



Outline

The QLD Beach Club Classic is a social beach volleyball competition held over 3 different weekends for clubs throughout Queensland. Each club selects teams to represent their club to compete for the title 'Club Champions'. This series is aimed at increasing participation and building camaraderie between clubs throughout Queensland.

Series Format

- Pool Play
- Best of 3 (timed) sets
- 2 day event
- Allocated Duty teams

Dates/Venues

*All rounds will be played at Sandstorm Beach Club

Round 1: 9/10 July

Round 2: 13/14 August

Round 3: 17/18 September

Grades

All grades will have 2 divisions on offer – Divisions 1 & 2.

Men's Pairs	Ladies Pairs
Men's Fours	Ladies Fours
Mixed Fours	

Costs - \$25/player for each grade

Game Format

- 9 minute sets with 1 minute break between sets (35 minute time slots)
- A toss must be conducted before the game starts to determine the ends/service
- The game clock runs continually throughout each round to run on schedule
- Each competition round consists of three sessions;

Session 1 – Men's & Women's Pairs (Saturday)

Session 2 – Men's & Women's Fours (Saturday after pairs, extending into early Sunday)

Session 3 – Mixed Fours (Sunday after men's & women's fours)

Uniforms

- All team members must wear matching shirts/singlets or crop tops to avoid losing a **5 point** penalty per set if all team members are not in correct uniform

Tournament Regulations

- Division 1: All matches are played under the current FIVB rules (Div 2 pairs apply)
- Division 2: Social rules (doubles are allowed)
- Any team that fails for whatever reason to fulfil its playing commitments may be excluded from the tournament and the result of any matches already played shall be cancelled
- If at the end of the preliminary rounds two teams are tied on points, the order of ranking shall be determined by the highest set ratio
$$A = \frac{B}{B + C} \times 100\%$$

A = Set Ratio
B = Sets Won
C = Sets Lost
- If the result is still a tie, the order shall be determined by the highest point's ratio
- If sets and points ratios are equal, the team whom won the game between the tied teams shall determine the order or if time permits a 1 set of 9 minutes playoff will be played to determine the winning team
- The tournament games will be played under the GEST (Guaranteed Earliest Starting Time) system. This means the games will start at the scheduled time
- Any team not ready to begin play at the scheduled starting time shall be deemed to have forfeited the first set and other sets once the timer starts. The only exception to this rule is if a team is still playing on another court in the venue due to matches running late
- NO timeouts allowed
- Mixed fours teams must have 2 girls on court at all times
- Mixed Fours - A female MUST touch the ball if a team is using 3 hits
- A match cannot start unless all players are on court
- Net Heights – Men's & Mixed: 2.43m, Women's: 2.24m

Tournament Entry

- All teams must nominate through their own club/centre
- Payment must accompany your nomination form
- Entries close Friday the week before each round
- All teams must have paid in full to take the court.

Championship Points

- All teams will accumulate points throughout the rounds
- The points ladder will be updated and emailed to all participating beach clubs/centres
- Championships points are as follows:

1 st	10
2 nd	8
3 rd	6
5 th	4
7 th	3
9 th	2
13 th	1

Tournament Eligibility

- All players that play must be registered with their club/centre.
- Once a player has played two games in division one in any event they are then not eligible to play in division two in that grade.

Code of Conduct

- The code of conduct applies individually or collectively to all players, coaches, managers and officials of teams who participate in tournaments sanctioned and controlled by Clarke & Co. Sports Management.
- All participants in these events have the duty to maintain and encourage the highest level of good sportsmanship. They are expected to set an example in conduct and are obliged to avoid all unsportsmanlike acts and practices, which are detrimental to the sport.
- Such acts during the course of a tournament include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Swearing at a match official, opponent or spectator
 - Using obscene language or gestures
 - Showing persistent outward displays of temper
 - Throwing, hitting or kicking a ball deliberately in the direction of an official, opponent or spectator
 - Persistently challenging the decision of referees or tournament officials
 - Inciting others to challenge the decision of referees or tournament officials
 - Refusing to comply with reasonable requests from referees or tournament officials
 - Behaving in a manner deemed detrimental to the sport

Management

- The following people are to make final decisions for the best outcome for this competition:
 - **Competition Director** - Trent Clarke (0408 063 040)

* Management reserves the right to amend the by-laws at any stage!

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