 4.3.2** Teams are strongly discouraged from playing with five players. A team may also choose to borrow a player from one of the other team's present playing in the triangle of games, but this should be announced in advance and noted on the score sheet.

**WN 4.3.3.1** If a team does choose to 'borrow' a player 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 25-0, 25-0.

**WN 4.3.3.2** The team that played an ineligible player without declaring it will be fined £25.00. A team may not borrow a player from another team playing in the Bristol & District women's competition that are not playing on the day the match is scheduled to played.

**WN 4.4.1.0** Prior to the season starting each team must complete a player registration sheet with a minimum of ten women named.

**WN 4.4.1.1** During the season you can add to the registration sheet at any time provided the player concerned has not been registered with another team. Player registration closes on the start of the final game of the season.

**WN 4.4.1.2** After the last game of the regular season is complete, teams involved in the play-offs will not be able to register any new players for the play-off games.

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**WN 4.4.3.2** A new Team Sheet must be presented by the playing team for every match day.

**WN 4.4.3.3** Failure to present a team sheet on a match day will lead to a £5.00 fine.

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### **WN 5.0 Equipment.**

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### **WN 6.0 Results.**

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**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 7.0 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.

### **WN 8.0 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).

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**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.

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**WN 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.

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## **Mixed League – Rules 2019-20 – Revision 03**

### **MX 0.0 Objectives**

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

### **MX 1.0 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.

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**MX 1.3.2.** The associations code of conduct applies to everyone involved with the Bristol & District Volleyball Associations league matches, friendly matches, tournaments, events, meetings & gatherings. This includes but is not limited to players, coaches, bench personal, referees, line judges, scoring personal, spectators, parents & guardians.

### **MX 2.0 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, i.e. 18-17 is a win.

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

**MX 2.5.0.** In the event of there being more than one division of mixed volleyball teams there will be promotion, relegation & playoffs.

**MX 2.5.1** The team that finishes Second in the division will be the runners-up. If there is a higher division, they will go into a play-off against the team finishing last but one in that division as set out in clause MX 2.5.2. The team that finishes first will be champions. If there is a higher division, they will be automatically promoted.

**MX 2.5.2** If there is a lower division the team that finishes last in the division will be relegated to the division below for the following season. If there is a lower division, the team that finishes second from last will play-off with the team that finished second in the division below as set out in clause MX 2.5.1.

**MX 2.5.3** Play-off games will be played after all regular season games are complete. For play-off games teams may only play players that have played during the regular season as clause MX 4.4.1.2

### **MX 3.0 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.

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### MX 4.0 Eligibility

**MX 4.1.1** In all Bristol & district volleyball association mixed league matches, each team shall have a minimum of three wild cards on court during play.

**MX 4.1.2** A minimum of two wildcards on court must be woman as rule MX 4.2.1.

**MX 4.1.3** The third can be another woman as rule MX 4.2.1, man over 55 as rule MX 4.2.2, a junior boy as MX 4.2.3. (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 2020/21 season).

**MX 4.2.** A Player may not play for more than one team in the mixed league.

**MX 4.2.1.0** The definition of a wild card is:

**MX 4.2.1.1** A woman.

**MX 4.2.1.2** A man over the age of 55 on August 31<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of the season.

**MX 4.2.1.3** 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 4.2.1.4** A person who fits two of these categories, as an example a woman over 55 cannot be counted as two wild cards.

**MX 4.2.1.5** If a team elects to play with a libero and the player fits the criteria set out in 4.2, he or she cannot be counted as one of the wildcards because their involvement in play is intermittent.

**MX 4.3.1** 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.

**MX 4.3.2** Teams are strongly discouraged from playing with five players. A team may also choose to borrow a player from one of the other team's present playing in the triangle of games, but this should be announced in advance and noted on the score sheet.

**MX 4.3.3.1** If a team does choose to 'borrow' a player 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 25-0, 25-0.

**MX 4.3.3.2** The team that played an ineligible player without declaring it will be fined £25.00. A team may not borrow a player from another team playing in the Bristol & District mixed league competition that are not playing on the day the match is scheduled to played.

**MX 4.4.1.0** Prior to the season starting each team must complete a player registration sheet with a minimum of ten players named. Of the ten, there must be a minimum of five wild cards named.

**MX 4.4.1.1** During the season you can add to the registration sheet at any time provided the player concerned has not been registered with another team. Player registration closes on the start of the final game of the season.

**MX 4.4.1.2** After the last game of the regular season is complete, teams involved in the play-offs will not be able to register any new players for the play-off games.

**MX 4.4.2.1** Player registrations will follow the format of regional & national leagues. After the Initial registration at the time of league entry, all players registrations will be carried out online at the BDVA website, details you are to provide are a Forename, Surname, date of birth & valid email address. A Unique number will be generated for each player. The Players details and unique number will be available for download in the form of a team sheet.

**MX 4.4.2.2** After the initial player registration with the league entry forms, teams will be required to complete an online registration for any subsequent player.

**MX 4.4.3.1** BDVA Player registration details accompanied by a BDVA Team Sheet are to be presented to the Scorer at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the match. Referees must check identity and validity of players. Any details or irregularities are to be noted on the scoresheet.

**MX 4.4.3.2** A new Team Sheet must be presented by the playing team for every match day.

**MX 4.4.3.3** Failure to present a team sheet on a match day will lead to a £5.00 fine.

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**MX 4.4.0** 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 4.5** After a player has been registered, they may not transfer to another team & must remain with their original team for the whole season including the post season play-offs.

**MX 4.6.1** Teams must always have three wild cards on court, otherwise rule 4.5 shall be applied.

**MX 4.6.2** If it is subsequently discovered that a team has not had the correct number of wildcards the result will be declared void & the opposing team declared winners by forfeit 25-0, 25-0.

**MX 4.6.3** The team that played an ineligible player(s) or without the required number of wildcards without declaring it will be fined £25.00.

### **MX 5.0 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

### **MX 6.0 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 7.0 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.

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### **MX 8.0 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 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. Match Protocol**

**MX 9.1.0** All matches should be conducted in accordance with the Match Protocol as outlined in clauses PRO 0.0 to PRO 7.2.2

**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.

### **MX 10.0. 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.

## Summary of Rule Changes from 2018/19 to 2019/20

### Matchday Protocol

- A) i. Matchday Protocol moved from the handbook to the rules.
- ii. Venue timing's added.
- iii. reference numbers added.

### Men's League

- B) i. Number system adjusted to be uniform across all three leagues.
- ii. Clause 4.3 broken down into smaller parts & reworded.
- iii. Clause 4.4 broken down and re-written to accommodate online registration.
- iv. Clause 9.1 reworded to reference the matchday protocol correctly.
- vi. Clause 2.5 promotion, relegation & play-off clauses added.
- v. Clause 1.3 references to the Bristol & district volleyball association code of conduct added.

### Woman's League

- C) i. Number system adjusted to be uniform across all three leagues.
- ii. Clause 4.3 broken down into smaller parts & reworded.
- iii. Clause 4.4 broken down and re-written to accommodate online registration.
- iv. Clause 9.1 reworded to reference the matchday protocol correctly.
- vi. Clause 2.5 promotion, relegation & play-off clauses added.
- v. Clause 1.3 references to the Bristol & district volleyball association code of conduct added.

### Mixed League

- D) i. Number system adjusted to be uniform across all three leagues.
- ii. Clause 4.3 broken down into smaller parts & reworded for wildcard amendments.
- iii. Clause 4.4 broken down and re-written to accommodate online registration.
- iv. Clause 4.6 broken down and re-worded for proposed wildcard status.
- v. Clause 9.1 reworded to reference the matchday protocol correctly.
- vi. Clause 2.5 promotion, relegation & play-off clauses added.
- v. Clause 1.3 references to the Bristol & district volleyball association code of conduct added.