

**SASKATCHEWAN AMATEUR VOLLEYBALL  
ASSOCIATION  
(revised May 8th, 2023)**

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE 1**

**1.0 NAME**

1.1 The legal name of the organization shall be the SASKATOON AMATEUR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION CORPORATION.

1.2 Operating name will be SASKATCHEWAN AMATEUR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

**ARTICLE 2**

**2.0 PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES**

2.1 To maintain and increase participation in volleyball by providing organized volleyball leagues.

**ARTICLE 3**

**3.0 NUMBER OF DIRECTORS**

3.1 The number of directors shall be a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 14.

**ARTICLE 4**

**4.0 MEMBERSHIP**

4.1 The members of this association shall be of one class consisting of:

a) All individual members of registered teams (all teams wishing to become members shall apply on registration forms).

b) Individual Members of the Executive.

4.2 All registered members shall have one vote at the AGM.

**ARTICLE 5**

**5.0 DISSOLUTION**

5.1 If All operations of the association cease to exist for a period of not less than two consecutive fiscal years, then the assets of the Association will be liquidated and dispersed to the teams registered and operating at the time.

# **SASKATCHEWAN AMATEUR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**

## **BYLAWS**

### **1.0 Fiscal Year**

- 1.1. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of March 1 through to February 28 (29) the following year.
- 1.2. The AGM shall be held before May of each year.

### **2.0 Officers**

- 2.1. The Board shall consist of the Executive and up to 9 additional positions as created by the Executive.
- 2.2 The Executive of the Association shall be Directors and Officers and consist of:
  - a) President
  - b) Past President
  - b) Secretary
  - c) Treasurer
  - d) Statistician
- 2.3. All terms of the Executive are one (1) year in length (President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistician). The only person eligible for Past President is the person vacating the President's role.
- 2.4 Other positions shall be Members at Large, to a maximum of 9, created by the Executive, have terms of one (1) year.
- 2.5 If a member of the SAVA Executive Board steps down from their role prior to the end of their term, the individual will not be allowed back on the SAVA Executive Board for 2 years. However, if the person re-applies to be on the SAVA Executive Board before the 2 years has passed, the current SAVA Executive Board may re-admit the individual to the SAVA Executive board via vote, if they so choose.

### **3.0 Quorum**

- 3.1. At Board meetings, half of the filled Board positions plus one shall constitute a quorum. At General or Special meetings 10 members are required to make a quorum.

### **4.0 Executive**

- 4.1. The Board shall be the governing body of the Association and as such shall:
  - a) Set the policy of the Association; the Rules of Play will be set by the board using Volleyball Canada rules as a guideline.

- b) Approve the expenditures of monies.
- c) Set the annual budget, including registration fees for each team.
- d) Ensure the bylaws of the Association are followed.

## **5.0 Meetings**

- 5.1. Board meetings shall occur at the discretion of the President.
- 5.2. Meetings are open to the general membership but only Board members shall have a vote.

## **6.0 Duties of Officers**

### **6.1. President** (1 year term):

- a) To preside over meetings of the Board and AGM.
- b) To be general administrator of the Association, such as:
  - 1) Assist the treasurer with the proposed budget.
  - 2) To liaise with sponsors or appoint a liaison person.
- c) To assist the secretary on coordinating registration packages, and information on important dates and league structure/rules.
- d) Give a report at the AGM
- e) Be the external liaison.
- f) Fill the Past President role at the conclusion of their term as President
- f) Other duties as required.

### **6.2. Past President** (1 year term):

- a) Can only be held by the outgoing President.
- b) To assume the duties of the President in their absence.
- c) Provide continuity for the Board by ensuring at least one person from the year prior provides guidance to the incoming Board.
- d) Other duties as required.

### **6.3. Secretary** (1 year term):

- a) To take detailed minutes of all meetings.
- b) To keep a record of memberships.
- d) To coordinate the beginning of the season captain's meeting with assistance from the Board.
- e) Give a report at the AGM.
- f) To promote the beginning of the season captain's meeting and/or AGM.

### **6.4. Statistician** (1 year term):

- a) Collect, record, and publicize statistics on a weekly basis
- b) Take record of defaults
- c) Scheduler directly reports to Statistician
- d) Other duties as required.

### **6.5. Treasurer** (2 year term):

- a) To develop the annual Budget

- b) To hold monies of the association in a chartered bank or institution.
- c) To coordinate bank deposits after registration fees are collected.
- d) To issue cheques on behalf of the association.
- e) To maintain the insurance and non-profit fees for the association.
- f) Other duties as required.

## **7.0 Financial**

- 7.1. All cheques must bear the signature of two approved members of the Board of the Association.
- 7.2. Any expenditure for league operations, such as referees, printing, postage, stationery, shall need the approval of the Treasurer, or President as a backup.
- 7.3. The annual budget, and corresponding membership fees, shall be determined by the Board of the Association.

## **8.0 Pledging Credit**

- 8.1. No member shall pledge the credit of the association without prior approval of the Board.

## **9.0 Amendments**

- 9.1. The Board, or any member of the association upon 3 weeks notice of the AGM can bring amendments forward for the constitution. Amendments to the Bylaws can be done at a Board meeting, and must be ratified at a General Meeting.
- 9.2. Amendments require a majority vote by the attendees at the AGM.
- 9.3. All interpretations of the Bylaws shall be made final at the decision of the Board.

## **10.0 Eligibility**

- 10.1. All teams and team members must be registered with the Association before they can play in the league.
- 10.2. **Registration:**
  - a) Registration for the league shall be at the AGM with preference given to members of the previous year's teams present at the AGM.
  - b) The person who registers the team is restricted to playing with that team for the season. Violating players as well as the team they registered will be evicted from the league.
  - c) If you arrive more than 15 minutes after the AGM has been called to order you will not be given preference and in order to remain on the list for preference you must stay at the AGM until it has been adjourned.
- 10.3. **Acceptance:**

Teams accepted into the league shall be on a first come first paid basis in accordance with 10.2. A waiting list will be coordinated at the AGM for those

teams registered over and above the maximum league capacity.

**10.4. Registration fees:**

- a) All registration fees must be paid in full by registration deadline, which is determined by the executive and communicated to the league at the AGM
- b) Any NSF cheques will result in the team being penalized \$50

**10.5. Registration Preference:**

- a) Preference will be defined as follows:
  - 1) Team contact or designate who attended the AGM get first preference for registration of their represented team(s).
  - 2) Executive Members who are current members of SAVA would have 2nd preference.
  - 3) Team contact at AGM for a team not previously in the league has third preference.
  - 4) Team members not in attendance at AGM but who had representation at the AGM.
  - 5) Anyone else not covered in the above rules of preference.
- b) Within the scope of second preference, teams contacts or designates who were on a roster in the division with which second preference is defined are of higher preference than those who were not on a roster.

**10.6. Tiebreakers:**

Any ties arising from the rules of preference will be solved at the discretion of the executive.

**10.7. Registration Funds:**

All registration monies received by the league must be in the form of an e transfer, cheque or a money order.

# SASKATCHEWAN AMATEUR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

## RULES OF PLAY

### 1.1. **Balls:**

Each team shall provide its own warm up ball(s) and one ball will be used as the game ball. SAVA recommends the Mikasa V200W (Blue & Yellow). Teams may use a different ball if they can agree on one to use, otherwise they will use the ball provided by SAVA.

- a) The referee must be informed if the teams wish to change out the game ball at any given time.

### 1.2. **Match Play:**

- a) Regular season matches will consist of three sets, with the first two going to 25 points with no cap, and the third going to 15 with a cap at 17.
- b) Playoff matches will be best two out of three with the first two sets capped at 27 and if needed the third set will be to 15 with no cap.
- c) The match is declared over when the hour is up except for Playoffs.
- d) Teams are guaranteed a 5-minute warm-up before each match.
- e) Each set is worth one point in the standings.
- f) There is no time limit during Playoffs.
- g) **Libero** can be used in all divisions.
- h) No regular time outs will be permitted in the last 5 minutes on the hour of the match in regular season play.
- i) If an injury occurs and the team does not have a substitution or is unable to permit a player, the place in the lineup with the missing player must continue as an open spot and be respected in proper rotation. When the missing player's position comes to serve, it is automatically a loss of serve.

### 1.3. **Cancellations:**

All teams wishing to cancel a match must notify the Executive and Referee Assignor at least 72 hours before their scheduled match(es). If a team cancels a game with less than 72 hours notice, they will forfeit their game. This only applies to regular season games.

- a) Any team wanting to switch times within their 3 hour time block must seek the approval of the other 2 teams in that block and the approval of the referee of the match(es) prior to the beginning of the first match of the block. Otherwise, match times will occur as scheduled.
- b) In the event all three teams opt not to play, no points are awarded. Games scheduled before the switch must be played before the switch and games scheduled after the switch must be played after the switch.

### 1.4. **Defaults:**

Teams have one point deducted for each set defaulted and one for each Minor Official default.

**a) Matches:**

- 1) If a team cannot field a 6-person team (in accordance with 12.7) during regular season match play, no defaults will be awarded until 5 minutes after scheduled game time. The second set will be defaulted at 15 minutes and the third set defaulted at 20 minutes after scheduled game time. During Seeding and Playoff Tournaments, a team has until 5 minutes after scheduled game time to have 6 players or they default set one. They have until 20 minutes after the scheduled game time or they default both sets two and three.
- 2) At the referee's discretion, a team may be defaulted due to unsafe situations created by teams and minor officials in the gymnasium. This includes the benches, courts, and controlled areas via a two warning system.

**b) Minor Officials:**

- 1) A minimum of 4 people must be present upon commencement of the match that they are minor officiating, and the roles of down official and two lines people must be filled, otherwise a -1 in the standings will be given to the team.
- 2) If one of the 4 members is requested to permit, the team can officiate with a minimum of 3 people as long as there is a referee present.
- 3) Will ensure that proper court setup (i.e. nets are up and at the correct height) and court take down occurs, otherwise a -1 in the standings will be given to the team.

**1.5. Adjudication Committee**

All grievances must be received in writing to the executive within 2 weeks after the incident in question. It shall be the responsibility of the executive to respond to the grievance in a timely manner. If the person who filed the grievance is not satisfied with the executive's decision, they must present a written appeal within one week after the initial executive's decision. The secretary will then be responsible for bringing the matter to an adjudication committee. The adjudication committee shall be appointed by the secretary consisting of members other than the executive and shall deal with all appeals. This committee is empowered to make decisions on all matters above and consists of three members.

**1.6. Co-ed Players**

- a) Teams can have at most 3 males on the court. Substitutions must be gender for gender.
- b) In case of injury, a male will be able to sub for a female as long as there are still a minimum of three females on the court.

- c) A female player can be used as a libero in place of any player.
- d) In the case of an injury where the team has no other legal players available to replace an injured player, the libero can revert to a regular player and sub in for the injured player, providing all other bylaws in section 12.7 are complied with.

### **1.7. Rosters**

Team Rosters must be entered into Teamlinkt and registered for an SVA membership prior to the first match of the season including 1st and 2nd contact to SAVA.

#### Conditions:

- a) A player cannot be on the rosters of more than one coed or women's team; however, a female registering with both a coed team and a women's team is allowed.
- b) If a player no longer wishes to play with the team s/he is currently playing with, s/he must get a written letter signed by two members of that team releasing such player.
- c) A player may be added to any roster as long as the above criteria are followed.
- d) No final additions to the roster may be made after the second last Sunday of the regular season. The only exception is by extenuating circumstances through the approval of the executive.
- e) If a team is ejected or withdrawn from the league, other teams in the league may pick up its members as long as the above criteria have been met.
- f) Every player {in accordance with 12.8.a} is only allowed to be added onto 2 different teams' rosters in one entire season. If a player leaves their original team to play for another team, they cannot return to that original team's roster, nor any other teams' rosters.
- g) Any Athlete under the age of 18, on a roster, must have signed consent by their parent/guardian to be on the roster.
- h) A team with an illegal player(s) will default all games played with the illegal player(s). Any intentional disregard of this rule will be dealt with by the executive with possible additional repercussions.

### **1.8. Substitution List**

- a) Players defined as "SUBS" are any player NOT currently signed to any team's roster, are listed on the on-line "SUB" list, and have paid their insurance fee.
- b) Substitutes are only allowed to participate in regular season games.
- c) Once a substitute signs on a roster, they cannot return to the substitute list for the remainder of the season.
- d) If a team folds, a player from that team can enter the substitute list.

### **1.9. Permit Players**

- a) Permit Players are players from other teams.
- b) You cannot permit a player from a team in a higher division.
- c) Permit players are only allowed in regular season games.
- d) You can permit a maximum of 2 people per regular season match



#### **1.10. Team Movement**

- a) The total number of teams in each division is set by the executive prior to the start of the season. Any changes to divisions based on imbalance of skill level can only be made after the start of the season by the executive.
- b) Twice during the season, the bottom two teams in the standings of each division will switch with the top two teams of the lower division for all leagues, Coed and Women's.
- c) After the team movement after each switch over, all team stats will be set back to zero.
- d) Defaults are taken into account for the division switches.
- e) In the case of a dispute where a team does not want to move up a division and the team in the upper division wishes to stay up, it is at the executive's discretion to allow the teams to stay in their respective divisions. However, if the team in the upper division wishes to move down, the team in the lower division **MUST** move up.

#### **1.11. Tie Breaking Criteria:**

- a) Playoffs include win percentage (total points/possible points) including defaults, then CVA rules.

#### **1.12. Yellow Cards**

Any player who accumulates 3 yellow cards in one season (including seeding and playoffs) will be reviewed for possible disciplinary action by the executive. Any red card or red/yellow will result in the same disciplinary review. All players may appeal any suspension via bylaw 12.5.

#### **1.13. Injury**

Teams can finish both scheduled matches with 5 players if an injury occurs during the match, during regular season play. If an injury occurs during a match during playoffs, the team can finish that match with 5 players. All subsequent matches will require a full roster in accordance with all other applicable bylaws.

## **Change Log**

Season	Summary
23/24	<p>Removed seasonal permit limits, teams must now bring at least 4 players from the roster or sub list, you can permit at most 2 players per match.</p> <p>Switched from Tachikara to Mikasa as the preferred ball.</p>
22/23	<p>The Seeding Tournament was replaced with a 2nd reseed throughout the season.</p>
21/22	<p>Renamed the league to Saskatchewan Amatuer Volleyball Association.</p>