

MERCANTILE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKA

MERCANTILE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT - 2019

Rules and Regulations

General :-

The rules and regulations hereunder shall be applicable and receive the compliance of all participating teams, individual players, all player support personnel and all match officials.

This Tournament will have no bearing on any other tournament and shall be called “Mercantile Volleyball Tournament” and will be organized annually by the Mercantile Volleyball Association of Sri Lanka (MVA)

(1) Eligibility to Participate

Any member of a Mercantile firm/sports club that has obtained the annual membership of the MVA shall be eligible to participate in the tournament subject to the following;

- 1.1 All players should be on the payroll of the institution on or before **31st May 2019**, and a member of the Central Bank Employees Provident Fund/Private Provident Fund maintained by the individual companies.
- 1.2 Consultants and Casual employees are not eligible for participation.
- 1.3 Players from any manpower company should play under that manpower company/Agency and are not entitled to play/represent the hiring company. Rules 1.1 & 1.2 are also applicable for such players/teams.
- 1.4 Any expatriate employee who wishes to play in this tournament, should have two years Sri Lankan Work Visa and should have completed one year of work at that company/organization by the time of the tournament date. Maximum two expatriate players are allowed for one team.
- 1.5 Any Ex Service personnel/players (from Sri Lanka Army, Sri Lanka Navy or Sri Lanka Air Force) who have later joined the Mercantile sector (Rule 1.1 & 1.2 apply) should provide the copy of final clearance report issued by the relevant Service. No sub formation (Unit, Regiment, Branch etc) letters are considered as the final clearance document. The final Clearance Report should be produced with the Team Application and original document should be produced at the Tournament day.

- 1.6 One institution can enter any number of teams and each individual team should pay entry fees separately.

(2) Inquiries/Disciplinary Matters

- 2.1 The MVA Tournament Committee shall have the power to inquire into any matter arising in the course of the tournament and take appropriate action.
- 2.2 If the MVA Tournament Committee needs any further disciplinary action after due inquiry, they may refer the matter to the Disciplinary Committee of the MVA for appropriate action, subject to approval by the Executive Committee of the MVA.
- 2.3 Any appeals thereafter shall be sent by registered post or hand delivered under acknowledgement to the General Secretary of MVA.

(3) Protests

Any team that wishes to lodge a protest on any matter pertaining to any match, the following procedure shall apply:

- 3.1 A protest should be lodged either before a match commences or when a match is in progress or 1 hour after the conclusion of a match and shall be made in writing to the Disciplinary Committee in the specified format provided by MVA.
- 3.2 A fee of Rs 1000/- shall be charged at the time of submission.
- 3.3 The MVA Disciplinary Committee shall take appropriate action after holding an inquiry into any protest. MVA Executive Committee approval shall be obtained where appropriate.
- 3.4 If any protest comes to a player regarding the employment, the member company should produce EPF remittance reports (C returns) of players in question for last six (06) months which is signed by the Head of Human Resources along with a certified copy of the registered "B" Card issued by Department of Labour within three working days. If the member company fails to produce required document(s) entire team shall be disqualified.
- 3.5 If any disciplinary allegation is made against a Player / Coach or a team during the match, the referees will take the decision and if further decision/action is needed it shall be escalated to the MVA Disciplinary Committee.
- 3.6 If any disciplinary allegation is made against a player, coach or a team during the tournament at tournament premises, decision of the incident is vested with the Executive Committee of the MVA Association and it must be honored by every team.

(4) Registration

Any company may register with MVA by filling the Membership Application. Only an annual Membership is given and every year the Membership shall be renewed. The fees applicable are as follows: (Please note that the fees are subjected to change)

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| 4.1 | New Membership | - | Rs 10,000/= |
| 4.2 | Annual Membership renewal fees | - | Rs 5,000/= |
| 4.3 | Tournament Fees | - | Rs 5,000/= . Per team |
| 4.4 | Cheques should be drawn in favor of “Mercantile Volleyball Association “and crossed. | | |

Supplementary Rules and Regulations

- (1) All Teams should be present at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled time at the grounds. If any team fails to turn up even after the grace period of 10 minutes, the Team present shall be awarded a Walk-over.
- (2) Conduct of Players
All players must have in their possession the Company ID cards & the National ID cards and they should be produced at the time of registration.
- (3) All players must wear proper playing attire with numbers.
- (4) The Head Coach of the Team should be registered with the team.
- (5) No omissions or additions to the original applications submitted.
- (6) Tournament will be conducted under the rules of Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation and Federation International de Volleyball (FIVB).
- (7) Final decision of the tournament is vested with the Executive Committee of the Mercantile Volleyball Association and it must be honored by every team. Every team is bound by that decision and further every team is bound to respect the decision of referees.
- (8) Categorising of Teams

Super League Men / Women: -

- 1st and 2nd places of the Championship category will be promoted to Super League and the last two teams of the Super League category will be demoted to the Championship. However, number of teams to be demoted will be determined based on the participation of qualified teams and the final decision will be taken by the MVA tournament committee
- Players who played for Super League in last year are not allowed to play for the Championship or Division “A” in this year. Super league players are allowed to represent

Championship teams or Division "A" after one year of break/silence. Demoted teams from Super League can play as a team in the Championship.

- New players can be included to the Super League teams.
- Any team can directly apply to take part in Super League Category and the approval for such participation will be determined by the MVA Tournament Committee.
- If any player who has left the Company after playing for Super League Category in last year, should be indicated in the application form.

Championship Men / Women.

- Tournament shall be conducted on knockout basis.
- Teams represented Championship in last year and teams demoted from Super League category are only entitled to play for Championship Category.
- Any novices team can directly apply to take part in Championship Category and the approval for such participation will be determined by the MVA Tournament Committee.
- Further, 04 team qualified for semi finals in Division A women category and 08 teams qualified for quarterfinals in Division A men category in last year will be promoted to the Championship. The decision on number of teams to be promoted will be taken by the MVA.

A Division Men /Women

- Novices teams which are representing this tournament first time will be included to Division A subject to following condition.
 - Any team consisting of more than two players who have represented Sri Lanka Senior/Junior/Youth are not allowed to represent Division A.
 - Teams played for Division A in last year are entitled to play in Division "A" category except promoted teams for the Championship category.