SCOTTISH VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION ("SCOTTISH VOLLEYBALL") BYELAWS (REVISED 2026)

In order to ensure the smooth running of the business of Scottish Volleyball, the following byelaws are to take effect from the dates as noted.

Byelaw 1: Starting Membership of Scottish Volleyball

1.1 Any individual or group may make application in writing at any time for membership of Scottish Volleyball. Such application should be accompanied by the appropriate fee.

1.2 The equity policy of Scottish Volleyball as amended and updated by the Board from time to time shall be incorporated into the byelaws. Scottish Volleyball will not discriminate against any applicant member on grounds of race, sex, age or any other basis.

1.3 In the event of the Board refusing the application of membership, the fee will be returned.

Byelaw 2: Ceasing Membership of Scottish Volleyball

2.1 Any member of Scottish Volleyball will be deemed to have ceased membership of Scottish Volleyball if one or more of the following prevail:

(a) Membership is cancelled as a result of disciplinary action by the Board against the member. Such cancellation will take effect fourteen days after notification of cancellation of membership is issued to the member.

(b) The annual affiliation subscription is not paid within twenty-eight days following a final demand. Such final demand should indicate that unless the affiliation subscription is paid within twenty-eight days from the issue of the demand, membership will be cancelled. The member will be notified upon the cancellation of his membership.

(c) A letter is received from the member, or in the case of a club, from the Club Administrator, advising Scottish Volleyball that the member wishes to cancel membership. Such a cancellation may only take effect when the member receives notification that all monies due to Scottish Volleyball or any of its members have been paid.

2.2 Membership fees are paid on an annual basis and there will be no refund for any unexpired portion of subscription.

Byelaw 3: Membership Registration

3.1 The Board has the power to require that any person participating in a match, competition or tournament organised by the National or District Association must have registered with the National Association through a member club of Scottish Volleyball.

3.2 The process of registration will be as follows:

(a) The Team Secretary will submit to Scottish Volleyball a schedule of proposed registered persons on Scottish Volleyball's standard registration form.

(b) The appropriate fees will accompany the form.

(c) Confirmation of membership will be issued by Scottish Volleyball to each Team Secretary in respect of all registered players for the club.

(d) As a condition of membership, the person agrees to be bound by the Memorandum of Agreement, Byelaws and Statutes of Scottish Volleyball.

3.3 Article 4.3 of the Rules of Competition notwithstanding, a registered player may only play in official competition for the club through which he/she is registered, or for a representative team recognised by Scottish Volleyball.

Byelaw 4: Player Transfer

Player transfers must be made in accordance with the provisions of Rule 4 of the Rules of Competition, as amended from time to time by the Competitions Advisory Group.

Byelaw 5: Club Administrator

5.1 Each member club of Scottish Volleyball shall have a Club Administrator who shall be responsible for all correspondence with Scottish Volleyball.

5.2 The name, address and telephone number of the proposed Club Administrator must be advised to Scottish Volleyball in writing no later than July 1 each year. The period of office will be to June 30 the following year.

5.3 The Board has the right to reject any nomination that it deems unsuitable.

5.4 A change of Club Administrator may be requested in writing at any time following the usual nomination procedure and payment of a charge of £10.

The new Club Administrator will hold office for the balance of the period appropriate to his/her predecessor.

Byelaw 6: Responsibilities of Member Clubs

6.1 To pay all affiliation, registration and other fees due by the club and its members to Scottish Volleyball.

6.2 To control the behaviour of their members. This responsibility is not restricted to the duration of an Association organised match. It will, for example, extend to the period

before and after the match and will also be in respect of matches not organised by Scottish Volleyball. It may extend entirely out with the match situation if the behaviour is deemed by the Board to be against the interests of Scottish Volleyball.

6.3 To enforce all penalties and other disciplinary action required by the Board in respect of its members

6.4 To supply any information requested by Scottish Volleyball.

6.5 To release any players required by representative team training or matches if requested to do so by Scottish Volleyball.

6.6 To submit a Constitution for approval by the Board. (A standard format can be provided by Scottish Volleyball containing the required articles necessary for approval.)

6.7 To submit all proposed constitutional amendments, and any byelaws or other statutes that the club may wish to adopt for approval by the Board.

6.8 To keep a register of all members.

6.9 To supply one senior member annually as a candidate to form the Disciplinary or Appeals Committee.

6.10 To submit to Scottish Volleyball the minutes of any meeting held by the club or any related meetings.

Byelaw 7: Matches not organised by Scottish Volleyball

7.1 Any member club or group wishing to organise a competition or tournament must seek the approval of Scottish Volleyball in writing no less than twenty-eight days prior to the proposed date. Details of the proposed competition or tournament should be given, including the names of teams it is intended will participate. Clubs who fail to obtain approval may be liable to disciplinary action under byelaw 10.

7.2 The Board reserve the right to refuse permission for a member club to organise and/or participate in any match, competition or tournament that it feels may not be in the interests of Scottish Volleyball.

Byelaw 8: Change of Name

8.1 A member club may request in writing that its name or that of one or more affiliated teams, entered into an Association organised competition, be changed.

8.2 The Board has the power to refuse such a request if it feels that the change would not be in the interests of Scottish Volleyball.

8.3 If the request is approved, the Board has the power to levy such fees as it deems appropriate: an administration fee of £10, or otherwise where further expenditure is necessary to accommodate the changes.

Byelaw 9: Licensing of Officials and Coaches

9.1 Any qualified official of Scottish Volleyball or another relevant body may apply to become a licensed official.

9.2 Any person may apply to become a licensed coach.

9.3 The process of licensing will be as follows:

a) The person will submit an application in writing.

b) The appropriate fee will accompany the form.

c) The Board reserves the right to refuse a licence to any person it deems unsuitable. In that event, the relevant fee will be returned.

d) A licence card will be issued by Scottish Volleyball to each official/coach. The licence card will show the date until which the licence is valid.

e) By completing the licensing process, the person agrees to be bound by the Memorandum of Agreement and Byelaws of Scottish Volleyball.

Byelaw 10: Child Protection

10.1 The child protection policy of Scottish Volleyball as amended and updated by the Board from time to time shall be incorporated into the byelaws.

10.2 Any member of Scottish Volleyball who is found to have acted out with the SVA's Child Protection Policy may be subject to the full disciplinary procedures of Scottish Volleyball.

Byelaw 11: Disciplinary Procedures

11.1 The Board has the power to investigate and take action against any of the following:

(a) Any alleged or possible breach of Scottish Volleyball's policies and procedures or Byelaws.

(b) Any action, conduct or comments, whether written or verbal, by a member of Scottish Volleyball, that the Board considers is or may be injurious to the interest of Scottish Volleyball or volleyball in Scotland

11.2 Notice of a Disciplinary Matter

11.2.1 Any person wishing to raise a matter under Byelaw 11 shall submit a written notice to the Board containing

11.2.1.1 the names, addresses and relevant contact details of all parties relating to the disciplinary matter, and notification if any person involved is under the age of 18

11.2.1.2 a statement describing the nature and circumstances of the dispute or disciplinary matter

11.2.1.3 copies of all documents upon which the person is relying or relevant to the disciplinary matter; and

11.2.1.4 confirmation of the Regulations or Byelaws (if any) that have allegedly been breached.

11.2.2 The date of acknowledgement of the Notice shall be the date of commencement of the disciplinary investigation under these Byelaws

11.3 Preliminary assessment

11.3.1 The Board, or its appointed representative, will conduct a preliminary assessment based on information available to the Board (whether provided under Byelaw 11.2 or otherwise). The possible outcomes of the preliminary assessment are:

11.3.1.1 No further action will be taken (facts do not warrant undertaking disciplinary procedure);

11.3.1.2 Situation is deemed to be a matter which should be dealt with under the jurisdiction of a member club or another policy of Scottish Volleyball and shall be re-directed accordingly;

11.3.1.3 Situation is dealt with under these Byelaws the Board or its appointed representative will appoint a suitable person within the Board or independent, to carry out all necessary investigations, referred to hereafter as "the Investigating Officer".

11.4 Investigation into a Disciplinary Matter

If a person is appointed as the Investigating Officer under Byelaw 11.3.1.3 the relevant matter shall be investigated and dealt with as follows:

11.4.1 The Investigating Officer may seek such additional information as may be required to clearly establish the nature of any complaint to be investigated. In particular, the party making the complaint and/or witnesses referred to in the complaint shall be asked to provide the Investigating Officer with such information as may be required.

11.4.2 The Investigating Officer shall notify Scottish Volleyball member, who is the subject of the complaint (and / or any relevant associated commission or organisation if appropriate), full details of the complaint to be investigated. In the event that a complaint is made against a member of a club, full details of the complaint shall also be notified to the Club Administrator of the Club which said player or players are members. If subsequent to such notification, the Investigating Officer receives further details in respect of the nature of the complaint, such further details or information shall be notified to the member, player, official or coach (and / or any relevant associated commission or organisation if appropriate), forthwith.

11.4.3 The member against whom the complaint is directed (the Respondent) shall respond to the complaint in writing, addressed to the Investigating Officer, within a reasonable time period..

11.4.4 On receipt of a response from the Respondent, or, if the Respondent fails to respond in accordance with Byelaw 11.4.3, the Investigating Officer shall, after any consultation or further investigation that is deemed appropriate, dispose of the complaint by (a) dismissing the complaint or (b) by issuing a warning letter to the Respondent, or, (c) by referring the matter to a Disciplinary Committee to hold a hearing on the complaint.

11.4.5 In cases of certain gravity or complexity, the Investigating Officer may decide upon the provisional suspension from Scottish Volleyball and/or any event or competition of Scottish Volleyball of the Respondent until the case is heard by the Disciplinary Committee. While suspended the Respondent shall not participate in any activity related to the sport or any representation of Scottish Volleyball.

11.4.6 If the matter is referred to a Disciplinary Committee as aforesaid, a hearing shall be assigned to take place. If this is the case the persons concerned will be given as much notice as reasonably practicable and shall be given written notice of the date, time and format of the hearing and shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard.. Said intimation shall include notification of the composition of the Disciplinary Committee and an invitation to that member to attend the hearing with any relevant

witnesses he or she may wish to call. In the event that a registered player or players are requested to attend a hearing, intimation of the hearing shall also be sent by registered letter to the Club Administrator of the Club of which said player or players are members or any other organisation deemed appropriate by the Board.

11.5 Formation of the Disciplinary Committee

11.5.1 The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of a maximum of five individuals made up of at least two senior members of Scottish Volleyball and if appropriate independent experts, all appointed by the Board, having no Declared Interest in the matter being investigated.

11.5.2 The Disciplinary Committee shall elect one of its number to serve as Chair of the Committee for the duration of the hearing. The responsibility of the Chair is to control the development and regularity of the procedures and to take appropriate measures to ensure the fair operation of all disciplinary processes relating to Scottish Volleyball.

11.5.3 A member of Scottish Volleyball may challenge the appointment of any member of the Disciplinary Committee where there are justifiable doubts as to the member's impartiality or independence or where the party raises any other valid and material objection(s). If a member intends to challenge any appointment, that member shall, within seven days of notification of the members of the Disciplinary Committee, or any appointment or change in the membership of the Disciplinary Committee, provide in writing to the chair of the Board of Scottish Volleyball the reasons why that member is challenging the position of the member of the Disciplinary Committee. The Board shall determine the outcome of the challenge and if the challenge is upheld, shall appoint an alternate and the member shall be notified in writing of the alternate. Any decision of the Board under this clause shall be final and binding.

11.5.4 If any member of the Disciplinary Committee after appointment dies, resigns, is removed or refuses to act, the Board shall appoint another member to the Disciplinary Committee, and shall so inform the member(s) under investigation and any remaining members of the Disciplinary Committee within seven days of such appointment.

11.5.5 Once a member has served on the Disciplinary Committee they shall be excused from sitting on any Disciplinary Committee or Appeals Committee for a period of 12 months.

11.6 Jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Committee

11.6.1 Without prejudice to Byelaw 11.6.2 and Byelaw 11.6.3, the Disciplinary Committee is competent in disciplinary matters and these Byelaws shall apply to all Members. The Disciplinary Committee shall have power and competence to resolve all conflicts and disputes between members or persons and Scottish Volleyball in all cases insofar as relevant to the sport and provided the matter is a disciplinary one which falls under the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Committee under the terms of these byelaws.

11.6.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the Disciplinary Committee shall not act in relation to any policy matters that have been determined by the Board in relation to Scottish Volleyball that are not disciplinary matters or in relation to any employment or anti-doping matters (unless it is otherwise determined by the Disciplinary Committee.)

11.6.3 The Disciplinary Committee shall not deal with disciplinary matters where the BVF, CEV or FIVB has jurisdiction in accordance with its rules (unless it is otherwise determined by the Disciplinary Committee).

11.7 Proceedings of the Disciplinary Committee

11.7.1 The Disciplinary Committee shall make such procedural provisions as shall be necessary for the just and efficient disposal of the hearing. Any decision of the Disciplinary Committee in relation to the conduct of proceedings shall be consistent with its duties at all times to act fairly and impartially, to allow the parties reasonable opportunity to put their respective cases and to deal with the nature of the complaint, and to avoid unnecessary delay or expense, so as to provide a fair and efficient means for resolving the dispute.

11.7.2 The Disciplinary Committee shall be entitled to call upon, receive and consider such evidence as it thinks appropriate. The Disciplinary Committee may require the attendance at a hearing or to give such information, verbal or written, as is deemed necessary for the purposes of the hearing.

11.7.3 In any case where a person required by the Disciplinary Committee to attend a hearing refuses or fails to attend, or to submit verbal or written evidence as required, the Disciplinary Committee may adjourn the hearing, proceed with the hearing in the absence of that person, allow or refuse to allow the evidence of that person, or allow their evidence to be given in another form.

11.7.4 Refusal to co-operate with the Disciplinary Committee may be regarded in its own right as grounds for disciplinary action. In this instance, it would be at the discretion of the Board to act on the matter.

11.7.5 At their own expense, the complainer and the Respondent will have the right to be heard by the Disciplinary Committee alone, or through a lawyer, representative or third party (and generally supported by such), provided that they shall notify the Disciplinary Committee at least seven days in advance of any hearing of the identity of any such lawyer, representative or third party.

11.7.6 If the complainer or Respondent wishes to call a witness or expert before the Disciplinary Committee they must notify the other party no less than 7 days prior to the date of any hearing of the identity of any witnesses or experts they wish to call, and, if the Disciplinary Committee requires it, each party shall disclose the subject matter and content of the evidence on which each such witness or expert will be relying and how their evidence relates to the points at issue.

11.7.7 Where the Disciplinary Committee decides to have in person hearings, these shall not be public, and only members of the Disciplinary Committee and the parties concerned (together with their duly appointed representatives) shall be entitled to attend. The deliberations of the Disciplinary Committee shall be held in private.

11.7.8 Where disciplinary proceedings are taken against more than one Respondent as a result of an incident or incidents occurring at or in connection with the same circumstances, any such proceeding may be heard together, where the Chair of the Disciplinary Committee so determines, provided that there is no manifest prejudice to anyone against whom such proceedings are taken.

11.7.9 Each member of the Disciplinary Committee shall have one vote. Decisions of the Disciplinary Committee on any case shall be determined by a majority vote and if there is an equality of votes the Chair shall have a second and casting vote.

11.7.10 The Disciplinary Committee shall notify all relevant parties including club administrator (and / or any relevant associated commission or organisation if appropriate) of its decision. The decision and/or sanction of the Disciplinary Committee shall be in writing, and shall state the reasons on which it is based.

11.8 Sanctions of the Disciplinary Committee

11.8.1 Following its investigations and upon the establishment of culpability on the part of any party, the Disciplinary Committee has the power to take such disciplinary action as it deems in its sole discretion appropriate, in the circumstances, and may include a restriction on either party from

participation in competition or any other activity associated with the Sport and any representation of Scottish Volleyball. The disciplinary penalties open to the Disciplinary Committee to impose on all Members include but are not limited to:

(i) Verbal Warning: a warning may be given by the Disciplinary Committee for a minor act of misconduct where no other warnings have been given to the Member in question. A warning may set out the nature of the misconduct, the change of behaviour required and (if possible) the likely outcome of further misconduct.

(ii) Written Warning: a written warning may be given in a case which is more serious than a minor act of misconduct or where previous warnings have been issued to the Respondent. The written warning may set out the nature of the misconduct, the change of behaviour required and (if possible) the likely outcome of further misconduct.

(iii) Financial Penalties: any such financial penalties shall be at the entire discretion of the Disciplinary Committee to determine appropriate in the circumstances and may include but not limited to a fine on any Member.

(iv) Suspension: the Respondent may be suspended from membership of Scottish Volleyball and/or from membership of any Member Club and/or from participation in the sport for a period of time or representation of Scottish Volleyball in any capacity, in a case of serious misconduct or where in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee the suspension of the Respondent is required in order to secure the safety of any persons involved in the sport or the integrity or good reputation of the sport.

(v) Expulsion: subject to the approval by the Board of the Disciplinary Committee's recommendation to do so, the Respondent may be expelled from membership of Scottish Volleyball and/or from membership of any Member Club and/or from participation in the sport for a period of time, in a case of serious misconduct or where in the opinion of the Disciplinary Committee the expulsion of the Respondent is required in order to secure the safety of any persons involved in the sport or the integrity or good reputation of the sport.

11.8.2 The Disciplinary Committee can impose any such measures as it deems necessary on the Respondent to ensure that the matter concerned is not repeated, the safety of those involved in the sport is protected and that the integrity and good reputation of the sport is maintained. The Disciplinary Committee may impose more than one sanction in relation to a disciplinary matter at its entire discretion. Scottish Volleyball shall retain a written record of all decisions and sanctions made by the Disciplinary Committee.

11.8.3 When determining any sanctions the Disciplinary Committee shall, without limitation, have regard to

11.8.3.1 the seriousness, extent and nature of the matter

11.8.3.2 the extent to which the disciplinary matter was deliberate or reckless

11.8.3.3 the general compliance history of the Respondent, and any specific history of Respondent as it applies to a similar set of facts or circumstances; and

11.8.3.4 the responsiveness and conduct of the Respondent in relation to the disciplinary matter in question.

11.8.3.5 the risk to reputation of Scottish Volleyball.

Byelaw 12: Right of Appeal

12.1 Members of Scottish Volleyball have the right to appeal against decisions made by any Disciplinary Committee appointed by the Board under Byelaw 11.

12.2 Appeals Procedures

12.2.1 Any such appeal must be addressed in writing to the CEO and / or President of Scottish Volleyball within ten days of the decision being taken by the relevant Disciplinary Committee. A deposit of £50.00 must be lodged with each appeal and the grounds for the appeal clearly articulated. This deposit will be returned in the event that the appeal is upheld.

12.2.2 On receipt of any such appeal, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO and / or President of Scottish Volleyball shall appoint an Appeals Committee consisting of a maximum of five independent individuals who are not members of Scottish Volleyball to hear the appeal and shall appoint one of those individuals to chair the Appeals Committee. Only such persons who are not directly interested in the outcome of such appeal or who were not involved in any way in the original hearing shall be entitled to consider the appeal.

12.2.3 The Appeals Committee shall deal with the appeal as follows:

12.2.3.1 The chair of the Appeals Committee may seek such additional information as may be required to clearly establish the grounds of the appeal to be considered.

12.2.3.2 Persons concerned will be given as much notice as reasonably practicable and shall be given written notice of the date, time and format of an appeal hearing. Intimation of the date of the appeal shall be sent to the party lodging the appeal to arrive at least fourteen clear days prior to the date fixed for the appeal. Said intimation shall include an invitation to the party lodging the appeal to attend the appeal hearing. In the event that an appeal is lodged by a club member, intimation of the date of the appeal hearing shall also be sent to the Club Administrator of the Club of which said persons are members (and / or any organisation deemed relevant by the Board).

12.2.3.3 The Appeals Committee shall make such procedural provisions as shall be necessary for the just and efficient disposal of the appeal.

12.2.3.4 Following an appeal hearing, the Appeals Committee may uphold the appeal and dismiss any action, decision or penalty previously imposed, or it may dismiss the appeal and uphold the original decision either by re-affirming the action, decision or penalty imposed or varying such action, decision or penalty as the Appeals Committee considers fit.

12.2.3.5 The party submitting the appeal (and / or any organisation deemed relevant by the Board) shall be notified in writing of the decision of the Appeals Committee,

12.2.3.6 The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on all parties and there shall be no further right of appeal. In the case of an appeal by a player or players, notification of the Appeals Committee's decision shall also be made upon the Club Administrator of the Club of which said player or players are members (and / or any organisation deemed relevant by the Board).

12.3 Until such time as an appeal is completed, any comments or dissemination or information made to any branch of the public, news, media or social media platform by any member of Scottish Volleyball, about any matter relating to the appeal may be considered as being injurious to the interests of Scottish Volleyball or volleyball in Scotland and may in itself be the subject of further disciplinary proceedings.

Byelaw 13: District Associations

13.1 Each District Association shall have a District Organiser who shall be responsible for all correspondence with Scottish Volleyball.

13.2 The name, address and telephone number of the proposed District Organiser must be advised to Scottish Volleyball in writing no later than July 1 each year. The period of office will be to June 30 the following year.

13.3 The Board has the right to reject any nomination that it deems unsuitable.

13.4 A change of District Organiser may be requested in writing at any time following the usual nomination procedure and payment of a charge of £10.

The new District Organiser will hold office for the balance of the period appropriate to his/her predecessor.

13.5 District Associations shall adopt the standard constitution provided by Scottish Volleyball.

13.6 Any proposed constitutional amendments shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

13.7 District Organisers are required by the Board to implement those matters of policy pertaining to competitions, statutes, returns and records as approved or required.

13.8 District Associations may receive such monies or loans from Scottish Volleyball as the Board deems appropriate for the efficient management of the District Association.

13.9 All member clubs of Scottish Volleyball are automatically members of the District Association to which the member club is allocated by the Board. They are eligible to enter competitions or activities of that District Association on payment of the required entry fee to the District Association, subject to its rules and regulations.

Byelaw 14: Doping Control

14.1 Scottish Volleyball forbids doping.

14.2 Doping is the use by, or distribution to, a person of any substance defined by the World Anti-Doping Association (WADA) as a banned class.

14.3 The identification of a substance and/or its metabolites in a person's urine will constitute an offence. Evidence of blood doping, pharmacological, chemical or physical manipulation is also an offence which may be penalised.

14.4 Scottish Volleyball reserves the right to initiate a programme of in and out of competition testing for drug misuse. No advance notice will be given as to when and where the drug testing will take place.

14.5 Any person assisting or inciting others in the contravention of doping regulations shall be considered as having committed an offence against these rules and may be penalised.

14.6 Doping control collection and testing procedures shall conform to the guidelines, as amended from time to time and laid down by UK Anti Doping (UKAD) and WADA.

14.7 Any person found guilty of a doping offence will be subject to disciplinary action which may result in a life ban.

14.8 Any person found guilty of a doping offence will have the right of appeal in accordance with procedures set out within Byelaw 11.

14.9 It is an individual's duty to ensure that any medication used is not included in the list of substances banned by the WADA.

14.10 Refusal to submit to testing for drug misuse will be taken to be an indication that the person concerned has been taking banned substances with a view to improving performance. In such cases, disciplinary actions will be taken as outlined in 11.7.

Byelaw 15: Sponsorship

15.1 In Byelaw 15 when the following terms are used their definition is as follows:

(a) Advertising - all activities which aim to get a message across to the public in order to make them buy a product or service, or make them favourably disposed towards a firm, organisation or idea.

(b) Sponsoring - agreement in which one of the parties (the sponsor) provides the financial aids against which the other party (the club) provides the means of communication, resulting from practising its sport.

(c) Sponsor - natural or legal body who provides money or goods in consideration of which the club supplies the means of communication.

15.2 All clubs entering or re-negotiating sponsor/advertising agreements which involve change of name and/or advertising on club equipment (club strips or tracksuits) shall be required to produce the agreement in writing.

15.3 No club is permitted to enter into a new agreement which results in the club, or any individual club team, being known by a sponsors name alone, but the club or team shall require to retain as part of its new name part of the name used by it immediately prior to entering a change of name agreement with a sponsor.

15.4 All written agreements entered into as provided by Byelaw 15.2 shall run for a minimum of one year.

15.5 No sponsorship/advertising agreement shall have any clauses inserted which are in conflict with:

(a) The Regulations or Byelaws of Scottish Volleyball, CEV and/or FIVB.

(b) The regulations of the club concerned.

15.6 Clubs are not allowed to enter into a sponsorship agreement within one year after this sponsor has terminated a sponsorship contract with another club. In special cases, the Board can reduce this as it sees fit.

15.7 The sponsorship contract: the club is not obliged to draw up a contract in line with Scottish Volleyball's standard model contract, but the use of that model contract is recommended. All sponsoring contracts must include in exact terms articles 1, 6, 8, 10, 11, 16, 20, 21 and 22 of the model contract and, in addition, clauses must be inserted dealing with the matters covered by articles 2, 3, 5, 9 and 12 of the model contract. Any contract submitted to Scottish Volleyball differing from Scottish Volleyball model will be liable to a scrutinising fee of £25.

15.8 All sponsorship/advertising contracts shall be examined by the Sponsorship Committee and the signature of the President or designate of that committee shall be required on all concluded agreements.

15.9 No club entering or renewing a sponsorship agreement shall release details of that agreement to the Press or other agency without the contract being signed and approved by Scottish Volleyball Sponsorship Committee.

15.10 Clubs with new contracts which have not been approved by Scottish Volleyball Sponsorship Committee before the National League entry date will be given until July 20 of that year to have their contract approved. Failure to meet this date will incur an administration fee of £10 payable to Scottish Volleyball.

15.11 Sponsorship agreements concluded after the publication of Scottish Volleyball's handbook will be reported on Scottish Volleyball website, but Scottish Volleyball accepts no responsibility for the updating of any printed material.

Byelaw 16: Communications and Notices

16.1 Any notice to be given under these Byelaws:

(a) shall be in writing in the English language (or be accompanied by a properly prepared translation into English);

(b) shall be sent for the attention of the person specified in the relevant Byelaw at the address last notified to, and held in the records of Scottish Volleyball; and

(c) shall be delivered personally, delivered by commercial courier, sent by e-mail, sent by fax, sent by pre-paid first-class post or recorded delivery or (if the notice is to be served by post outside the country from which it is sent) sent by registered airmail.

16.2 The address for service of notice to Scottish Volleyball is:

Scottish Volleyball Association
48 The Pleasance
Edinburgh EH8 9TJ
Fax number: 0131 557 4314

16.3 A notice is deemed to have been received:

(a) if delivered personally, at the time of delivery; or

(b) if delivered by commercial courier, at the time of signature of the courier's receipt; or

(c) if sent by recorded delivery, 2 Business Days from the date of posting; or

(d) if sent by registered airmail, 5 Business Days from the date of posting; or

(e) if deemed receipt under the previous paragraphs of Clause 16.3 is not within business hours (meaning 9.00a.m. to 5.00p.m Monday to Friday on any Business Day), when business next starts in the place of receipt.

16.4 To prove service it is sufficient to prove that the notice:

(a) if sent by post, that the envelope containing the notice was properly addressed and posted and accompanied by a recorded delivery slip; or.

(b) in the case of e-mail, when a successful delivery receipt is generated during that or the next Business Day.

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Interpretation Section

"Appropriate fee"	means the relevant sum of money required by Scottish Volleyball. A schedule of fees is available [on Scottish Volleyball website/ on request/ published in Scottish Volleyball handbook];
"Club"	means any incorporated or unincorporated body established for the purposes of playing and/or coaching volleyball
"notification"	means any communication delivered in accordance with the terms of Byelaw 16;
Person	means any natural or legal person;
"official competition"	means any competition organised by Scottish Volleyball for which an entry fee is payable, and for which participants are required to be registered
"Player"	means any person registered as a player with Scottish Volleyball or equivalent body out with Scotland