



UNISPORT AUSTRALIA (UNISPORT) GUIDELINE

Indigenous Nationals – volleyball

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The Indigenous Nationals (formally National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games - NITESG) volleyball guidelines are based on UniSport and [Federation Internationale De Volleyball \(FIVB\) rules](#). However, due to the nature of the event, some changes or additions have been made, which have been outlined in this guideline.

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 10
- Maximum registered players – 16
- Minimum number of players that can take the court without incurring a forfeit – 6
- Maximum number of males on the court at any one time – 3
- Minimum number of males on the court at any one time – 1
- Each team must rotate clockwise after winning back the serve.
- Teams can only substitute from the front right corner position after they win the serve. The new player coming onto the court becomes the server.

2. Game time/duration

- 2.1 All matches will be best of three sets
- 2.2 The first two sets will be the first to 21 points with a minimum of two points lead.
- 2.3 The final set will be the first to 15 points with a minimum two points lead
- 2.2 The rally point system will apply to all matches.
- 2.2 There will be no time out for injury unless the safety of the player is at risk. The umpire in consultation with the competition manager will determine the extra time to be played in this situation.
- 2.3 The game clock will begin running as per scheduled draw unless there are adverse unforeseen circumstances.

3. Match format

- 3.1 Preliminaries are a round robin pool format, with points for each match being awarded as follows:
 - Winning team: 3 points
 - Losing team: 1 point

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- Forfeiting team: 0 points
- 3.2 Teams will be re-ranked according to points, (then by set/point percentage) following the preliminary round, with only the top team from each pool progressing to the finals.
- 3.3 Finals are a single elimination format, with only the winner of each game progressing through to the next round of finals.
- 3.4 In the event of two or more teams having the same number of competition points at the conclusion of the preliminary matches, the higher placed team will be decided by applying the following criteria:
- The team with the highest percentage of sets won divided by total sets played during the competition
 - In the event of the set percentage being equal, the team scoring the highest percentage of points won divided by total number of points played during the competition.
 - In the event that this still does not separate teams, then the team with the best result against the top team in their pool shall be placed above the other team(s).
 - In the event that this still does not separate teams, then a toss of a coin will decide the winner.

4. Forfeits

- 4.1 Volleyball is run under the UniSport guideline – forfeit of competition requirements.
- 4.2 A forfeit will be declared eight minutes after the scheduled start of play where either team is unable to commence play.
- 4.3 One point will be awarded against a team every two minutes, or part thereof, they are late in taking the court until the forfeit time is reached.
- 4.4 The forfeit score is two sets to nil (0), 21 points to nil (0) per set.
- 4.5 Should the commencement of a match be delayed due to no fault of either team (as determined by the competition management) the match shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full game duration is not possible, the recommended revised game time duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams. If resolution between the teams is not possible, then the competition manager (or their delegate) will make the final decision regarding match duration, which will not be subject to appeal.

5. Other Specifications

- 5.1 The net height will be 235cm.
- 5.2 The official court warm-up duration, including spiking is five minutes. The warm up time is included in the match time limit. If the previous match finishes more than ten minutes before the guaranteed earliest start time, teams may take the court to warm up (not including spiking) earlier if they wish.

6. Uniform Requirements

- 6.1 The specific uniform requirements for Indigenous Nationals volleyball are as per the Volleyball Australia rules with the following UniSport uniform requirements:
- Shirts and shorts
 - Numbers on the back of shirts to be a minimum of 16cm high and must be between 1 and 99
 - Numbers can be on both sleeves, at a minimum of 8cm high and must be between 1 and 99
 - All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt.
 - Shirt number to remain the same for each player for the entire tournament.

7. Presentations

- 7.1 Presentations will be conducted at the closing ceremony.
- 7.2 One male and one female player will be selected as most valuable player (MVP), based on 3,2,1 votes made by umpires, which will be awarded at the closing ceremony.