**Boys’ Volleyball. Technical instructions.**

**Objectives:**

1. Strengthening the cooperation and coordination between the Qatar Volleyball Association (QVA) and the Qatar School Sports Association (QSSA) for the sake of the promoting and popularization of volleyball in primary, preparatory, secondary and vocational schools under the umbrella of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, the Supreme Education Council and the Department of Special Education in the State of Qatar.

2. Improving the technical skills proficiency level in volleyball at all the schools through the integration of the professional training competencies of the QVA, teachers and schools’ administration under the supervision of QSSA.

3. Discovering talented students in volleyball for the sake of growing up of a new generation of school teams capable of further strengthening the national teams.

4. Strengthening the relationship between QVA and those responsible for students’ affairs which is to facilitate students’ participation in various sport teams in the future.

5. Popularization of volleyball through the organization of studies that are targeted towards technical and administrative staff education for the work in schools.

6. Encouraging scientific research and authoring specialized works on volleyball to promote this activity in schools.

7. Establishing specialized training centers and arranging sports training camps inside and outside Qatar for gifted students to ensure the continuation of their trainings and skill level advancement what is to strengthen the national teams in the years to come.

**Official Competitions:**

1. As part of the 13th edition of the Schools Olympic Program QVA in collaboration with QSSA organizes the following competitions:
2. Secondary School League Championship;
3. Preparatory School League;
4. Primary School (level II) Championship is based on the number of participating schools;
5. Kids’ Volleyball Championships (level I);
6. Beach Volleyball Championship for preparatory and secondary schools.
7. QVA, in coordination with QSSA, shall have the right to organize or cancel some competitions in case a prior school notification is made**.**
8. All Matches organized by QVA will be played under the current rules and regulations of the International Federation of Volleyball.

**School League Championships:**QVA organizes the School League Championships as follows:

1. Secondary School League;
2. Preparatory School League.

Stage 1: All the matches are held based on group league system;

Stage 2: The matches of the second stage shall be held in the group league system with the participation of the first and second in each group.

Final: The qualifying matches of the second stage shall be played based on a single-elimination (knockout) tournament system.
Teams shall compete in the order of their ranking in the previous edition of the SOP.

1. **Competition points are calculated as follows:**

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| **Team** | **Points** |
| Win | Two (2)  |
| Loss | One (1)  |
| Withdrawal | Zero (0) |

1. In case of a tie between two or more teams in any group, the following rule shall apply:

The group league ranking is determined as follows:

1. Calculation of the percentage points of sets won by sets lost.

2. If the draw continues, the percentage of sets won by sets lost.

3. If the draw between the two teams continues, the team who won in the match between these two teams will win the draw.

**Primary School (level I & II) Championships:**

1. During the 2019-2020 sports season, QVA organizes Primary School Championships for level I & II students.
2. Each primary school shall participate in each championship with two teams:
3. 6 (six) fifth grade students;
4. 6 (six) sixth grade students.
5. The teams are divided into groups by the drawing of lots; their matches shall be played based on a single-elimination (knockout) system based on the number of participating teams.
6. All points scored by a school in previous championships shall be cancelled in case it does not participate in each festival with a minimum of two teams / withdraws / does not complete matches.

**Kids’ Volleyball (Level I) Competitions:**

1. During the 2019-2020 sports season, QVA organizes Kids’ Volleyball Competitions. The number of competitions shall be determined by the number of participating schools.
2. The playing system aims at learning the game of volleyball.
3. No winner shall be determined in any Kids’ Volleyball competitions; gifts shall be distributed equally to all the participants.

**Secondary School Beach Volleyball Competitions:**

1. QVA may organize the Secondary School Beach Volleyball competitions on the basis of the number and level of participating schools and the number of volleyball venues available.
2. QVA shall set out the participation rules & regulation for each session in due course.

**Competition Rules**

**Composition and Standards:**

1. Playing format (team composition; age category & a minimum and maximum number of players; ball requirements) shall be respected and must be as follow:

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| **Ball type** | **Hight of a net** | **Front row players** | **Playground** | **Format** | **Number of school teams** | **School Category** |
| **Length** | **Set** |
| **Different balls** | **2.00** | **-** | **12** | **6** | **Small Games?** | **1** | **Kids (Level I)** |
| **Tachikara Primary** | **2.00** | **2** | **12** | **6** | **4x4** | **2** | **Primary (Level II)** |
| **Mikasa School** | **2.30** | **3** | **18** | **9** | **6x6** | **1** | **Preparatory** |
| **Mikasa** | **2.43** | **3** | **18** | **9** | **6x6** | **1** | **Secondary** |

1. QVA may increase / decrease the height of a net for primary and preparatory schools by five (5) cm.

**Kids’ Volleyball Competitions:**

**Kids’ volleyball competitions shall be held as follows:**

1. The game shall consist of one (1) half played to thirty-one (31) points. Rule of 2-point advantage is not used.
2. Teams shall change courts when the leading team reaches 16points.
3. Each team may request a maximum of two (2) time-outs of 30 seconds duration per set.
4. Two (2) Qatar National Team/Club players may be registered in a team and they may participate in the official match but only one (1) can be on the field of play at a time.
5. For the match, a team shall consist of 6 players.
6. Playing format - 4x4.
7. After changing the courts each team must play with four players who did not perform.
8. Each team is entitled to make two (2) legal substitutions for players who did not participate in the play before / after changing courts.

**Primary & Preparatory & Secondary Schools Championships:**

**Primary & Preparatory & Secondary Schools Championships shall be held as follows:**

1. For the match, a team shall consist of 8 players minimum.
2. Each team may register with three (3) players – members of Qatar National Team/Club who may participate in the official match but only two (2) can be on the field of play at a time.
3. The International laws of the game as well as instructions of QVA to be applied to all the competitions
4. QSSA may change the number of sets per game according to the number of schools participating at each stage of the tournament.
5. Note: If any student has become a member of the Qatar National Team / club after 11/9/2019 he shall be considered as a regular player and not a subject to rule No2.

**Medical examination:**

* It is the responsibility of each participating school to conduct a medical examination of all students participating in sports competitions.
* Only those students who have had their medical examination done by the start of the competition are allowed to participate.
* Each school must provide a copy of the medical examination forms for all students participating in the competition on the first day of their participation. Copies must be submitted to the Competition Manager.

**Appeals & Protests:**

**All appeals & protests shall be done as follows:**

1. At the competition (event) venue within ten minutes of the finish of the competition:
* The protest form stating the grounds for the appeals / protest, competition details, scoring must be submitted in writing and signed by the referees.
* Official appeal & protest forms may be obtained from the Competition Manager.
1. An official letter signed and stamped by the school principal must be handed over to QSSA staff at the QSSA office on the day following the day of the competition match.

**Competition Schedule:**

The competition schedule shall be prepared by QVA and approved by SOPOC. It shall include the latest version of the competition schedule.

* The competition schedule low level gives a general view of the competition for all the year.
* The weekly competition schedule is uploaded each week on SOP website and indicates all needed details for the next week competition: sport, event, category, venue and time.
* The latest version is available on [www.qatarsop.com](http://www.qatarsop.com).

**Health services:**The Health Services shall be provided for all the players and officials of the SOP Sport Competitions during the competition days in cooperation with Qatar Red Moon.