

Scottish Schools Cup

Rules of the competition;



1. Title and Management

- 1.1 The Scottish Volleyball Association organizes a Scottish Schools Cup competition for boys and girls teams in the following categories;

P7/S1; 3v3 (inside lines of badminton court)

S2/3; 4v4 (outside lines of badminton court)

S4/5/6: 6v6 (full volleyball court)

Teams will be allowed to have a match squad twice the size of the court personnel;

3v3 is a six person squad;

4 v 4 is an eight person squad;

6 v 6 is a twelve person squad.

- 1.2 The Scottish Schools Cup is run by the Youth and Schools Commission of the SVA. The organizer of the will be the Youth Development Manager of the SVA. The Youth and Schools Commission is responsible to the SVA Board.

2. Entry

- 2.1 Schools entitled to enter a team in one of the Junior National Leagues must be affiliated to the SVA. Once a school is affiliated they must signify their wish to enter the competition by returning their entry form with their entry fee of £10 by **October 3rd, 2008.**

- 2.2 Late entries may only be accepted at the discretion of the organizer, who reserves the right to allocate a late entrant if it is advantageous to the competition.

- 2.3 Each school must send the name and address of a contact along with its entry form. A telephone number, e-mail address and fax number where the contact can be reached must also be provided.

- 2.4 A team changing the details of its contact after the fixture list has been printed must inform the organizer immediately.

- 2.6 In entering a team in the Scottish Schools Cup, a school undertakes to abide by the rules and conditions of the competition and to abide by the decisions taken by the organizer and by the Youth and Schools Commission.

3. Organization

- 3.1 No seeding

- 3.2 Straight knockout competition, only the teams that win their games will continue on.

- 3.3 Every attempt will be made to keep the competition regional to begin with (we aim will keep it regional as long as possible depending on the number of teams entered).

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- 3.4 After games are finished scoresheets must be sent to SVA (doesn't have to be SVA scoresheets but scores and participating players must be clearly indicated and signed off by both teams).
- 3.5 Schools organize their own halls to play in and must contact the visiting team with the venue details and time of play 2 weeks prior to the game.
- 3.6 Games may be moved ONLY by mutual agreement by both teams and the host team must inform the organizer.
- 3.7 Teams will be drawn home or away
- 3.8 Teams have three weeks from the publication of the fixtures for the games played, *depending on the number of teams that enter, we may have to change it to two weeks. This will be made known once the draw has been completed.*
- 3.9 The Schools Cup is open to all of Scotland. If you are unable to travel to play a team then you forfeit your match and are eliminated from the competition.

4. Fixtures

- 4.1 The host team shall provide appropriate officials and equipment for all games. This shall include; Referee, 2 line judges, scoreboard and table, antennae. Referee's stand, Proper match ball and 6 balls to give to the opposing teams to warm up with.
- 4.2 It is the responsibility of the home team to inform the away team of the time and venue of the match and to provide them with clear instructions of how to reach the venue. This information should be accompanied by a map to the venue, and must reach the away team at least fourteen days prior to the fixture date.
- 4.3 Where an away team secretary has had no word from the home team ten days prior to the scheduled day, the away team secretary must telephone the home team secretary. If an away team secretary has been unable to reach the home team secretary seven days before the scheduled day, the away team must call the organizer immediately to inform them of the situation.
- 4.4 Where a team withdraws from a fixture for any reason the match shall be declared forfeit against them and they will be eliminated from competition.
- 4.5 In the event of a team withdrawing from a fixture, they must inform their opponents of this immediately.

5. Player Eligibility

- 5.1 All players **MUST** be pupils at the school that they are participating with. If a player leaves school in December then they will no longer be eligible even though they may have played with their school team earlier in the year, once they leave school they may no longer play.
- 5.2 Players may only play in their own year group and may not play up or down with another age category. Younger players are not eligible to play up in the S4/5/6 category, this is for senior players only.
- 5.2 Team shall forfeit all points for a match should one of their players be found to have been ineligible.

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- 5.3 Schools can enter only one team into each category and can only have a maximum number of players at each fixture (please see 1.1).

6. Match Procedures

- 6.1 All matches must be played with an SVA approved match ball of correct inflation, type, colour and texture. Antennae must be used for all matches. If equipment and venue are not suitable then the home team's organiser must record on the scoresheet the reasons why the above were not suitable. (please see 4.1).
- 6.2 It shall be the responsibility of the home team to provide the visiting team with a minimum of six warm up balls.
- 6.3 All players in a team must have uniform jerseys of a matching colour.
- 6.4 At the end of the match the secretary of the home team must send a copy of the scoresheet to the SVA office. This must be posted first class on the day of the match.

7. Complaints Procedures

- 7.1 **NB ALL COMPLAINTS ABOUT COMPETITIONS MATTERS MUST BE ADDRESSED IN WRITING TO THE SVA.**
- 7.2 Whenever possible letters of complaint about a particular match should accompany the scoresheet. No complaints received more than seven days after the match will be considered.

8 Variance from FIVB Rules of the Game

- 8.1 In general terms, all Scottish School Cup matches are played according to the Rules of the Game, as determined by the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB). However, a number of rules are varied for junior competitions.
- (i) Match Duration: All Scottish School Cup matches are played over three sets,
 - (i) Rally point scoring systems will be used. Best of 3 sets, to 25 points, last set to 15.
 - (i) Substitutions: A maximum of six substitutions is permitted as per FIVB rules. Each player may be replaced but their replacement must be the same person in each case.
 - (ii) Libero player: A libero player may be utilised in the S4/5/6 6v6 competitions
 - (iii) In general competition the ball may be played using any part of the body above and including the waist. No kicking of the ball will be permitted.

These editions of the rules governing SVA Scottish School Cup supersede any other editions.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the SVA office on 0131 566 4633