

# RSSAA GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL POLICIES

FALL

## BANTAM GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL POLICIES 2025

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1. **REGISTRATION DEADLINES:**

BCSS: Team registration and minimum roster numbers must be submitted online to BCSS (STARS) by **October 1**. Additions to the online roster can be made up until **October 15**.

SFAA: Team Declaration must be by **September 17**.

2. **LEAGUE STARTING DATES**

Bantam: **September 17**

3. **LEAGUE PLAYING DAYS**

Bantam: **Monday and Wednesday**

4. **TYPE OF LEAGUE SCHEDULE**

- Single round robin format.
- Each match has **3 sets played, all to 25**. Change sides after each set. No coin toss for the 3<sup>rd</sup> set, no switching sides mid 3<sup>rd</sup> set.
- Full Court
- Final Score to be reported as 2-0, or 2-1.
- Richmond Fair Play rules for playing time in the regular season.

5. **RSSAA PLAYOFF DATES**

**October 27+**

Bantam Host: **Palmer**

6. **SOUTH FRASER ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**November 4-6**

Host: **Delta Schools**

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### 7. MATCH STARTING TIME

3:30pm but starting no later than 15-minutes after scheduled start time.

### 8. SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS:

The school team must be accompanied by a teacher-coach, teacher-sponsor, administrator or responsible adult approved by the Administrator, and in accordance with the applicable School District policy. The School Administrator must ensure that the supervisor adheres to the Athletic Program objectives, Guidelines for Community Coaches and Coach's Code of Conduct as outlined in the BCSS Handbook. The competition official and coordinator must be aware of who the adult supervisor is if that supervisor is a different individual than the coach. The supervisor must be in attendance on the team bench for the duration of the competition. **When a school fails to fulfill this requirement, it shall forfeit all rights to that game, even if the other school consents to play the game.**

### 9. DEFAULTED GAMES

When a team is entered in a league, it is committed to fulfill its schedule of League and Playoff matches. ("Four-point games are not allowed.") Therefore, games should be defaulted only under exceptional circumstances. Forty-eight (48) hours' notice must be given to the scheduled opponent by any team intending to default a game. The principal of the school whose team intends to default a game must be informed prior to such notice being given. Full explanation of the details connected with the default must be given to the Vice-President of the Richmond Secondary Schools' Athletic Association. A default will result in no points being awarded for the team that defaulted. Withdrawal from a league within a two (2) week period before the start of league play will result in disciplinary action being taken against that team.

### 10. POSTPONEMENTS

Scheduled matches may be postponed only for reasons beyond the control of the school and with the specific consent of the other school involved. The League Convenor, the RSSAA President, and the District Athletic Facilitator must be notified as soon as possible by telephone or email. The match must be rescheduled at the earliest convenience of both schools.

Note: All postponed league matches must be played before the last scheduled league match.

### 11. PROTESTS

A protest shall be lodged at the appropriate time in the game by recording the protest on the score sheet at the time of the dispute if it is related to the actual game. All other protest

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shall only be considered only if it is made within two (2) school days of the competition. Refer to Richmond Secondary Schools' Athletic Association Handbook for details on filing a protest.

### **12. REPORTING SCORES**

- Home team Athletic Director will report the score of the match in RSSAA Teams Athletic Director Channel, by filling in the excel spreadsheet.

#### League Standings:

- All RSSAA League Standings will be posted on the Internet on ESportsDesk.
  - The RSSAA League web site address:  
[https://www.esportsdesk.com/leagues/pick\\_league.cfm?clientID=7&leagueID=0](https://www.esportsdesk.com/leagues/pick_league.cfm?clientID=7&leagueID=0)
  - The RSSAA Bantam Girls Volleyball Page:  
[https://www.esportsdesk.com/leagues/front\\_pageesdNew.cfm?clientID=7&leagueID=2647](https://www.esportsdesk.com/leagues/front_pageesdNew.cfm?clientID=7&leagueID=2647)

### **13. GAME EQUIPMENT**

- The host team provides the game ball (Baden VCor).
- Each school will provide their own warm up volleyballs.
- Antennae must be used.

### **14. OFFICIALS**

- Scorers & Linesmen: provided by the home team.
- Score sheets are to be provided by the host team.
- Officials:
  - League - the HOME school must provide two competent officials.
  - Playoffs - the HOST schools must provide both referees unless the visiting schools exercises their option of bringing their own referee (24 hours' notice required). DAF to order both referees for the Richmond Final.

### **15. UNIFORMS**

- Court shoes, numbered jersey, shorts/leggings.
  - Note: RSSAA Rules & Regulations Article 2 Section K (3.2) of the RSSAA Coaches' Handbook - "Attire appropriate to the sport"
- Uniforms must be worn during warm up (can be under shirt, but no changing after warm up)

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### 16. COURT SIZE

Bantam: Regulation (full court)

### 17. NET HEIGHT

RSSAA Height

Bantam: 2.15m

SFAA Height

Bantam: 2.15m

### 18. SUBSTITUTIONS

FAIRPLAY – For regular season only. Each player has to play 15 points (does not have to be consecutive) within the first 2 sets.

### 19. LEAGUE STANDINGS

League standings will be used to determine seedings for the Championship Tournament. All teams advance to the playoffs.

Points will be awarded as follows to determine standings:

- each match won = 2 points
- each match lost = 0 point
- each match defaulted = 0 points

Ties in Final League Standings:

If two or more teams are tied in league standings, the following criteria will be applied, in order:

1. The team having the best ratio of won/lost matches, considering matches between the tied teams will be ranked higher;
2. The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering matches played between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
3. The team having the best ratio of won/lost games, considering all league matches of the round, will be ranked higher;
4. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering games between the tied teams, will be ranked higher;
5. The team having the best ratio of points for/against, considering all games played during the league, will be ranked higher;
6. Flip of a coin.

### 20. RSSAA CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS

- Playoff Format: all 11 teams, play-in games, single knockout
- Playoff games will be best of 3 (25-25-15) except the Richmond Final which is best of 5 (25-25-25-25-15)
- No fair play rules.

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- Playoff Officials:
  - The host schools (**higher seed**) must provide both referees unless the visiting schools exercises their option of bringing their own referee (24 hours' notice required).
  - Each team must be prepared to supply one competent linesman and one competent scorekeeper if the host school cannot provide two of each.
  - DAF to order both referees for the Richmond Final.

### 21. GENERAL PLAYING RULES: (According to Canadian Volleyball Rule Book)

The current Canadian Volleyball Association Rule Book is used, unless otherwise noted by the SFVC.

a) The hosting Local Association determines the scoresheet to be used.

b) SCORING:

- Rally point scoring where each set is 25 points with no cap, but a team must win by a 2-point advantage (e.g. a game could end up 41-39).
- *In RSSAA League*, a match will consist of 3 sets to 25 (each win by 2). However, a score can be reported as 2-0 or 2-1. **Fair play for playing time is to be followed.**
- *In RSSAA Playoffs*, deciding games are to 15; if a match goes to a third game in a best-of-three or a fifth game in a best-of-five, then the deciding game is to 15 points (no cap and must win by 2-point advantage).

#### SERVICE:

- Must serve within 8 seconds after whistle.
- Limited to one toss (one attempt at serving).

#### TIME-OUTS:

- A team is limited to two 1-minute time-outs per set.
- For secondary school competition, there are no technical time-outs.
- During time-outs, the teams must stand off the court.

#### CEILING:

- A ball which does not cross the vertical plane of the net shall remain in play if it hits the ceiling, or similar supports (basketball hoop, partition, etc.) directly above the playing area.

#### FIRST CONTACT:

- First contact off a serve can be a set.

#### SCREENING & WARM UP PROTOCOL:

- Refer to SFVC guidelines:

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- <https://sites.google.com/view/southfraservolleyball/sfvc-jr/rules?authuser=0>

22. **LIBERO PLAYER: (Rule 8.5 in the Volleyball Canada Rule Book)**

Bantam – may not use the libero player in RSSAA League and Playoffs.