



IVI WINTER LEAGUE RULES AND PROCEDURES

International Volleyball Ireland – Winter Tournament Rules 2025

1. General Format

- Teams: 10 teams.
- System: Round-robin (all teams play each other). Final table decides standings.
- Match Format: Best of 3 sets.
 - Sets 1 & 2: to 25 points, win by minimum of 2 points.
 - Set 3 (tiebreak): to 15 points, win by minimum of 2 points.
- Official Rules: All matches will follow the FIVB Volleyball Rules (see section 8 for summary).

2. Player Registration & Availability

Instagram roster requirements:

- 48h before each match: Each team must publish the list of available players on their team's Instagram (or captain's account), tagging @internationalVolleyballIreland.
- 24h before each match: Each team must confirm the final roster of players for that match (same process as above).
- Posts must be made as Instagram Stories and remain available for reference.
- Players can not be changed between Teams, once played by one, cannot change

Volleyball Ireland registration and IVI. (mandatory):

All players must also register with Volleyball Ireland (VI) to be eligible to play in VI competitions. Below is a step-by-step guide to registering on the Volleyball Ireland membership portal and being allocated to an IVI team. (Source: Volleyball Ireland: Player Registration Guidelines & NL Competition Rules.)

How to register on Volleyball Ireland (step-by-step)

1. Go to the Volleyball Ireland website: <https://www.volleyballireland.com> and click 'Register Here' (this links to the membership portal).
 2. Create a new account/profile on the membership portal (the site may use portals such as Azolve or JustGo). Fill in basic personal details to create your profile.
 3. Click 'My Profile' and select your Club using the Club Finder. If you cannot find your club, change the Club Finder distance filter to 'All Clubs' to show more options. Finding international Volleyball Ireland JOIN
 4. Under 'Membership' choose 'Player' and complete the player membership form. Proceed to payment of the relevant player license for the season. (Optional)
 5. Upload a head-and-shoulders photograph to your profile (used for pre-match ID verification) and any required credentials (for example, Sport Ireland anti-doping certificate where applicable).
- Following a link with a video Step by Step to make it clear:

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DEKXo0BNHhO/?igsh=Z3J3OWFiNjdjbWRi>

6. Agree to the Sport Ireland Code of Conduct and any other terms on the portal.

3. Match Day Regulations

- Arrival: Teams must be at the venue at least 1 hour before their scheduled match.
 - Exception: The teams in the first match of the day must arrive on time for 09:00 start.
- Officials:
 - Referees will be provided by the organization.
 - Line referees, table officials, and scorekeepers will be performed by teams not currently playing.
- Uniforms:
 - Teams must wear matching uniforms (same style and colors).
 - Shoes are mandatory and must be appropriate for indoor volleyball.
 - Protective gear is optional but encouraged.
- Venue Cleanliness: Teams are responsible for cleaning their bench area after matches.

4. Disciplinary Rules & Penalties

- Late Arrival: Team loses 1 point in the standings.
- Failure to Appear / Fewer than 6 Players: Match is forfeited (0–2).
- Misconduct:
 - Violence, threats, or severe unsporting behavior will be reviewed by a disciplinary panel composed of:
 - IVI President (Renato Avelar)
 - Tournament Chief (Daniel Ferreira)
 - One additional IVI administrator (chosen on match day).
 - Sanctions may include match loss, suspension, or expulsion from the tournament.

5. Protests & Appeals

- Protests must be submitted formally by email to:
internationalvolleyballireland@gmail.com
- Must include:
 - Team name, match, date & time
 - Detailed description of the incident
 - Supporting evidence (photos/videos if possible)
- Appeals can concern:
 - Player suspensions (yellow/red cards)
 - Player eligibility (improper registration)
 - Match incidents affecting result.

6. Scoring & Standings

- Match Result Points:
 - Win = 2 points

- Loss = 0 points
- Forfeit = -1 point
- Tie-breaker in standings (applied in order):
 1. Set ratio
 2. Points ratio
 3. Head-to-head result

7. Responsibilities of Teams

- Ensure all players are properly registered before the tournament (both Instagram roster posts AND Volleyball Ireland registration).
- Follow the Instagram posting requirements for rosters.
- Provide fair assistance as line referees, scorekeepers, and table officials when assigned.
- Maintain good sportsmanship and respect referees, opponents, and officials.

8. FIVB Rule Summary (Quick Reference)

- Rotation: Teams must rotate clockwise after winning the serve.
- Service: Must be executed from behind the baseline, within 8 seconds.
- Touches: A team may touch the ball up to 3 times before returning it (block does not count as a touch).
- Net Contact: Touching the net during play is a fault.
- Attack: Back-row players cannot attack in front of the 3-meter line.
- Block: Only front-row players may block. Block does not count as a team hit.
- Ball In/Out: Ball touching any part of the boundary line is considered in.
- Libero: If a team registers a libero, they cannot attack or serve and must wear a contrasting jersey.

9. Final Notes

- The spirit of this tournament is fair play, inclusion, and visibility for athletes.
- Teams are expected to respect schedules, referees, and organizational efforts.
- By participating, teams accept these rules and the decisions of the disciplinary committee.

Message to All Teams and Players

The International Volleyball Ireland (IVI) League 2025 is more than just a tournament. It is a stage for passion, respect, and growth.

We created this league so that players from every background and level can show their talent, connect with the volleyball community, and maybe even take the first step toward representing Ireland in the future.

On the court, you will compete. But outside the court, you are part of the same family that believes in the power of sport.

Play with your heart. Respect your teammates, opponents, and referees. Remember: every serve, every rally, and every victory are a step-in building something bigger than a game.

Let's make this first edition of the IVI League a memorable journey of teamwork, sportsmanship, and passion for volleyball.

— IVI Organization Team

Appendix: References & Useful Links

- Volleyball Ireland — Player Registration Guidelines and Club allocation instructions: <https://www.volleyballireland.com/latest-news/player-registration-guidelines/> (See 'Register Here').
 - Volleyball Ireland — National League Competition Rules (player registration requirements & deadlines): <https://www.volleyballireland.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Premier-Div-1-Div-2-Rules-2024-25-Final.pdf>
 - Volleyball Ireland — Schedule of Fees (club affiliation fees & registration fees): <https://www.volleyballireland.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Schedule-of-Fees-September-2024-1.pdf>
 - Volleyball Ireland membership portal (example portals): <https://volleyballireland.justgo.com/> and <https://volleyballireland.azolve.com/>
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