

## **SOUTH WEST COMPETITIONS**

### SW LEAGUES 2011 / 2012

Please note that an application to join the National League must be submitted to VE by the team concerned. There is no automatic promotion to NVL. The SWVA Leagues act only as a medium whereby SWVA can make a judgement as to the playing standard and integrity of a prospective NVL member. A team's league position and quality of administration will be reported to the VE Competitions Commission as evidence of the suitability of that club for NVL. Clubs are reminded that it would be wise to make early contact (September) and regular subsequent contact with VE to check on entry requirements. The closing date is normally late February / March.

#### Commitment

It is essential for all entrants to fulfil all their league commitments. Would all teams, especially those with other commitments e.g. National League, please ensure that they have adequate resources — players, venues, finance etc. Efforts are made to avoid clashes with National League games or other unavailable periods, if known in advance, but this cannot be guaranteed and some clashes are inevitable. Any changes to fixture dates should be made immediately after receiving the draft fixture schedules to minimise inconvenience. All amendments must be approved by the teams concerned and the Competition Secretary.

### **RULES FOR SOUTH WEST LEAGUES 2011 / 2012**

Includes SW Men's Division

SW Women's Division

1. a) To compete in these leagues, the team or club concerned **MUST** be affiliated to VE at the time of playing.  
b) The club or team must have paid the entry fees and goodwill deposit at the time of entry.  
c) All players must be registered with the SW Volleyball Association prior to playing in any SW competition (Registration Forms will be distributed along with the draft fixtures). All players' names and SW registration numbers must be written on each scoresheet.
2. The rules that are applied will be those currently endorsed by the FIVB and verified by the executive committees of both VE and SWVA. Please note that technical time-outs will not be used in the SW Leagues nor will the playing shirt numbers be limited to 1-18.
3. All matches in both the SW Men's Division and SW Women's Division will be best of 5 sets - rally point, to 25 points with 2 clear points, 5<sup>th</sup> set (if needed) first to 15 with 2 clear points.
4. a) All matches must be played on the date specified. Any re-arrangements must be effected before the start of the season and the league secretary informed.  
b) Any team failing to appear on court within 15 minutes of the agreed starting time will be fined. It is the intention that results will be obtained on the court and all teams are encouraged to play if at all possible, whatever the circumstances.  
c) Any team giving less than 28 days' notice of cancellation of the fixture shall be fined and have 2 points deducted for each match not played. Their opponents will gain maximum points. In addition, the following expenses shall be claimable from the defaulting team through the SW Competitions Secretary.
  - i) Home team - 2\3 of the cost of court hire if unable to cancel the court, or the appropriate court cancellation fee for triangular matches and full cost for single matches,
  - ii) Away team - 1\3 of travelling costs.

- 5 EXCEPTION TO RULE (4): Bad weather conditions. The opposing team's secretary and league secretary to be informed as soon as possible.
6. The home team is responsible for:-
- a) **providing written confirmation to match opponents 14 full days prior to the agreed date.**
  - b) supplying the officials, except in a triangular match where the non playing team shall provide a referee, a 2nd referee, scorers and line judges. PLEASE NOTE RULE 16 .
  - c) triangular matches will be played in the order set out in the schedule except, when a team is late, that team will play in the last match. Should time run out that team will have deemed to have lost.
  - d) teams are advised to book halls for home matches as follows:-
 

Single match	3 hours
Double match	5 hours
Triangular match	7 hours

if less time is booked and time runs out, the home team will forfeit the final match.
  - e) making 3 copies of the score sheet fully completed and signed by both captains and referee (only official EVA scoresheets are accepted). One scoresheet is given to the visiting team, one to the home team and top (white copy) sent to the League Secretary by email, as 2 .jpgs for left and right hand side at 100dpi (details will be coming soon to the web site). The white copies must then be held by the home team until the end of the season in case of queries. **NB: It is the responsibility of the home team to email the scoresheet to the League Secretary within 3 days of the match.**
  - f) entering the results online to the results web site at [www.swva.org](http://www.swva.org) within 24 hours of the match being played (team logins will be available from the League Secretary at the start of the season). Note that one of the two travelling teams will be the designated "home" team for the match between the two travelling teams and will need to enter the results for that match – check the fixtures on-line schedule for who is the home team.
7. LEAGUE POINTS:
- a) In the Men's and Women's League 3 points will be awarded for a win. The losing team will be awarded 1 point.
  - b) If a match is forfeited, the team that forfeits the match will gain 0 points, for that match will have 1 point deducted. Their opponents will receive maximum points as for a 3 set to 0 win.
8. PLAY OFFS:
- a) In the event of 2 or more teams being equal on points at the end of the competition, the following will decide (in this order):-
 

i) Number of matches won	ii) Number of sets won
iii) Number of sets against	iv) Points difference
  - b) If 2 or more teams are still equal the league secretary will arrange a play-off.
  - c) At the end of season the top teams in each of the leagues shall be awarded appropriate honours. The winners of the SW Men's and Women's League will receive nomination from SWVA for a place in NVL if they so require and if their organisation has been found to be satisfactory.
9. SUITABILITY OF COURT AND EQUIPMENT

All courts and equipment must be as specified in the international rules and all matches must be played in sports halls. The equipment and the courts are the responsibility of the home team. Failure on the part of

the Sports Centre is not acceptable. At the SWVA AGM it was agreed that all Association competitions should insist on the use of refereeing stands rather than gymnastic apparatus for the officiating of matches. Should an official feel that he/she is prepared to referee from the top of gymnastic apparatus this can only be done if the official takes it upon him/herself to position the apparatus for the match.

#### 10. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- a) **All players must have paid their registration fee to SWVA before playing.**
- b) Team captain \ coaches must write on each scoresheet a full list of players and their SW registration numbers.
- c) Teams that have expressed the wish to seek nomination to the Men's or Women's National Leagues must not contain players currently registered for National League.
- d) Teams wishing to seek nomination to National League must be based in the SW region (including S.Wales).
- e) No player may play for 2 clubs or teams in any competition in any one season unless he\she is officially transferred. All transfers must be approved by the league secretary and no transferred player may play for his\her new club until approved by the league secretary.

N.B. No player may play in more than one division. Males can only play in the Men's Division and females in the Women's Division.

- f) A registered coach\player will be charged with 3 disciplinary points if he\she receives a yellow card; 7 for red; and 10 if he\she is removed from the match by the referee. In the latter case this person will be ineligible to play in the next fixture in the competition concerning his registered club. In the course of a season if a person accumulates 15 points they face disciplinary action at the discretion of the league secretary.

- 11 a) All re-arranged matches must be verified and arranged in conjunction with the league secretary (note rule 14).

- b) Any expenses incurred as a result of the postponements will be met by the postponing team.

12. Clubs that have no home venue will be allowed to participate in the SW competitions. However, they will have to pay their fraction of the court fees. (i.e. one third of triangular) at the home team's discretion.

13. Disputes - Disputes only occur when teams cannot amicably resolve any difficulties between themselves. Teams are urged to make every endeavour to settle such disputes. The fixture should be played if at all possible, the result of which will stand with any offending team being fined. All disputes will be referred to the league secretary within 6 days. A copy to be sent to the opponents by the team in dispute. The league secretary has the right to settle all questions including those not specified in the rules.

#### 14. FINES

- a) failure of postponing team to inform the league secretary of postponement of fixture. Fine £10
- b) failure of home team to enter results online within 24 hours and email in result of match on EVA scoresheet within 3 days of match. Fine £ 10
- c) failure of home team to provide adequate equipment. Fine £10
- d) failure to inform opponents, league secretary and/or officials of change of venue or time for a match (also any expenses incurred will be met) Fine £15
- e) failure of home team to provide competent scorer and linesmen or qualified and registered referee where

- these officials are required (Men's Premier League) Fine £10
- f) failure of home team to confirm fixture with visiting teams and officials in writing 14 days prior to the match. Fine £ 10

It is expected that the away teams will report to the league secretary if they have not received confirmation 5 days prior to the match.

- g) any team giving less than 28 days full notice of non-fulfilment of fixture. Fine £50  
In addition their opponents will be entitled to claim compensation as laid down in rule 4a.
- h) late arrival of a team. Fine £10
- i) any other offence which, in the opinion of the league secretary contravenes the spirit of the rules. (Minimum Fine £10  
Maximum Fine £50)
- j) where a team is expelled from the league, its deposit will be forfeited. All matches played considered void.
- l) non-attendance of the SWVA organised League Tournament or Rule 4 second offence results in expulsion from the league, with loss of deposit.

15. Any club failing to conform to the rules of the competition, or being consistently unreasonable, shall forfeit points for the matches concerned, be fined or even expelled from the league at the discretion of the league secretary. In all cases of expulsion the team concerned has the right to appeal, in writing, within 7 days of their being notified of their expulsion.

16. All SW League matches should be refereed by a qualified & registered referee or a qualified referee.

17. All participating clubs must have an appointed Child Protection Officer and should have adopted the EVA Child Protection Policy. The name of this Officer must be shown on the entry form and any change of officer must be notified to the League Secretary.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SCORESHEETS MUST BE SENT TO THE COMPETITIONS SECRETARY.**

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**RESULTS AND TABLES WILL BE POSTED ON THE SOUTH-WEST WEBSITE AFTER EACH ROUND OF MATCHES:** <http://www.swva.org.uk>