

CVA County League Rules

1. Postponements. Once the final fixture list has been distributed, rearrangements are the responsibility of the teams involved. Difficult dates can be known about well in advance, but emergency situations can sometimes happen (eg. a venue cancelling a booking at the last minute). Teams should make every effort to play matches (ie. absence of a key player is not grounds to postpone!!). Please inform league organisers of dates of rearranged matches.
 - a. Home team postponement. As much notice as possible of postponement should be given. If a team turns up to a venue to find the match cancelled, a rearrangement is at the discretion of the teams involved - if no good reason is evident a walkover will be awarded to the travelling team. The home team should offer alternative dates to find a mutually acceptable rearrangement. If no mutual date can be found before the end of the season the visiting team will receive a walkover (as long as it has valid reason for not being able to attend any of the suggested rearrangement dates). Any disputes should be presented to the league organiser for resolution.
 - b. Visiting team postponement. A minimum of 4 days notice is required for not attending an away fixture (usual venue booking cancellation time). If ample warning (to avoid financial loss) has been given, the home team should offer alternative dates. If no mutually acceptable date can be found (with good reasons for not being able to rearrange) the home team has the choice to play at the opponents home venue (at the expense of the opponent). If no mutual date can be found at this venue before the end of the season a walkover will be awarded to the original home team. Any court booking financial losses, in the event of the match being rearranged at the home team venue, can be claimed from the other team's league deposit. Any disputes should be presented to the league organiser for resolution.
 - c. Walkover. Will score 5 league points for the team claiming/awarded the walkover (as a 3-0 win).
2. Refereeing. All teams have a duty to provide first and second referees as neutral officials for matches. Referee duties are indicated on the fixtures list. Special exceptions (based on travel) have been agreed with the league organiser. **Scorers will be provided by the home team.** Teams not providing referees for appointed matches, as determined by the signed scoresheet or complaint from the teams playing, will be fined from

their league deposits (£10 for 1 referee, £20 for no referee). The match will then be officiated by the mutual agreement of the teams involved. In the case of postponement, the POSTPONING team is required to notify the referees. If referees are not notified and turn up to a cancelled match, they are not required to referee any subsequent rearrangement. It becomes the responsibility of the rearranging teams to find referees. Any disputes should be presented to the league organiser for resolution.

3. Match Procedure. It is the responsibility of the HOME team to confirm the match time and location (providing directions as needed) with the opponents and referees (using provided contact details), at least a week before the fixture. Bookings will be for 2 hours, matches best of 5 sets (FIVB scoring and rules). Matches not finished in this time will be resolved at the agreement of the teams involved (replayed, continued, result decided). Lack of completion due to long play will default to leading team winning if no other fair agreement can be made. In the case of late start of play the match will be started without a warmup (discretion of the home team) and played until the remaining time is completed. At the end of this period, if no agreement can be made on match completion, the missing sets will be counted against the offending team. A CVA league scoresheet should be completed including any disputes signed off by both teams and referees. One league point is awarded for teams attending the fixture. One league point is awarded for a match win. One league point is also awarded for each set won in the match. League positions are based on league points > sets for > sets against > results between tied teams (sets for > sets against > points for).
4. Player Eligibility. Unlike the Spring Cup competition, there is no restriction for players to be tied to one team. This allows teams to fulfill matches when short of players (especially if two teams are entered from one club). Guest players are allowed at the discretion of the clubs concerned (there are no player registration lists). Players of either sex are eligible (but matches will be played on mens height net).
5. Result Reporting. Both teams will email the result of the match to the league organiser within 3 days of the match being played, including images of the completed CVA match scoresheet. Missing scoresheets will result in a three league point fine for the HOME team.
6. League Results. An updated league table will be maintained at <http://www.cambsvolleyball.org.uk/>. Fixtures will be completed by the end of March. Rearranged fixtures will be completed by the end of April or walkovers awarded. League winners will receive the CVA County league trophy and medals.
7. Team Goodwill Deposits. Each team is required to have a total goodwill deposit held by the CVA of £100. At the end of the season any fines/compensation will be taken from this deposit. Teams will not be able to register for the next season without a full deposit and can opt to

top up their account or receive their remaining refund and not compete in the league.

8. Annual General Meeting. Teams sending representatives to the AGM will receive a discount on the league fees for the next season.

Spring Cup/Plate Additional Rules

1. Match dates. As most teams will be fitting fixtures into their existing schedules, matches will be played at any convenient time before a set date for each round. The drawn home team will provide a 2 hour booking at their venue (and cost). The home team will offer a choice of at least 2 dates to play the fixture. If these dates are not convenient for the visiting team (with good reason), the home team should offer a 3rd date. If a mutually convenient date can still not be found, the visiting team should offer a date at their home venue (and cost). If a fixture date cannot be found before the cut-off date for the round, the matter should be referred to the competition organiser to determine which team will receive a bye into the next round.
 - a) Postponements. Once the fixture date has been agreed, emergency rearrangements (eg due to venue cancellations, bad weather, NOT team absentees!) are the responsibility of the teams involved. Teams should make every effort to play matches. Home team postponement. As much notice as possible of postponement should be given. If a team turns up to a venue to find the match cancelled, without notice, a bye will be awarded to the visiting team (unless the teams agree to rearrange). The home team should endeavour to find a new fixture date (see 1).
 - b) Visiting team postponement. A minimum of 4 days notice is required for not attending an away fixture (usual venue booking cancellation time), otherwise a bye will be awarded to the home team. If ample warning (to avoid financial loss) has been given, the home team should endeavour to find a new fixture date (see above).
 - c) Bye. Will score as a 3-0 victory to the awarded team, which will progress to the next round, or receive the winner's Trophy.
2. Refereeing. Due to the travel distances involved, referees have not been allocated for Cup/Plate rounds. The home team will have responsibility to find referees and scorers for the match. These officials should be competent and neutral, but not necessarily qualified. Please try to find volunteers from another team located close to your venue (and help by volunteering yourself if asked). Where neutral referees cannot be found by the home team, the visiting team should be asked to help find neutral referees. By agreement of both teams, non-neutral referees may be

used. In this case, or where agreed referees fail to show-up, the suggested option is to have one official from each team, by set-rotation if necessary. Unfairly refereed matches should be protested to the competition organiser, and a note made on the scoresheet. POSTPONING teams must inform referees!

3. Match Procedure. It is the responsibility of the HOME team to confirm the match time and location (providing directions as needed) with the opponents and referees (using provided contact details), within the week before the fixture. Bookings will be for 2 hours, matches best of 5 sets (FIVB scoring and rules). Matches not finished in this time will be resolved at the agreement of the teams involved (replayed, continued, result decided). Lack of completion due to long play will default to leading team winning if no other fair agreement can be made. Lack of completion due to late start of play will default to one set lost per 20 minutes late against the offending team (after first 20 minutes warmup). A scoresheet should be completed including any disputes signed off by both teams. The winning team will proceed to the Cup competition (Preliminary Round), First Round, Semi-Final, or receive the Winner's Trophy. The losing team will proceed to the Plate competition (Preliminary Round), or be knocked out of the competition.
4. Player Eligibility. If a player competes in a Cup/Plate match with one team, the player is not eligible to play for another competing team (cup-tied). Players of either sex are eligible (but matches will be played on mens height net). Cases for playing ineligible players should be referred to the competition organiser. The offending team will forfeit the match and the opponent will receive a bye.
5. Result Reporting. Both teams will email the result of the match, with images of the completed scoresheet, to the competition organiser on or before the cut-off date for the Round (asap after the match is preferable). Scoresheets will be kept and passed onto or sent to the competition organiser immediately after the match (to allow checks for ineligible players).