
VOLLEYBALL (M/W)
Rules & Regulations

1. Laws of the Game

The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the International Volleyball Federation and Singapore Volleyball Association Rules and Regulations as well as the General Rules and Regulations of the NUS Inter-Faculty Games (IFG).

In the event of any dispute, the NUS IFG General Rules and Regulations approved by IFG Council shall supersede any relevant international sports laws.

2. Player Eligibility

Refer to Rule 5 for player eligibility in the NUS IFG General Rules and Regulations.

3. Registration of Players

3.1. Respective Faculty Sports Directors must confirm participation by submitting the General Participation Form to the NUS Students' Sports Club before the stipulated deadline found on the form.

3.2. Participation shall be confirmed with the hosting faculty at least 14 days before the commencement of the competition. (Meaning 14 days before the first game of that sport regardless of which faculty is playing first)

3.3. Respective Faculty Sports Directors must submit the Team Registration Form to the hosting faculty and the NUS Students' Sports Club at least 7 days before the commencement of the competition. (Meaning 7 days before the first game of that sport regardless of which faculty is playing first)

3.4. Each team may register a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 14 players. Each faculty may send a maximum of 1 team. There must be at least 6 players in the first team + 1 optional libero.

3.5. Registration must be finalised before the commencement of the competition (see Point 3.3). No substitutions or additions will be permitted after the commencement of the competition.

4. Prizes

Medals shall be awarded to the players of the top 3 teams. In addition, the champion team shall be awarded a champion trophy and banner.

5. Competition Rules

5.1. Submission of Line-up

5.1.1. The team must submit the complete official line-up of up to a maximum of 14 players to the hosting faculty convenor at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time of play. No changes will be accepted once the team line-up has been submitted.

5.1.2. Each team is allowed a maximum of **2** Varsity Athletes. Teams are allowed to field only **1** Varsity Athlete at any time on court during every match.

5.2. Definitions

5.2.1. A **match** refers to a contest between 2 teams (faculties).

5.2.2. Each match consists of **3 or 5 sets**.

5.3. Competition Format

5.3.1. **In the event of 7 and less participating teams**, a single round robin format will be played, from which the top 3 teams would be decided based on league points scored (Refer to 5.4). There will be no Semi-Finals or Finals.

5.3.2. **In the event of 8 and more participating teams**, a preliminary group round robin format will be played. The top 2 teams from each group with the highest league points will proceed on to the Semi-Finals.

5.3.2.1. The Semi-Finals shall be played as follows:

Group A 1st position	VS	Group B 2nd position
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The **winners of the Semi-Finals** will play in the Finals. The other 2 teams will play for 3rd and 4th placing.

5.3.2.2. The placing of the 1st to 4th teams will be determined by their finishing position after the Semi-Finals, Finals and 3rd Place matches. The remaining teams will be placed according to league points scored.

5.4. League Points

5.4.1. Points shall be awarded in the following scenarios:

Win: 3 league points to the winning team of each match.

Loss: 0 league points to the losing team of each match.

Tie: 1 league point to each team.

Walkover: **25-0 points per set** will be awarded in favour of the non-offending team, who will be declared winner of the match (Refer to 5.10).

5.5. Match Format

5.5.1. Preliminary Rounds & Single Round Robin Format

5.5.1.1. Each match shall consist of the best of 3 (BO3) sets with each set played to 25-25-15 points. Every point in each set counts and the winner of the point will serve.

5.5.1.2. In the event of a match point tie (i.e. 24-24 for a 25 point set) a team has to win the ball game by 2 points to win the game. This shall apply to matches with a 15 point set as well.

5.5.1.3. Each team will be given 1 timeout per set. Each timeout is 30 seconds.

5.5.2. Semi-Finals, Finals & 3rd Place Match

5.5.2.1. Each match shall consist of the best of 5 (BO5) sets with each set played to 25-25-25-25-15 points. Every point in each set counts and the winner of the point will serve.

5.5.2.2. In the event of a match point tie (i.e. 24-24 for a 25 point set) a team has to win the ball game by 2 points to win the game. This shall apply to matches with a 15 point set as well.

5.5.2.3. Each team will be given 2 timeouts per set. Each timeout is 30 seconds.

5.6. Libero

- 5.6.1. A Libero is a Defensive specialist position. The libero remains in the game at all times and is the only player that is not limited by the regular rules of rotation. The Libero usually replaces the middle blocker position when they rotate to the back row and never rotates to the front row.
- 5.6.2. Each team has the option to register, among the final list of a maximum 14 players, one Libero.
- 5.6.3. The Libero must be distinguishable from other players. The Libero can be distinguished by wearing a bib.
- 5.6.4. The Libero is allowed to replace any player in a backrow position.
- 5.6.5. The Libero is restricted to perform as a back-row player and is not allowed to complete an attack hit from anywhere (including playing court and free zone) if at the moment of contact the ball is entirely higher than the top of the net.
- 5.6.6. The Libero may not serve, block, or attempt to block.
- 5.6.7. A player may not complete an attack hit from higher than the top of the net, if the ball is coming from an overhand finger pass by a Libero in the front zone. The ball may be freely attacked if the Libero makes the same action from behind the end zone.

5.7. Service

- 5.7.1. If the serving team wins a rally, the team scores a point and continues to serve.
- 5.7.2. If the receiving team wins a rally, the team scores a point and must serve next.

5.8. Substitution

- 5.8.1. Player substitution can be done anytime in between plays, when the ball is out of play, before the whistle for service, and at the start of each set after the second referee has checked the starting line-up.
- 5.8.2. Teams are allowed unlimited substitutions.
- 5.8.3. Each set is allowed to have 1 Libero and Liberoes can be changed between sets.
- 5.8.4. Liberoes are allowed unlimited substitution.
- 5.8.5. An injured Libero may be replaced during the match by any player who is not on the court at the moment of the injury. The injured Libero may not re-enter to play for the remainder of the match. The player designated to replace an injured Libero must remain as a Libero for the remainder of the match.

5.9. League Ties

- 5.9.1. Should there be a tie in league points between two teams, the winner of the game between the two teams concerned shall be awarded the higher placing.

5.9.2. Should there be a tie in league points between more than two teams, the positions of these teams shall be established by considering the point differences between the number of sets won and lost (5-0, 4-1, 3-2 etc, ie. the number of sets won minus the number of sets lost), among the teams having equal league points.

5.10. Walkovers and Disqualification

5.10.1. If a team concedes to a walkover or is disqualified, the non-offending team will be awarded the maximum score of 25/15 per set. The offending team will be awarded a score of 0.

5.10.2. In the event that a team has been found to partake in or committed, including but not limited to, dishonest behaviour such as cheating, fielding ineligible players, and/or similar breaches of integrity, the IFG council reserves the right to disqualify the team from the competition and/or impose the relevant penalties on the team.

5.10.3. Refer to Rules 8 and 9 for no-shows and walkovers in the NUS IFG General Rules and Regulations.

6. Attire

Refer to Rule 11 for attire in the NUS IFG General Rules and Regulations.

7. General

Participating teams are required to provide 2 members from their team to serve as linesmen.

Varsity team players will be nominated to serve as referees. In the event that varsity players are not available for umpiring, a neutral umpire from a third faculty should be nominated to umpire games between two teams. Nominated varsity players must not be participating in the sport they are refereeing.

8. Official Calls

8.1. In all matches, all faculties shall abide by the decisions of the Match Officials.

8.2. The IFG Council will be the rightful and final adjudicators of all protests and disputes.

9. Alterations and Amendments

The IFG Council reserves the right to change or alter these Rules and Regulations given any unusual or extraordinary circumstances at its discretion and will inform all teams of any amendments accordingly.

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Approved by:

Office of Student Affairs
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FIVB R&R (2017-2020): http://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/documents/FIVB-Volleyball_Rules_2017-2020-EN-v06.pdf

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