



CENTRAL ZONE LEAGUE



NEW ZEALAND
CENTRAL ZONE
CLUB VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

COMPETITION MANUAL 2025





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1. Background

1.1 Philosophy

The Central Zone League (CZL) represents the highest level of volleyball competition within the Central Zone region, including Taranaki, Whanganui, Manawātū, Hawke's Bay, Gisborne, and Wellington. It determines representatives for Divisions 1 and 2 of the VNZ Club Championships.

1.1.1 The CZL operates under the following guiding philosophies:

- 1.1.1.1 To ensure fairness and equity in the qualification process for VNZ Club Championships.
- 1.1.1.2 To provide a high-quality experience for players, spectators, and officials.
- 1.1.1.3 To create a safe and enjoyable playing environment.
- 1.1.1.4 To promote volleyball, the Central Zone, and its members positively.

1.2 Introduction

1.2.1 This manual has been developed based on:

- 1.2.1.1 Relevant information from VNZ (generic zone manual, qualification process, Club Champs manual).
- 1.2.1.2 International best practices.
- 1.2.1.3 Guidance from the Central Zone Committee.
- 1.2.1.4 Feedback from registered team representatives.

1.3 Competition Aims

- 1.3.1 Provide elite-level volleyball competition within the zone.
- 1.3.2 Prepare top teams for the NZ Club Championships.
- 1.3.3 Ensure representation across the entire geographical zone.
- 1.3.4 Maintain cost-efficiency and credibility.
- 1.3.5 Support development of emerging athletes.

1.4 Zone Committee

1.4.1 2025 Central Zone Committee Members:

- 1.4.1.1 Wellington – Andrew Fok and Tessa Siolo-Thompson
- 1.4.1.2 Manawātū – Kelsey Higgins
- 1.4.1.3 Hawke's Bay – Alex Mariano and Thelma Vilo



2. Central Zone Entry

2.1 Entry submission

2.1.1 Entry submissions must be made through the official form

2.1.2 Entry deadline: Monday, 30 June 2025, by 6:00 PM.

2.2 Fees

2.2.1 Entry fee per team: \$1,000 including GST due by Monday 30 June 2025, 6pm

2.2.2 Payment details:

Bank: Wellington Regional Volleyball Association

Account: 06 0561 0878753 00

Reference: CZ25

Particulars: TEAM

Code: GENDER

2.3 Conditions of Entry

2.3.1 Clubs must be affiliated with their Association by 30 June 2025, 6:00 PM.

2.3.2 Clubs must have no outstanding debt with their Association, Zone, or VNZ.

2.3.3 Clubs must have serious intent to attend the VNZ Club Championships.

2.3.4 Clubs must attend all three CZ events to maintain qualification eligibility.

2.3.5 Failure to attend scheduled events may result in future entry being denied.

3. The Competition

3.1 Competition Format

3.1.1 Format will be finalized after registration.

3.1.2 2025 Nationals allocation:

3.1.2.1 Men

3.1.2.1.1 Division 1: 2 spots (potential for 3)*

3.1.2.1.2 Division 2: 2 spots

3.1.2.2 Women

3.1.2.2.1 Division 1: 2 spots

3.1.2.2.2 Division 2: 2 spots (potential for 3)*

3.1.2.3 VNZ may change structure of Club Championships which may adjust the number of Zone allocated seeds per





division. The CZ committee will relay all information as it is released. *

3.1.3 2025 Event Dates & Venues:

3.1.3.1 July 26–27 – Rodney Green Arena, Taradale, Hawke's Bay

3.1.3.2 August 16–17 – Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua, Wellington

3.1.3.3 September 13–14 – CET Arena, Palmerston North, Manawātū

3.2 Draws & Results

3.2.1 Draws will be released at least 10 days prior to each tournament.

3.3 Competition Points

3.3.1 Best-of-5 Matches:

Win (3–0 or 3–1): 3 points

Win (3–2): 2 points

Loss (2–3): 1 point

Loss (0–3 or 1–3): 0 points

Default: –1 point points entered 0-25, 0-25, 0-25

3.3.2 Best-of-3 Matches:

Win (2–0): 3 points

Win (2–1): 2 points

Loss (1–2): 1 point

Loss (0–2): 0 points

Default: –1 point points entered 0-25, 0-25

3.3.3 Default is when fewer than 9 eligible players are available.

3.4 Referees

3.4.1 Duty teams must approach the management of the game with respect to players, team officials and spectators and seek to reflect positively on the game and the zone.

3.4.1.1 Provide a Regional Qualified or Regional Candidate First Referee

3.4.1.1.1 If a Regional Candidate acts as the First Referee, a National-level assessor must supervise.

3.4.1.2 Provide a Regional Qualified or Regional Candidate Second Referee

3.4.1.3 Provide a capable scorer and two line-judges



3.4.1.4 Use referees active in the past two years

3.5 Disputes

3.5.1 Club representatives may lodge formal disputes with the Zone Committee.

3.5.1.1 Committee members with conflicts must abstain from decisions.

3.5.1.2 The Committee will review the dispute as soon as is practical.

3.5.2 Protests

3.5.2.1 Must be made to the First Referee immediately

3.5.2.2 \$100 Protest fee must be present on score table

3.5.2.2 Tournament Director and Referee Delegate will make the ruling

3.6 Regulations

3.6.1 CZL will follow 12 substitution adaptation to FIVB regulations.

3.6.2 Only one libero may be designated per set.

3.7 Code of Conduct Expectations:

3.7.1 [VNZ General Code of Conduct](#)

3.7.2 [VNZ Athlete Code of Conduct](#)

3.7.3 [Bullying, Harassment and Intimidation Policy](#)

3.7.4 [Child Protection Policy](#)

3.7.5 [VNZ Constitution](#)

3.7.6 [Club Transfer Policy](#)

4. Team Composition

4.1 Squad Lists

4.1.1 Squad List (max 20 players) due by 30 June 2025, 6:00 PM

4.1.2 All Squad members must be VNZ members by 30 June 2025, 6pm

4.1.3 Late additions incur:

4.1.3.1 \$50 penalty fee

4.1.3.2 One match of ineligibility



4.2 Team Lists:

4.2.1 Must include 9 minimum players

4.2.2 May include up to 14 players

4.2.2.1 if more than 12 players are listed on a team list, Two players must be designated as liberos per match

4.2.3 Submit lists by Wednesday, 6:00 PM prior to the event to wrva.info@gmail.com

4.2.3 Players are locked to the club once listed on a Team List

4.3 Players can move between teams only under intra-club or emergency rules.

4.3.1 Intra-Club Player Movement (Rules for clubs with multiple teams)

4.3.1.1 Minimum 9 "A team" players must be designated.

4.3.1.2 Player may only appear on one list per weekend.

4.3.1.3 After 3 appearances with a higher team, the player is permanently moved.

4.3.1.4 "PROMOTED PLAYER" must be marked on scoresheets.

4.3.1.5 Movement to lower teams is not permitted unless rejoining original team.

4.3.1.6 At season end, one player may be dropped from A/B team to lower team for Club Champs.

4.3.2 Emergency Player Rule

4.3.2.1 Applicable when a higher team has fewer than 8 players.

4.3.2.2 Up to 3 emergency players may be listed from lower teams.

4.3.2.3 Rules for emergency players:

4.3.2.4 Must be marked "EMERGENCY PLAYER" on scoresheet

4.3.2.5 Can still play for their lower-ranked team

4.3.2.6 Once used, become a promoted player

4.3.2.7 Must stay with the higher team for the weekend

4.4 Penalty for using an ineligible player:

4.4.1 \$50 fine

4.4.2 Match loss 0-25, 0-25, 0-25 or 0-25, 0-25

4.4.3 Ineligibility for next match





5. Player Eligibility

5.1 Registration with Clubs

- 5.1.1 All players must be VNZ registered by 30 June 2025, 6:00 PM
- 5.1.2 Transfers are required for any players moving from a different club

5.2 International Players

- 5.2.1 Definition Players on visitor/working holiday visas (or Australians visiting)
- 5.2.2 Limit: 2 international players per team per season
- 5.2.3 International Transfer Certificates (ITCs):
 - 5.2.3.1 Required for any player whose federation of origin is not New Zealand
 - 5.2.3.2 Mandatory for Club Champs participation
 - 5.2.3.3 Visit the VNZ website for ITC procedures