

PRIMARY SCHOOLS CUP

Bylaws



Welcome to the Volleyball Queensland Primary Schools Cup (PSC). Contained within this document is important information related to nominating your team/s into the Primary Schools Cup Competitions. Please ensure you read all of the information carefully as the information contained will be used as the basis for all decisions in the lead up to and during the Primary Schools Cup events. All relevant information and forms can be downloaded from our website www.vq.org.au.

Should you have any questions about this information, please contact Connor O'Neill, VQ State Events Coordinator, on (07) 3367 1991 or email Operations@vq.org.au

THE EVENTS

Due to Primary Schools Cup's growing popularity, and to make it more assessable, Primary Schools Cup has expanded to a series of 6 one-day tournaments; 5 x Regionals, 1 x Finals. Teams are free to choose which tournament (or even more than one!) they take part in. At the PSC Finals, teams will need to qualify for their spot in the Competitive division* whilst the participation divisions will remain open to all.

(*top 3 place getters at each Region's Competitive division + wildcards)

Please ensure that your team/s are prepared to be available for all matches at your selected event. In event of wet weather the competition will be re-scheduled for one week after the event's initial scheduled date.

EVENT FORMAT

The PSC will be played according to the Spikezone Rules supplied by the Australian Volleyball Federation. Please download the Rules Summary from our website.

Yr 6 Division 1 teams will be six a side and played on full size courts. All other teams will play 4-a-side on smaller-sized courts. The court type is predominantly but will vary by venue and may include: Outdoor hard-court, Indoor, & Beach.

Per age-group/gender there are Competitive and Participation divisions. Play within the division will be conducted in either round-robin or pool format, depending on the number of teams competing.

DIVISIONS

- Divisions within each age group have been named 'Competitive' (i.e. have previous volleyball experience) and 'Participation' (i.e. no experience needed).
- 'Competitive' divisions – Schools are limited to 1 team in this division. Only if space permits schools may then be offered a second nomination.
- 'Participation' divisions – Unlimited teams. Schools may enter numerous teams. VQ will then split the entries into colour-coded sub-divisions.

Please note:

- 1) Participation divisions may be added according to demand
- 2) Volleyball Queensland reserves the right to cancel / combine divisions should there be insufficient nominations. All affected schools will be advised of any changes and given the opportunity to withdraw their team with no penalty.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations for the PSC will only be accepted on the correct on-line form.

Late nominations will only be accepted if advantageous to the draw.

- Nominations into all divisions must be made online. Please be sure to carefully check into which divisions you are entering.
- All successful Nominations will be emailed an Invoice for payment (which will indicate your team(s) and division(s)). This will be your confirmation that your entry has been received.

NOMINATION FEES

All payments will be invoiced after receiving your online nominations.

- Please delay payment until you have received our invoice
- For all payment options please refer to details on our invoice
- Any teams who do not pay their relevant fees as they fall due may be withdrawn from the competition.

WHAT IF I NEED TO WITHDRAW MY TEAM?

Withdrawal of teams is permitted, however the following penalties will apply:

Prior to close of Nominations	No penalty, full refund
After nominations but pre-draw	50% of Nomination Fee
After draw release	Forfeit Full Nomination Fee

All withdrawals must be submitted in writing to VQ's State Events Coordinator, Connor O'Neill on:
Operations@vq.org.au

Teams that withdraw after the tournament has started and fail to complete their scheduled matches will incur a fine of up to \$50 per match forfeited. Where teams can provide evidence of being prevented from playing due to circumstances beyond their control, no fine will be applied.

Late payment will incur a fee of \$30.

If the event is postponed due to wet weather and are unable to attend on the scheduled back-up date, nomination fees will be fully refunded.

THE DRAW

Due to the size of the competition, the draws can take a considerable amount of time to complete. We will have the draws finalised as soon as we possibly can, so please be patient. The final draw will be published no later than the Friday prior to the event and is subject to change prior to the tournament.

All draws will be published on our website, so please ensure you check this.

UNIFORMS

All players in the team are to be in School sports uniforms (tops and shorts).

TEAM COMPOSITION

All teams may have up to a maximum of 8 players: 4 players on court (6 for yr6 Competitive) and up to 4 reserves. (Noting a maximum of 8 medals will be presented to teams).

REFEREES AND DUTY TEAMS

Senior Students from the host schools will be refereeing and scoring all matches on the day.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations will take place as soon as possible after the conclusion of the final matches. The following will be presented in each division:

- First place – Gold medals (8 per team)
- Second place – Silver medals (8 per team)
- Third place – Bronze medals (8 per team)

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to provide additional medals at no cost. Should your team or school require additional medals, please contact VQ and we will pass on the name of our medal supplier.
