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NATIONAL U16 JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2009 **GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. Official Title of the Championship

The official title of the championship is 'National U16 Junior Volleyball Championship 2009'.

2. Organiser

The championship shall be organised by the Volleyball Association of Singapore.

3. Date & Venue

The Championship will be held from the **26th October 2009 to 14th November 2009**. Venue will be at Hougang Sports Hall.

4. Objectives

- 4.1 To foster the spirit of goodwill among the officials and players from the participating teams and VAS.
- 4.2 To establish sportsmanship and *esprit de corps* among the players.
- 4.3 To raise the standard of the sport especially in terms of skills and techniques.
- 4.4 To popularise the game of volleyball in Singapore especially among the young players from schools and clubs.

5. Registration Fees and Closing Dates

5.1 **The registration fees is \$300.00 per team (inclusive of all referees' charges)**, to be paid in cash or cheque (made payable to the Volleyball Association of Singapore). Any teams not affiliated to VAS and wish to participate must register with VAS and pay the requisite affiliation fee of \$150 for 2009.

5.2 There is **no restriction to the number of teams** each affiliated club is entitled to register.

5.3 **The entry form, TOGETHER WITH THE REGISTRATION FEE, shall be submitted at the VAS office by the closing date, 21st October, 2009, Wednesday, 6.00 pm.**

REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF:

- A. ENTRY FORM IS RECEIVED AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.***
- B. ENTRY FORM IS INCOMPLETE.***
- C. NOT ACCOMPANIED WITH REGISTRATION FEE.***
- D. REGISTRATION FORM IS SENT BY FAX.***

5.4 A **meeting for all participating teams** for the draw will be held at the VAS office at Pei Chun Public School sports hall on **Thursday, 22nd October 2009, at 6:00 pm.** Participating teams are to send **AT MOST TWO** representatives, WHO MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR ABOVE, to the meeting.

6. Participation & Eligibility of Players

- 6.1 Participation is open to all affiliated clubs, Primary Schools, International schools in Singapore, foreign students studying in Singapore.
- 6.2 *Eligibility*
The championship shall be classified into two categories:
 - 6.2.1 Under 16 on 1st Jan 2009 for Girls; i.e. those born on/after 01 Jan 1993.
 - 6.2.2 Under 16 on 1st Jan 2009 for Boys; i.e. those born on/after 01 Jan 1993.
- 6.3 *Registration of players*
 - 6.3.1 Each player is allowed to represent only one team during this championship.
 - 6.3.2 Each team may comprise a Team Manager, a Coach, an Assistant Coach, and 12 Regular Players + 2 Liberos
 - 6.3.3 Each team must register at least 8 players.
 - 6.3.4 All players are to provide a copy of their student's pass for prove of eligibility.

7. COACHES AND ASSISTANT COACHES

- 7.1 Coaches accompanying teams must be qualified and are currently registered with VAS. The teacher-in-charge is allowed to accompany the team if he or she is representing the school.
- 7.2 A team without the accompaniment of any team official at the commencement of a match **will be allowed to play**. However, the organising association will not be responsible for any injuries incurred by any players of any teams during the course of the games.
- 7.3 Assisting personnel of teams who are without any coaching qualifications or are not currently registered with VAS cannot be seated on or at the bench area during the matches.
- 7.4 All teachers-in-charge, team managers, coaches and assistant coaches must be properly attired (especially no slippers and sandals).

8. Tournament Regulations

- 8.1 Besides the existing regulations, this championship will also abide by the rules and regulations of FIVB.
- 8.2 Should any controversies or incidents occur beyond the scope of the specified rules and regulations, the Tournament Sub-Committee will be responsible for settling the dispute. Any decisions made by the Tournament Sub-Committee are final.

9. Tournament Format

- 9.1 **If the participation consists of not more than 7 teams**, the championship will be run on a single round league system.
- 9.2 **If the participation consists of 8 teams but not more than 12 teams**, the following system will be used:
 - i) The Preliminary Round will consists of a league system of 2 groups – that is A and B.
- 9.3 **If the participation consists of 13 teams but not more than 15 teams**, the following system will be used:
 - i) The Preliminary Round will consists of a league system of 3 groups – that is A, B and C.
 - ii) Based on the results of the Preliminary Round, the top two seeds of each group will be integrated into one single group for a round-robin competition in the next round.

- iii) The top two ranking teams in this round will then play again for the championship. The 3rd and 4th placing will be decided by the points accumulated in the round robin.

9.4 **If the participation consists of 16 teams and more**, the following system will be used:

- i) The Preliminary Round will consist of a league system of 4-6 groups
- ii) Based on the results of the Preliminary Round, the top and second seed of each group will proceed to the next round Quarterfinals=> SemiFinals=> Finals

10. The System of Points

10.1 For competition within the group:

- Win 2-0 sets = 3 points
- Win 2-1 sets = 2 points
- Lose 0-2 sets = 0 point
- Lose 1-2 = 1 point

10.2 At the end of the round of the competition within a group, if there are two or more teams which share the same match points, their classification or ranking will be decided as follows: -

- i) The number of sets won will be divided by the number of sets lost in all matches within the group, the resulting quotient is decisive; the team with the higher quotient ranks higher.
- ii) In case of further ties, the number of points won will be divided by the number of points lost in all matches within the group, the resulting quotient is decisive; the team with the higher quotient ranks higher.
- iii) If a tie still exists, the number of sets won will be divided by the number of sets lost in all matches played against each other by the teams involved in the tie. The team with the higher quotient ranks higher.
- iv) And if a tie continues, the number of points won will be divided by the number of points lost in all matches played against each other by the teams involved in the sets. The team with the higher quotient ranks higher.
- v) In case of a further tie between the two teams involved, the results of the match they played against each other will be taken into consideration. The team that triumphs over the other will proceed to the next round.

11. Uniforms

11.1 Playing attire must be uniform, and of the same colour for each team.

11.2 Players' jersey must be numbered from 1 to 18 inclusive. The number must be placed in the centre of the front and back.

11.3 The number must be of a contrasting colour to the jersey and a minimum of 10 cm height on the chest and 15cm on the back.

11.4 The team name must be clearly printed at the top back of the jersey.

11.5 In case of any sponsorship for the team, the sponsor's name must not replace the team name at the back of the jersey.

12. Playing Sets

12.1 The game shall be decided on the best of 3 sets with the 25-rally points system, with no ceiling for the two-point lead for all sets. Decision set (3rd set) will only be decided in 15 points.

12.2 Only the finals shall be decided on the best of 5 sets.

13. Walkover

13.1 If the team concerned does not report **10 minutes** after the match is scheduled to be played, the team is regarded to have withdrawn and thus declared as 'lost completely'.

13.2 The team, which is declared 'lost completely', is considered to have withdrawn from the championship and therefore is not allowed to participate in the match that follows. All of the team's point from the previous matches will be annulled.

14. Suspension

Any players that have been expelled from the court during the match on grounds of being rude or misbehaviour shall be automatically suspended from playing the following match. The Disciplinary Committee will decide on what action should be taken.

15. Protest

15.1 The team that wishes to protest while the match is in progress must inform the officiating referee orally. Nevertheless, the match will proceed as 'PLAY UNDER PROTEST'. **Only the Captain of the team is allowed to make the protest.**

15.2 A team that wishes to make a protest at the conclusion of the match should orally inform the officiating referee. While signing the score sheet, the team captain must write: "Wish to protest" and sign so that the protest will be made effective.

15.3 The team that wishes to make the protest is required to write a protest letter to the Chairman of the Tournament Committee within 24 hours after the match. All protests should be forwarded with a deposit of \$200 cash. In the event that the protest is rejected, the deposit will be forfeited.

15.4 The decision/s of the Tournament Committee is/are final.

16. Duty Jury

16.1 A duty jury will be appointed by the Tournament Committee for each game.

16.2 During the game, if there should be any disagreements or disputes, the duty jury will be responsible for settling such incidents.

16.3 Teams that are dissatisfied with the decision/s can protest as stated in paragraph 12.

17. Awards

17.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top four teams in the championship for all divisions.

17.2 Medallions will also be awarded to individual players of the top four teams.

17.3 The best player for each category (Girls and Boys) will be awarded a medal and recognition.

17.4 All prize winners must be present at the closing ceremony to receive the awards, otherwise, the trophies and medals will not be awarded to the teams concerned.

18. Official Ball

"Mikasa" volleyball will be the official ball of the championship.

19. Official Height of the Net

The net height for the two categories shall remain throughout the tournament as follows:

U16 Boys category	:	2.38m
U16 Girls category	:	2.20m

20. Notes

20.1 The Tournament Committee holds the right to decide on any issues rose that are not stated in the General Regulations.

20.2 The Tournament Committee has the right to alter the scheduled time and dates of the tournament if necessary. Participating teams will be informed of the changes as soon as possible.

20.3 All decisions made by the Tournament Committee are final.

21. THE "LIBERO" PLAYER

21.1. Each team has the option to register up to 2 (two) specialised defensive player, "Libero" among the final list of 12 regular players + 2 Liberos for the whole tournament.

21.2. One Libero designated by the coach before the start of the match, will be the acting Libero. If there is a second Libero, he/she will act as the reserve Libero.

21.3. The Libero players must wear a uniform whose jerseys at least must contrast in colour with that of the other members of the team. The Libero uniform may have different design, but it must be numbered like the rest of the team members.

21.4. The specific rules for a Libero player are as follows:

21.4.1. He is restricted to performing as a back row player and has no right at all to complete an attack hit when the ball is above the height of the top of the net.

21.4.2. The Libero may not serve, block or attempt to block.

21.4.3. The Libero must wear a different colour shirt from the other members of the team.

21.4.4. Substitutions involving a Libero are not counted as regular and their number is unlimited. A Libero cannot take part in normal substitutions and may only enter or leave the game while the ball is out of play and before the whistle for service.

21.4.5. It is necessary to have a rally between replacements of two different players involving a Libero. With the previous approval of the first referee, an injured Libero may be substituted during the match by any registered player within the normal line-up list of the score sheet.

21.4.6. The designated replacement of a Libero will be limited to performing as a Libero for the rest of the match and the subsequent matches. Nevertheless, this player will be allowed to be registered again in the normal line-up of later matches once the initially registered Libero is officially re-instated.

21.4.7. The coach has the right to exchange the acting Libero with the reserve Libero for any reason, but only once in the match, and only after the regular replacement player has returned to the court. This exchange must be recorded in the Remarks section of the score sheet. The original Libero may not re-enter for the remainder of the match. In the case of illness or injury to the reserve Libero, the coach may designate as Libero for the remainder of the match any other player (except the original Libero) not on the court at the moment of re-designation. Exchanges due to illness or injury of the Libero or re-designated Libero are not counted as replacements.

