

# Maldives Resort Volley League & Championship Rules 2025

## 1. The Competition

- 1.1 This tournament is organized by the Volleyball Academy of Maldives and Maldives Volleyball.
- 1.2 The competition is scheduled to be held once a year at resorts or villages designated by the Volleyball Academy of Maldives and Maldives Volleyball.
- 1.3 The competition comprises two events: the Maldives Resort League (Resort League) and the Resort Championship.
- 1.4 The leagues for the Maldives Resort League will be based on the geographic areas of the resorts, as designated by the Volleyball Academy of Maldives and Maldives Volleyball.
- 1.5 The Maldives Resort League tournament will be played in separate leagues and the champion team will be selected.
- 1.6 A team or player who has competed in one league is not allowed to compete in another league.

## 2. Eligible participants in the competition

- 2.1 This competition is open to resorts registered as tourist resorts in Maldives.
- 2.2 To increase the excitement and number of host resorts, host resorts will pay a participation fee of USD 500. All other participating resorts will pay a participation fee of USD 1000.
- 2.3 If a team enters the tournament after the deadline, a "late entry" fee of USD 250 (two hundred and fifty US dollars) will be required in addition to the participation fee.

## 3. Match schedule and draw.

- 3.1 The tournament matches will be played according to the schedule. The Volleyball Academy of Maldives and Maldives Volleyball will share the schedule of the tournament with the participating resorts after the draw. Also available at [www.maldivesvolleyball.com](http://www.maldivesvolleyball.com).
- 3.2 Participating resorts will be notified of the date of the draw.

## 4. Rules of the game

- 4.1 The tournament shall be played in accordance with the latest volleyball rules issued by the International Volleyball Federation.

## **5. Teams.**

- 5.1 A team may register a maximum of 19 players. The final list of 14 of these 19 players must be submitted by a date to be fixed by the Volleyball Academy of Maldives / Maldives Volleyball. If you include 14 players, you will need to include 2 liberos.
- 5.2 A team shall consist of at least 8 players.
- 5.3 If a change is required to the team list, only one of the 19 registered players may make the change. Any changes must be made in writing to the Volleyball Academy of Maldives /Maldives Volleyball 24 hours prior to the start of the match.
- 5.4 A maximum of 5 officials can be registered as officials. (Officials will include the manager, coach medical and assistant (2) coach.) However, a manager cannot sit on the team bench. If the team is required to represent the team in a tournament or any other event, the team manager will represent the team.

## **6. Submission of team list and players included in the list.**

- 6.1 An employee who has been employed by the resort and registered with the Pension Fund 3 months prior to 01 July 2025 is eligible to participate in this tournament.
- 6.2 2 foreign employees who are permanently employed by the resort may register in the team list. However, only 1 player can be on the court to play in the Maldives Resort League. The Resort Championship is open to 2 players. The employee must have completed his work permit employed at the resort 3 months prior to 01 July 2025.
- 6.3 An employee of a third-party company working at the resort may play for the team of the resort. The resort and the company must have a 1-year and ongoing agreement as of 01 July 2025. The employee must have been employed by the company for 3 months prior to 01 July 2025.
- 6.4 Team lists shall be submitted to the Volleyball Academy of Maldives and Maldives Volleyball after completing the list submission form. Indicate the captain and libero on the team list. (A maximum of 2 players should be included as libero players.)
- 6.5 The team list shall not include any person in judicial custody or legal detention for violation of laws and regulations.
- 6.6 Any person who is found to have acted in violation of Articles 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 of these Rules shall be subject to the following action.
- 6.7 Suspension of players who violate the rules.
- 6.8 Disqualification of the team from the matches played by the player who violates the rules.
- 6.9 Fine the team that played with the player who violated the rules.

6.10 When submitting the team list, a copy of the ID card of each player on the list, a copy of the resort's employer's letter (signed by the employer and the employee) and a certificate of payment to the Maldives Pension Scheme should be submitted. A copy of the work permit and passport of the foreign players included in the team must be submitted. When submitting copies of these documents, they must be stamped by the resort and signed by the team manager to indicate that they are original. Documents submitted otherwise will not be accepted. These items should be submitted to the Volleyball Academy of Maldives/Maldives Volleyball on a date to be determined by the association. A bank statement of an account where the player's salary is deposited shall be submitted if requested by the Volleyball Academy of Maldives/Maldives Volleyball.

## **7. Uniforms**

- 7.1 Players and Officials shall wear a logo provided by the Organizer on the right-side arm of their tournament uniform (jersey).
- 7.2 If the players' uniforms (jerseys) include names, one of the registered names must be used.
- 7.3 The numbers on the jerseys should be 15 cm high on the front and 20 cm high on the back.

## **8. Officials and Players**

- 8.1 Officials must be on the bench in appropriate sportswear, which should be uniform in type (e.g., T-shirt, tracksuit, or shirt) and color should not match the team jersey. Both officials and players on the bench must wear tennis shoes. Violators will not be permitted to sit on the bench.
- 8.2 The Disciplinary Committee of the Tournament will take appropriate action against players and officials who abuse referees, licensees, players, and officials during and outside of play, in accordance with Article 12 of these Rules.
- 8.3 Violations of Articles 8.1 and 8.2, as well as 8.4 and 8.5, will result in a fine ranging from 100 USD to 500 USD.

## **9. Attendance at the Playground**

- 9.1 Both teams must arrive at the venue 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- 9.2 Each team must have 6 players (excluding the Libero) ready at the start of the match. If 6 players are not present at the scheduled start time, the provisions of Article 11 of these Rules will apply.

## 10. Points awarding and action in case of equality.

- 10.1 First, the teams in the pool or round will be looked at in order of winning the most matches.
- 10.2 If two or more teams have an equal number of wins in the pool or round, then the following criteria will be applied

if you win by 3-0 or 3-1	3 points
if the match is won 2-3	2 points
if you lose 2-3 matches	1 point
if you lose by 3-0 or 3-1	0 points
Absence or absence	0 points (0-25; 0-25; 0-25)

- 10.3 The team with the most points according to the table above.
- 10.4 If the number of points is tied, then the set of advantages of all games played by the team or teams will be considered.
- 10.5 If the advantage was tied in terms of set, then the number of advantage scores will be considered.
- 10.6 If the advantage is also tied in terms of score, then the result of the last match played by the 02 team or teams will be considered.

## 11. Withdrawal, Absence, and Disqualification

- 11.1 If a team withdraws from the competition after submitting the team list but before the competition draw, they will be fined 500 USD.
- 11.2 If a team withdraws from the tournament after the draw but before the tournament starts, they will be fined 1000 USD.
- 11.3 If a team withdraws from the competition after participating but before submitting the competition team list, they may do so without any penalty.
- 11.4 If a scheduled match is not played, the team that fails to play will be deemed to have lost. The opposing team will be awarded a 3-0 victory (three straight sets) and receive 3 points, while the team that did not play will receive no points.
- 11.5 If a team is disqualified from a match in the tournament, the points earned from that match will be deducted. The opposing team will be awarded a 3-0 victory (three straight sets with scores of 25-0) and receive 3 points. The disqualified team will receive no points.
- 11.6 If a team fails to attend, does not play a scheduled match, or leaves the court without completing the match after the tournament has started, the opposing team will be awarded a 3-0 victory (three straight sets with scores of 25-0). The team that failed to participate will be subject to actions as per these rules.

## **12. Measures Against Misconduct**

- 12.1 If players or officials engage in improper conduct or actions against the spirit of sport during the tournament, the offending player or official may be suspended from the current or future matches, or from the upcoming tournament, or may be fined between 500 USD and 1000 USD.
- 12.2 A team may be fined between 500 USD and 1000 USD for any offenses mentioned in Articles 11.4, 11.5, and 11.6.

## **13. Match Fixing**

- 13.1 Match fixing is defined as the intentional manipulation of a match result by one or more teams to prevent another team from advancing in the tournament.
- 13.2 If the Disciplinary Committee determines that match fixing has occurred, the matter will be investigated. The Executive Committee reserves the right to impose a fine of 1000 USD or deduct points from the guilty team if match fixing is confirmed.

## **14. Change in Match Date and Time**

- 14.1 If a change in the date or time of a scheduled match is required after the tournament has commenced, the match shall be rescheduled accordingly upon notification of the change. Notification must be provided at least 12 hours in advance.

## **15. Referees, Linesmen, and Technical Delegates**

- 15.1 Referees and linesmen for the tournament will be appointed by the Volleyball Academy of Maldives and Maldives Volleyball.
- 15.2 The Technical Delegate for the tournament will also be appointed by the Volleyball Academy of Maldives and Maldives Volleyball.

## **16. Submission of Cases**

- 16.1 In the event of a problem during a tournament match, the team captain must record the issue on the scoresheet and submit it in writing to the Volleyball Academy of Maldives/Maldives Volleyball within 12 hours. Cases submitted in any other manner will not be considered.
- 16.2 Complaints regarding players and teams participating in the tournament shall be considered by the tournament committee. Complaints lacking sufficient evidence will not be considered.

## **17. Action Against Teams and Players**

- 17.1 In tournaments organized by the Volleyball Academy of Maldives and Maldives Volleyball, the tournament committee shall take action against players for misconduct.



## **18. Advertising**

- 18.1 Advertising that does not violate Islam and the laws and regulations of Maldives is permitted. However, this advertisement must be approved by the Volleyball Academy of Maldives and Maldives Volleyball.

## **19. Competition Winners**

- 19.1 Player of the Match (all the matches of RVL & Championship)
- 19.2 Top 4 teams of each individual league (These 4 teams will not play in the preliminary round of the following year's tournament which is subject to the number of teams participate in following year)
- 19.3 Resort Volley League awards
- 19.3.1 Second runner-up (if 5 teams or more participated) of each league (cash prize MVR. 10,000)
  - 19.3.2 Runners-up team of each league (cash prize MVR. 15,000)
  - 19.3.3 Champion team of each league (cash prize MVR. 25,000)
  - 19.3.4 Dream Team of each league
- 19.4 Resort Volley Championship
- 19.4.1 Runner-up
  - 19.4.2 Champions
  - 19.4.3 Dream Team
- 19.5 Cash prize will be awarded only in the Maldives Resort Volley League. No cash prize will be awarded for the Resort Volleyball Championship. If any league in the Maldives Resort Volley League has fewer than five (5) teams, no cash prize will be awarded for that league.
- 19.6 Awards will not be presented to players who do not attend the awards ceremony without a valid excuse.

## **20. Hosting the Tournament**

- 20.1 Resorts wishing to host the tournament should complete the application form and submit it to the Volleyball Academy of Maldives/Maldives Volleyball.
- 20.2 If there are fewer than 4 teams in a league, only 1 resort will be allowed to host the tournament. If there are more than 5 resorts, an additional resort will be given the opportunity. The Volleyball Academy of Maldives/Maldives Volleyball will make this decision.
- 20.3 If two host resorts meet in the tournament schedule, the venue will be determined by draw, ensuring fairness in scheduling matches.

**21. Additional Issues**

21.1 Any matters not covered by these rules shall be decided by the Competition Committee.

21.2 The Organizing Committee of the Tournament reserves the right to make changes or amendments to these Rules, provided that such changes are made prior to the commencement of matches.