



SPORTS REGULATIONS

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SECTION I

General Regulations for Competitions

CHAPTER 1

Categories of Competitions and Matches

1 REGULATIONS, CATEGORIES AND TYPES OF COMPETITIONS

1.1. BASIC REGULATIONS AND RULES

All national Volleyball competitions and matches are governed by the NVF; they must be played in accordance with:

- a) the relevant Official Volleyball Rules
- b) the NVF Constitution
- c) the Sport Regulations
- d) the Specific Competition Regulations
- e) the General Regulations
- f) the Code of Conduct
- g) the Official Circulars

1.2. TYPES OF VOLLEYBALL COMPETITIONS

The types of Volleyball competitions and matches are:

- a) Indoor Volleyball
- b) Beach Volleyball
- c) Mini Volleyball
- d) Social Volleyball
- e) Paralympic Volleyball (Sitting Volley)

1.3. CATEGORIES OF NVF VOLLEYBALL COMPETITIONS

The categories of Volleyball competitions are:

- a) International competitions
- b) NVF competitions
- c) National competitions
- d) Regional competitions
- e) Recognized competitions

2 GOVERNING BODIES AND GROUPING OF COMPETITIONS

2.1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNING BODY

The governing body of any NVF competition is determined by the specific regulation for each competition.

2.2. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

2.2.1. International Competitions include all international Volleyball competitions held in the Republic of Namibia. The governing body of these competitions is the NVF in cooperation with the respective mother body of the NVF.

2.2.2. These International Competitions are:

- a) FIVB Competitions as defined in the FIVB Sports Regulations
- b) World Competitions as defined in the FIVB Sports Regulations
- c) Official Competitions as defined in the FIVB Sports Regulations
- d) Recognized Competitions as defined in the FIVB Sports Regulations
- e) Registered Competitions as defined in the FIVB Sports Regulations
- f) Continental Competitions under the regulations of the CAVB
- g) Zonal Competitions under the regulations of Zone VI
- h) Other competitions under the regulations of FIVB
- i) **Region 5 as defined in the NSC regulations**
- j) International friendly matches

2.3. NVF COMPETITIONS

2.3.1. The governing body is the NVF and the competition regulations for each competition are respectively determined by the Board of Administration.

2.3.2. These NVF Competitions are:

- a) NVF Cup
- b) National Senior Club Championship
- c) National Seniors Regional Championship
- d) Namibian Open Beach Volleyball Championship
- e) Doc Tournament
- f) National Youth Volleyball Championships
- g) National Junior Volleyball Championships
- h) National Mini Volleyball Championships
- i) National Beach Volleyball Tour

2.3.3. The NVF has the right to award the organisation of NVF Competitions to a third party. The NVF and the organizer of an NVF Competition sign an agreement (contract) in which the specific rights and obligations of the NVF and the organizer of the competition are laid down.

2.3.4. The NVF Board has the right to sanction competitions as NVF Competitions.

2.4. NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

2.4.1. The following competitions are organized by different bodies and are sanctioned by the NVF:

- a) Namibia Schools Sports Union (NSSU) National Competitions

- b) TISAN National Competitions

2.4.2. The NVF Board has the right to sanction additional competitions as National Competitions.

2.5. REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

2.5.1. The following competitions are organized by NVF Zonal or Regional Associations affiliated to the NVF:

- a) Regional Volleyball (Junior or Senior) Leagues or Series
- b) Regional Schools Volleyball Competitions (NSSU)
- c) Regional Volleyball Tournaments
- d) Regional Social Volleyball Competitions
- e) Paralympic Competitions
- f) Beach Volleyball Competitions

2.5.2. The NVF Board has the right to sanction additional competitions as Regional Competitions.

2.5.3. Only one Regional Volleyball League or Series shall be sanctioned for each Region set out by the NVF Board of Administration.

2.6. RECOGNISED COMPETITIONS

2.6.1. The governing body is the organizing club or designated organ. It drafts, in consultation with the sponsors, the Specific Competition Regulations and conditions which are to be approved by the NVF Board of Administration. The conditions include specifications regarding prize money, title sponsor and commercialization.

2.6.2. The NVF is the patron and allows the use of its name and logo in exchange for a fixed fee to be negotiated.

2.6.3. The following criteria to be taken into consideration when fixing the amount of the fee to be paid to the NVF:

- a) size of venue
- b) number of competition days
- c) price of entrance tickets (if any)
- d) economic conditions of the country
- e) technical level of participating teams
- f) TV broadcasting time for matches

2.6.4. The NVF has the right to sanction competitions as Recognised Competitions.

3 PROGRAMMING OF COMPETITIONS

3.1. PRIORITY OF COMPETITIONS

- 3.1.1. If dates coincide, the priority shall be given to the competition of the highest category and in the order established in these Regulations
- 3.1.2. The Official calendar shall be based on the following table 3.2.
- 3.1.3. The calendar of national, regional or recognised competitions approved by the Board of Administration can only be modified if changes do not interfere with any other competition already approved.
- 3.1.4. Changes of date of events already approved or the introduction of new competitions can only be approved if there is no incompatibility with previously scheduled competitions.

3.2. TIMETABLE FOR COMPETITIONS

Title	Periodicity	Recommended Period
NVF Cup	Annual	August/September
Namibian Open Beach Volleyball Champs	Annual	March
National Senior Regional Championship	2 years	April/May/June
National Senior Club Championship	Annual	November
National Youth Volleyball Championships	Annual	May/June
National Junior Volleyball Championships	Annual	May/June
National Mini Volleyball Championship	Annual	May/June
Doc Tournament	Annual	March
Regional Volleyball Leagues & Series	Annual	February - July

CHAPTER 2

Participation Conditions for Competitions

4 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

4.1. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS FOR NATIONAL TEAMS

National teams as selected and approved by the Executive Committee shall represent the NVF at International Competitions for National Teams.

4.2. ZONE VI CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

4.2.1. The team representing Namibia at the Zone VI Club Championships shall be the winners of the current year's NVF Cup.

4.2.2. Teams have to confirm - two weeks after the NVF Cup finals, their intention of participating in the Zone VI Club Championships.

4.2.3. In the event that more than one team are entitled to represent Namibia at the Zone VI Club Championships, the order of the final results of the current year's NVF Cup shall be used to determine the team entitled to participate.

4.2.4. In the event where the team(s) that are entitled to participate do not confirm their participation as per 4.2.2, the following teams as per order of final results of the current year's NVF Cup shall be entitled to participate.

4.3. OTHER INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The participation of teams in international competitions by invitation or direct qualification is to be approved by the NVF Board of Administration.

5 NVF OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS

5.1. NVF CUP.

5.1.1. The two highest placed teams in the current year's regional or zonal league/series shall automatically be eligible to participate in the NVF Cup

5.1.2. All teams eligible to participate in the NVF Cup as per paragraph 5.1.1 have to confirm their participation to the NVF through a regional structure on or before the date set by NVF Board of Administration.

5.1.3. In an event where the team(s) that are entitled to participate do not confirm their participation as per 5.1.2, the following teams as per the order of final log stand of the current year's regional league/series shall be entitled to participate.

5.1.4. In an event where a region or regions fail to register their teams, the **NVF Executive Committee** has the power to grant additional permission to more than two teams from other regions/zones

5.2. DOC TOURNAMENT

5.2.1. The number of teams eligible to participate in the Doc Tournament shall be determined in the Competition Specific Regulations.

5.2.2. The Doc tournament is an open tournament in which any team, whether registered with the NVF or not, is eligible to participate.

5.3. NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.3.1. Regional teams as selected by regional associations are eligible to participate in the National Youth Volleyball Championships.

5.3.2. Players who are eligible to participate in this competition are those who are 17 years and younger.

5.3.3. Regional Associations are only allowed to register one team per gender in this competition.

5.4. NATIONAL JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.4.1. Regional teams as selected by regional associations are eligible to participate in the National Junior Volleyball Championships.

5.4.2. Players who are eligible to participate in this competition are those who are 20 years and younger at the date of the competition.

5.4.3 Regional Associations are only allowed to register one team per gender in this competition

5.5. NATIONAL MINI VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

5.5.1. Regional teams as selected by regional associations are eligible to participate in the National Mini Volleyball Championships.

5.5.2. Players who are eligible to participate in this competition are those who are 14 years and younger at the date of the competition.

5.4.3 Regional Associations are only allowed to register one team per gender in each category of this competition

5.4.3.1 Under 8 (3 vs 3) format

5.4.3.2 Under 10 (4 vs 4) format

5.4.3.3 Under 12 (5 vs 5) format

5.4.3.4 Under 14 (6 vs 6) format

5.6. NAMIBIAN OPEN BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The teams eligible to participate in the Namibian Open Beach Volleyball Championships shall be determined by the Competition Specific Regulations.

6 NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

6.1.1. The teams eligible to participate in the National Competitions shall be determined by the Competition Specific Regulations.

7 REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

7.1. All regional competitions shall be run according to the regional/zonal competition regulations in line with the NVF Sports Regulation and constitution as well as all other sport governing bodies that the specific competition is falling under.

8 RECOGNISED COMPETITIONS

8.1.1. The teams eligible to participate in the Official and Recognised Competitions shall be determined by the Competition Specific Regulations.

CHAPTER 3

Organization and Control of Competitions

9 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

9.1. EVENT DIRECTOR / TECHNICAL DELEGATE

9.1.1. A **Tournament** Director, is to be appointed for each competition by the NVF Competition Department.

9.1.2. The Tournament Director is responsible for the organisation of the competition.

9.1.3. The Tournament Director has the responsibility to ensure the smooth running of the competition in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations.

9.1.4. The Tournament Director is responsible for the coordination of work of all personnel involved in the event in accordance with their duties.

9.1.5. The Tournament Director is required to report on the progress of organisation of the competition on request of the NVF Competition Department.

9.1.6. The Tournament Director is required to submit a written report on the competition to the NVF Competition Department within 10 working days.

9.1.7. The Tournament Director is required to be available for appeal procedures as per 10.1.1

9.1.8. **For competitions where no Tournament Director is appointed, the NVF Competition Director assumes the responsibilities of the Tournament Director.**

9.2. REFEREE MANAGER

9.2.1. The NVF **Referees** Department has the right to appoint a Referee Manager in addition to the Tournament Director.

9.2.2. The Referee Manager is responsible to allocate officials, including referees, scorers, ball retrievers and line judges to matches, whose impartiality and quality he must ensure.

9.2.3. The Referee Manager is responsible to ensure officials perform their required duties.

9.2.4. The Referee Manager is responsible to ensure all materials for officials are available at the venue.

9.2.5. For competitions where no Referee Manager is appointed, the **Referee** Director assumes the responsibilities of the Referee Manager.

9.3. VENUE OPERATIONS MANAGER

9.3.1. The NVF Competition Department has the right to appoint a Venue Operations Manager (**VOM**) in addition to the Tournament Director.

9.3.2. The Venue Operations Manager is responsible for the:

- a) reservation of venues, materials and technical equipment;
- b) allocation of matches to venues;
- c) preparation of the venues, materials and technical equipment prior to matches;
- d) compliance of venues, materials and technical equipment with quality and quantity of respective requirements and standards;
- e) maintenance of venues, materials and technical equipment during competitions;
- f) clean up of venue subsequent to competition.

9.3.3. For competitions where no Venue Operations Manager is appointed, the Tournament Director assumes the responsibilities of the Venue Operations Manager. Where no Tournament Director is appointed, the Competition Director assumes responsibilities of both Tournament Director and VOM.

9.4. PRESS OFFICER

9.4.1. The NVF Competition Department has the right to appoint a press officer in addition to the Tournament Director.

9.4.2. The Press Officer is responsible to issue regular media releases to local and international media on the results, progress and highlights of the competition.

9.4.3. The Press Officer is responsible for official photography during competitions.

9.4.4. The Press Officer is responsible for the flow of information and the smooth operation of facilities, equipment and services provided by the organiser for the mass media representatives.

9.4.5. For competitions where no Press Officer is appointed, the Tournament Director assumes the responsibilities of the Press Officer.

9.5. ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER

9.5.1. The NVF Competition Department has the right to appoint an Administrative Manager (AM) in addition to the Tournament Director.

9.5.2. The Administrative Manager is responsible for the verification, approval and enforcement of the plans proposed by the organizer for:

- a) selection of hotels and restaurants; accommodation plan and preparation of housing, meals and transportation facilities for Technical officials, Control Committee members (jury), Referees, teams, guests and mass media representatives;
- b) airport and city reception arrangements;
- c) accreditation;
- d) ceremonies;
- e) hospitality areas (in the hotels and competition halls);
- f) advertising in the competition halls;
- g) security services;
- h) liability insurance control.

9.5.3. For competitions where no Administrative Manager is appointed, rule 9.3.3 applies in terms of Administrative Manager.

9.6. APPEAL COMMITTEE

- 9.6.1. The Appeal Committee consists of the NVF president or his representative, **the NVF Technical Director**, the Director of the NVF Competition Department, the Tournament Director and additional members nominated by the NVF Board of Administration.
- 9.6.2. The Appeal Committee is chaired by the NVF President or his representative.
- 9.6.3. The duties of the Appeal Committee are:
 - a) to accept official protests and complaints received within 24 hours subsequent to the completion of a relevant match, about the organisation, match results, medical and refereeing issues;
 - b) to make a final decision as regards any protest or complaints received as per 9.6.3 (a) after consultation with the relevant organizing committee member;
 - c) to admonish and if necessary disqualify players, referees, coaches and other participants;

10 COMPLAIN AND APPEAL PROCEDURE

10.1. PROCEDURE FOR COMPLAINTS

- 10.1.1. All complaints concerning the result of a match must be presented in writing to the Tournament Director within one hour after the end of the match concerned.
- 10.1.2. Once the score sheet is checked and signed by all relevant participants without protest, no further team protest on technical aspects can be accepted, e.g. 7 substitutions, scorer's error, referees' error, etc.
- 10.1.3. Such a complaint must be worded in English and be accompanied by a deposit of N\$500 in cash.
- 10.1.4. The deposit shall be refunded immediately if the complaint is found valid.
- 10.1.5. The Tournament Director must pass the complaint on to the Appeal Committee with a written report within twelve hours from the payment of the deposit.
- 10.1.6. The Appeal Committee must convene to consider the complaint within forty-eight hours after the presentation of the complaint and render its verdict. A member of the Appeal Committee who is of the same club, as one of the interested parties to the complaint, shall not be admitted to the session.
- 10.1.7. The Appeal Committee may call all persons involved in the case and their representatives to give testimony.
- 10.1.8. All other complaints must be made directly to the Tournament Director of the competition, within one hour after the contested fact has been noticed.

10.2. VERDICT

- 10.2.1. The verdict is final and must be made within 60 hours from the payment of the deposit.
- 10.2.2. The Appeal Committee must communicate in a written form its verdict without delay to the interested parties.
- 10.2.3. The Appeal Committee Chairperson is the sole judge of whether or not to make a report to the press about the complaint.

11 PRESS AND MEDIA RELATIONS

11.1. PRESS RELEASE PRODUCTION

Production of event press release, bearing the agreed title, NVF and event emblem and any other name/logo are to be defined by the NVF, such as sponsors' names/logos, etc, up to 10.

11.2. PRESS RELEASE DISTRIBUTION

The Press Officer is responsible for the regular distribution of news stories to key local and international media (newspapers, television, radio, magazines, social media, CAVB, FIVB) distributed electronically via email and published on the official NVF website **or any other acceptable Social Media platform.**

11.3. PRESS CONFERENCES

Official NVF press conferences can be organized by the Press Officer. After match press conferences must be attended by at least head coach and team captain. Access to these official press conferences is open to all accredited media representatives.

12 MARKETING AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS

12.1. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 12.1.1. The NVF is the exclusive owner of all intellectual property rights of the NVF Competitions, including any current or future rights in all audio and visual material.
- 12.1.2. No tickets or accreditation may be used by anyone in order to gain access to a venue of an NVF competition for the purposes of collecting or gathering such data, and such activities are expressly prohibited.

12.2. NVF BRAND, NAME AND LOGO

12.2.1. The NVF brand, name and logo may only be used with the prior written permission of the NVF and according to stipulated guidelines for National Competitions, Regional Competitions and recognised Competitions.

12.3. MARKETING AND COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

12.3.1. The NVF is solely authorized, unless it concedes these rights according to the terms of these Regulations and/or the Organiser Agreement, to grant commercial, promotional and licensing rights such as, but not limited to the following:

- a) Association rights through official titles such as “Partner”, “Sponsor”, “Supplier”, “Product”, etc., linked to the NVF competitions.
- b) Promotional rights for sale, demonstrations or exhibitions inside or outside of the competition venue (including the press centres) by official partners/sponsors/suppliers.
- c) Licenses for the use of the Marks (including emblem, logo, designation, name) of the NVF competitions, including the right to use the Marks on Merchandise for retail to the general public.
- d) Branding and advertising rights by using static, dynamic or sound publicity in or around the competition sites.

12.3.2. The organiser acknowledges that he shall not enter into any contractual arrangements (written or verbal) related to those matters designated above, without the written approval of the NVF.

12.3.3. Upon registration of a team for an NVF competition, NVF has the non-exclusive right to use and/or sublicense the right to use free of charge that team/s imagery for promotional use, editorial purposes and/or incorporation into commercial and promotional merchandise and materials provided that such merchandise and materials related to the NVF Competition.

12.3.4. The NVF may restrict the display of any third party commercial identification or branding in any competition hall (including on any clothing) by teams and players.

12.3.5. Team/s must obtain all necessary third party consents that are required in order for them to comply with this Chapter.

12.3.6. By registering for any NVF Competition each player agrees to their performance or appearance at the NVF competition being photographed, filmed and recorded in any audio, visual, audio-visual and/or electronic form of coverage and that such recording other reproductions may be used and/or exploited in whole or in part by NVF (and its licensees and/or assignees).

13 COMPETITION SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

The NVF Competition Department may issue Competition Specific Regulations, which shall be subject to the NVF Constitution and Sports Regulations.

CHAPTER 4

Requirements for Competition Venues

14 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

For international competitions the relevant FIVB, CAVB, Zone VI and/or Region Five regulations for competition venues apply.

15 NVF COMPETITIONS

15.1. COMPETITION VENUES

15.1.1. Competition halls or venues are to be approved by the NVF Competition Department after inspection.

15.2. COMPETITION AREA

15.2.1. Requirements for the competition area may be set by the NVF Competition Department in the Competition Specific Regulations.

15.3. EQUIPMENT

15.3.1. Requirements for equipment may be set by the NVF Competition Department in the Competition Specific Regulations.

16 OTHER COMPETITIONS

For National and Regional Competitions, requirements for competition venues, competition areas and equipment may be set in the Competition Specific Regulations.

CHAPTER 5

Playing Rules

17 FIVB RULES

17.1. VERSION OF FIVB RULES

17.1.1. The most recently approved version of the rules as per International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) rule book apply for all of the following competitions:

- a) International Competitions
- b) NVF Competitions
- c) National Competitions

17.1.2. The latest version of rules as per FIVB rule book apply to the following competitions, unless where specific playing rules have been specified in the Competition Specific Regulations:

- a) Regional Competitions
- b) Official Competitions
- c) Recognized Competitions

17.2. AMMENDMENTS TO FIVB RULES

17.2.1. Amendments made to the FIVB rules shall be effective as per the effective date approved by the FIVB Congress with the directive of the NVF Referees Department.

18 MINI VOLLEYBALL RULES

The most recently approved version of NVF Mini Volleyball rules as approved by the NVF Board are applicable to all Mini Volleyball competitions in Namibia.

CHAPTER 6

Fees, Prizes and Rankings

19 PARTICIPATION FEES

19.1. COMPETITION ENTRY FEES

19.1.1. Competition entry fees shall be determined in the Competition Specific Regulations.

19.1.2. Competition entry fees are due and payable on or before the closing date for entries.

19.1.3. No entry fee shall be applicable for the following competitions:

- a) NVF Cup

19.2. COMPETITION PARTICIPATION FEES

19.2.1. Participation fees may be granted to teams entered for a specific competition.

19.2.2. Participation fees shall be determined in the Competition Specific Regulations.

20 PRIZES AND AWARDS

20.1. COMPETITION TEAM PRIZES

20.1.1. Prizes may be awarded to teams for specified team performances. These shall be determined in the Competition Specific Regulations.

20.1.2. Prizes awarded may be cash prizes or prizes in kind.

20.1.3. Prizes shall be communicated before the due date for registration of the competition.

20.2. INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

20.2.1. Individual awards may be presented to individual players for specified performances. These shall be determined in the Competition Specific Regulations.

20.2.2. Prizes awarded may be cash prizes or prizes in kind.

20.2.3. The Event Director / Technical Delegate's decision shall be final on the decision of winners of individual awards.

21 NATIONAL RANKINGS

21.1. BEACH VOLLEYBALL TEAMS – NATIONAL RANKING AND SELECTION OF NATIONAL TEAMS

21.1.1. The NVF shall maintain a national ranking of all beach volleyball teams registered with the Namibian Volleyball Federation.

21.1.2. Ranking points shall be accumulated for every calendar year.

21.1.3. Points shall be accumulated on the final competition day of each competition. Each event in a series of tournaments is considered as a separate event for beach volleyball ranking purposes.

21.1.4. Points shall be awarded according to team's positions in the final competition results as follows:

Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	≥10
International Competition	300	240	195	165	135	120	105	90	75	60
NVF Competitions	100	80	65	55	45	40	35	30	25	20
National Competitions	70	55	45	38	32	28	24	20	16	12
Regional Competitions	50	40	33	28	23	20	17	14	11	8
Official Competitions	20	16	13	11	9	8	7	6	5	4
Recognised Competitions	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1

21.1.5 Only the top 5 tournament results per year shall be calculated for the ranking

21.1.6 Selection of National Players shall be done **in accordance with the NVF Selection Policy** and approved by the Selection Committee as sanctioned by the Board of Administration

21.1.7 Selection shall be done according to
a) National Ranking of the current and previous year
b) National Trials to be held before International Competitions

21.1.8 Foreign based Namibians shall be considered for team selection if they

- a) can provide proof of regular beach volleyball participation
- b) have participated in at least one official tournament during the year on the Namibian circuit

SECTION II

Status of Players, Teams, Referees and Coaches

These regulations apply equally to both genders. A reference to one gender (e.g. he) includes a reference to the other gender (e.g. she)

CHAPTER 7

Status of Players

22 Registration

22.1. SUPREME AUTHORITY

The NVF is the supreme authority of volleyball in Namibia to decide all questions relating to the eligibility of players and has the right to determine the registration and sports status of its players. However such status must remain within the provisions of the FIVB Constitution and FIVB Sports Regulations.

22.2. REGISTRATION CRITERIA

Players need to be registered on the NVF database and fully paid up members of a region to participate in the following competition, unless specifically exempted by the Competition specific regulations.

- a) NVF Official Competitions

22.2.1. A player may only be registered via one club in each of the following categories:

- a) Indoor
- b) Beach
- c) Youth / Junior
- d) Mini Volleyball

22.3. REGISTRATION TERMS AND PROCEDURES

22.3.1. Registration of a player with the NVF through the regional body is valid from the date of acceptance of the registration by the NVF until 28 February of the following year.

22.3.2. Both indoor and beach players need to register via a regional association, which is affiliated to the NVF.

22.3.3. The following documentation needs to be included in the request for registration of players submitted to the NVF:

- a) Copy of player registration form from the region;
- b) Copy of passport or ID
- c) Passport photo;
- d) Player clearance as per transfer rules set out by the region in line with NVF Regulations, where applicable;
- e) International transfer certificate (ITC) where required by these Regulations;

22.4 Registration of Foreign Players/Non-Namibians

22.4.1 Any club wishing to register a foreign player to play in the NVF competitions shall furnish the NVF through the respective regional Association with the following documents to obtain a registration clearance from NVF before registering such player/s:

- a) Letter of clearance from their National Federations
- b) Letter of clearance from the most recent former club,
- c) A valid residence/study permit or waiver.
- d) Any team wishing to use such player in any international competitions shall fulfil all the application requirements for international transfer certificate with FIVB.

22.4.2 Each team is allowed to register a maximum of 5 foreign players in their players' roster for the season but shall only be permitted to register 3 in the score sheet. Only two foreign players may be on the court at any time.

22.4.3 The Board of Administration may exempt foreign teams residing within 60km radius from the Namibian borders and wishing to register in Namibia.

22.4.4 The Board of Administration may exempt a team of refugees from rule 22.4.2 to register in Namibia provided that such refugees have their status recognised by the Namibian government.

23 NATIONALITY, AGE AND SEX

23.1. NATIONALITY, AGE AND SEX CRITERIA

Rules and regulations as per the FIVB Sports Regulations shall be applied for nationality, age and sex classifications and criteria.

24 OTHER ELIGIBILITY RULES

24.1. ANTI DOPING

24.1.1. The NVF may require a player to complete anti-doping documentation and courses, including e-learning courses, as condition for acceptance of registration.

24.1.2. The NVF may require a player to be tested for doping while participating in any NVF Official Competition or during any other time.

24.1.3. The NVF may suspend a player's if tested positive for doping.

24.2. PARTICIPATION OUTSIDE NAMIBIA

A player registered in Namibia through NVF structures may participate in Volleyball events outside the borders of Namibia with the written approval of the NVF. The NVF may withhold such approval based on reasonable grounds.

25 APPLICATION OF RULES FOR THE ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

25.1. INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES

The NVF Board of Administration, or provisionally in the case of emergency the Executive Committee or the President, decides on the violations and interpretation of the rules for eligibility of regions and players.

25.2. ACCEPTANCE OF PRIZE MONEY AND FINANCIAL HELP

A player may accept any financial compensation in exchange for his participation in a competition without affecting the status of the player.

25.3. NO FINANCIAL GUARANTEES

No team/s or player/s may demand any financial guarantee or special economic conditions to participate in any competition under the NVF structure.

26 TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

26.1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

26.1.1. Unless contractually bound by a written agreement, a player has the right to be transferred to another club or team, if all requirements as per the NVF Sports Regulations are fulfilled. A player should put his request to the club/team in writing at all time for reference purpose in case of dispute arise.

26.1.2. A club/team has 5 working days to respond to a player's request.

26.1.3. Individual contractual terms between clubs and players are not mandatory to the Regional Association or NVF. However, all volleyball teams and players registered by a club with the regional association play under and are subject to the FIVB Sports

Regulations and the NVF Sports Regulations.

26.1.4. These Regulations apply to all local and international transfers of players, who are registered with NVF structures, have previously been registered within the NVF structures or apply for registration within the NVF structures.

26.1.5. These Regulations apply to all transfers to another club as well as transfers to another team registered under the same club or from one Regional Association to another.

26.1.6. Players are exempted from these transfer regulations if they are Namibian citizens who have not previously been registered with another national federation and:

- a) they have not been registered as a player with any regional structure for the previous year;
or
- b) their club/team has not renewed its affiliation with the regional structure by the last day of February of the year of registration.

26.2. INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS

26.2.1. A player, who has previously been registered with the Namibian Volleyball Federation structure as its Federation of Origin as per FIVB regulations, is required to have written approval of the NVF to register with another National Federation.

26.2.2. A player is required to have an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) unless specifically exempted from this requirement by the NVF, if the player:

- a) has previously been registered with another National Federation as its Federation of Origin as per FIVB regulations;
- b) is not a Namibian citizen.

26.3. TRANSFER PROCEDURE

26.3.1. Transfer of a player by the Regional Association from his current club/team of registration to his new club/team is effective from the date of acceptance of the transfer by the Regional Association.

26.3.2. A player clearance certificate is required for transfer of a player, which needs to be signed by the player, the Chairperson of the current club where the player is registered and the Chairperson of the new club in that sequence.

26.3.3. A transfer of a player from one association to another is effective from the date of acceptance of the transfer by the NVF.

26.3.4. An NVF player transfer form is required for transfer of a player, which needs to be signed by the player, Chairperson of the current club, Chairperson of the current association, Chairperson of the receiving association and then be submitted to NVF for clearance before the registration process take effect.

26.3.5. Once the clearance is given by NVF, the receiving club should then be allowed to register the player by completing that particular association player registration form.

26.3.6. The following documentations need to be included in the request for inter-association transfer submitted to the NVF:

- a) Fully completed official current club player registration form;

- b) International transfer certificate (ITC) where required as per these Regulations;
- c) Transfer fee as determined by the NVF Board of Administration for the relevant year of registration if any.

26.3.7. Once the documents indicated under 26.3.6 are submitted to the NVF, the NVF shall respond to the association within 5 working days. It is the duty of the association to inform the concerned player/club of his/her approval.

26.3.8. All transfers shall be executed during the transfer period given by NVF. An exception shall be given to players who relocate from one Association to another outside the transfer window period, the transfer shall be authorised by the Board of Administration provided that supporting documents/proof of such relocation is presented.

26.4. RELEASE OF PLAYERS

26.4.1. Where no a written contract is in place between a player and club/team, a club/team is required to release a player and provide him with a clearance certificate without any restrictions or payments due to the club/team.

26.4.2. Where a written contract is in place between a player and club/team, a club/team is allowed to enforce restrictions and termination clauses before releasing a player, if such clauses are not in contravention with any NVF Sports Regulations or FIVB Regulations.

26.4.3. The release fee as per the contract between a player and club/team may not exceed N\$3,000 for transfer to any other club/team.

26.4.4. Following the end of a contract between a club/team and player, a club/team is required to release a player and provide him with a clearance certificate without any restrictions or payments due to the club/team.

26.5. DISPUTES

26.5.1. At the request of a club/team or a player, the Regional Association is entitled to mediate between the parties by facilitating negotiations and proposing solutions with a view to settle any disputes.

26.5.2. At the request of a club/team or a player, the Regional Association is entitled to investigate if reasons for withholding the release of a player are in line with contractual obligations and NVF Sports Regulations and if such reasons are considered reasonable.

26.5.3. Where the withholding of release of a player is considered unreasonable, the Regional Association may instruct the club to clear a player.

26.5.4. Should 26.5.3 not be adhered to by the club/team, the Regional Association shall then clear the player. The Regional Association shall then inform all parties in writing of its action.

26.5.5. Where a club/team have it on good record that 26.5.4 has been abused as a result of conflict of interest or other reasons, such club/team may approach NVF in writing with all supporting documents and proof thereof, and copy the Regional Association.

26.5.6. The NVF shall look into the matter and revert back to the parties involved within 14 working days.

26.5.7. At the request of a regional association or a club or a player, the NVF is entitled to mediate between the parties by facilitating negotiations and proposing solutions with a view to settling any disputes.

26.5.8.

CHAPTER 8

Status of Teams, Clubs and Academies

27 TEAM CATEGORISATION

27.1. NATIONAL TEAM

27.1.1. A team selected by the NVF and authorised to bear the country's name is considered the national team.

27.1.2. The national team may only play against another national team in a competition. Where a club team is involved, the team shall be named "Namibia All-Star Team" during the whole competition.

27.2. REGIONAL ALL STAR TEAM

27.2.1. A team selected by the NVF or a regional body of the NVF and authorised by the NVF to bear its region's name is considered the regional all-star team.

27.2.2. The regional team may only play against another regional team in a competition. Where a club team is involved, the team shall be named "All-Star Team of (the region)" during the whole competition.

27.3. BEACH VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Two players registered together as a team for beach volleyball.

27.4. CLUB TEAM

A team registered with a Regional Association that is affiliated to the NVF, which is not classified as Beach Volleyball Team as per these Regulations.

28 TEAM, CLUB AND ACADEMY REGISTRATION

28.1. SUPREME AUTHORITY

The NVF is the supreme authority in volleyball in Namibia to decide on all questions relating to the eligibility of clubs, teams and academies and has the right to determine the registration and sports status of its clubs and players. However such status must remain within the provisions of the FIVB Constitution and FIVB Sports Regulations.

28.2. CLUB/TEAM AFFILIATION CRITERIA

Clubs/teams need to be affiliated to a Regional Association of the NVF and fully paid up in order to enter teams to participate in any of the following competitions, unless specifically exempted by the Competition specific regulations:

- a) International Competitions
- b) NVF Competitions
- c) Regional Competitions

28.2.1. Clubs/teams participating with teams in an international competition on invitation of the NVF or by direct qualification are subjected to paragraph 22.2.

28.2.2. A club may register more than one team.

28.3 ACADEMY AFFILIATION CRITERIA

28.3.1 Academies need to be affiliated to the NVF through the respective Regional Association and shall be given a Recognition Agreement Certificate by NVF. Academies shall pay a yearly registration fee as determined by the NVF Board of Administration.

28.3.2 Registration shall be considered if the academy meets the minimum required standards as stipulated on the registration form.

28.3.3 In addition to the registration, the two parties may enter into further agreements.

28.3.4 A recognised academy may use the NVF emblem/logo on its letterhead, marketing and other promotional materials at a request.

28.3.5 Academies shall be evaluated on an annual basis, a Recognition Agreement Certificate may be withdrawn if an academy is found to contravene the minimum required standards/or NVF Constitution and or Sports Regulations. A thirty (30) day written notice shall be given to the Academy of NVF's intent to withdraw the Recognition Agreement Certificate.

CHAPTER 9

Status of Referees

29 REFEREE CATEGORISATION

29.1. CATEGORIES RECOGNISED BY NVF

The following categories of referees are recognized by the NVF:

- a) Local Referees
- b) National Referees;
- c) International and Continental Referee Candidates;
- d) International and Continental Referees; and
- e) FIVB Referees.

29.2. LOCAL REFEREES

Local referees are those who are registered with the NVF, and have passed a local referees course, or other qualification accredited for this level by NVF, and comply with the requirement for this category of referees.

29.3. NATIONAL REFEREES

National Referees are those document holders who are registered with the NVF, CAVB and FIVB, they must have obtained an FIVB certificate and comply with FIVB and CAVB requirement for this category of referees

29.4. INTERNATIONAL AND CONTINENTAL CANDIDATE REFEREES

International Candidate Referees are those who are registered with the NVF and FIVB, and comply with the FIVB and CAVB requirements for this category of referees.

29.5. INTERNATIONAL AND CONTINENTAL REFEREES

International Referees are those who are registered with the NVF and FIVB, and comply with the FIVB and CAVB requirements for this category of referees.

29.6. FIVB REFEREES

FIVB Referees are those who are registered with the NVF and FIVB, and comply with the FIVB requirements for this category of referees.

30 REFEREE REGISTRATION

30.1. SUPREME AUTHORITY

The NVF is the supreme authority of volleyball in Namibia to decide all questions relating to the eligibility of referees and has the right to determine the registration and status of its referees. However such status must remain within the provisions of the FIVB Constitution and FIVB Sports Regulations.

30.2. REGISTRATION TERMS AND PROCEDURES

30.2.1. Registration of a referee with the NVF is valid from the date of acceptance of registration by the NVF until 28 February of the following year.

30.2.2. The following documentation needs to be included in the request for registration submitted to the NVF:

- a) Fully completed official NVF referee registration form;
- b) Copy of passport or ID;
- c) Passport photo;
- d) Copy of certificates of qualifications;
- e) Registration fee as determined by the NVF Board of Administration for the relevant year of registration

30.2.3. Only registered referees shall have their annual registration renewed with CAVB/FIVB renewed. Unregistered referees may not be considered for NVF Competitions or other available opportunities. Only registered referees shall have their annual registration renewed with CAVB/FIVB renewed. Unregistered referees may not be considered for NVF Competitions or other available opportunities.

CHAPTER 10

Status of Coaches

31 COACH CATEGORISATION

31.1 CATEGORIES RECOGNISED BY NVF

The following categories of coaches are recognized by the NVF:

- a) Local Coaches
- b) Level I Coaches;
- c) Level II Coaches;
- d) Level III Coaches;

31.2 LOCAL COACHES

Local coaches are those who are registered with the NVF, and have passed a local referees course, or other qualification accredited for this level by the NVF, and comply with the requirement for this category of coaches.

31.3 LEVEL I, II AND III COACHES

These are coaches who are holders of respective coaching level certificates or any coaching qualification of a corresponding level that can be recognised by NVF/CAVB and FIVB.

32 COACH REGISTRATION

32.1 SUPREME AUTHORITY

The NVF is the supreme authority of volleyball in Namibia to decide all questions relating to the eligibility of coaches and has the right to determine the registration and status of its coaches. However such status must remain within the provisions of the FIVB Constitution and FIVB Sports Regulations.

32.2 REGISTRATION TERMS AND PROCEDURES

32.2.1 Registration of a coach with the NVF is valid from the date of acceptance of registration by the NVF until 28 February of the following year.

32.2.2 The following documentation needs to be included in the request for registration submitted to the NVF:

- a) Fully completed official NVF coach registration form;
- b) Copy of passport or ID;
- c) Passport photo;
- d) Copy of coaches qualifications if any;
- e) Registration fee as determined by the NVF Board of Administration for the relevant year of registration

32.2.3 Only coaches registered coaches with recognised qualification shall be allowed to sit on team's benches during NVF Competitions this include Regional Leagues.

SECTION III

FINAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 11

Miscellaneous

33 ENTRY INTO FORCE**33.1 DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE**

These Regulations entered into force on the date of their approval by the NVF Extra Ordinary Congress, i.e. on 06 December 2014.

33.2 PREVIOUS REGULATIONS

These Regulations supersede the NVF By-laws and amendments thereto, which are hereby cancelled.