



Seventh-day
Adventist Church™

South New Zealand
YOUTH MINISTRIES

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

SAT 17 AUG 9:00AM

PIONEER SPORT CENTRE
75 LYTTELTON ST
CHRISTCHURCH

16+ AGE LIMIT

YOUTH RALLY

6pm | Saturday 16 August
Bishopdale SDA Church
74 Breens Rd, Bishopdale, Chch

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**WHATEVER
YOU DO, DO IT ALL
FOR THE GLORY
OF GOD**

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31



**KNOW
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BE PART OF THE SPORTING LEGACY OF THE SDA CHURCH

THE ANNUAL SPORTS TOURNAMENTS RUN BY THE SOUTH NZ CONFERENCE HAVE A LONG AND RICH LEGACY OF DISCIPLESHIP. THEY PROVIDE A FORUM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO SHOW EXCELLENCE, HAVE FUN, MAKE CONNECTIONS, AND SHINE FOR GOD'S GLORY. WE LOVE SEEING THE CHURCHES USE THIS TIME BY MENTORING AND ENCOURAGING THEIR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE BETTER CONNECTED TO GOD AND GROW AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS. THIS HAPPENS DURING TRAINING, TRANSPORT, GAMES, FELLOWSHIP, MEALS, TEAM WORSHIPS, AND THE EXTREME PRESSURE THAT COMES WITH PLAYING SPORT. WE ALSO AIM TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVENTIST YOUNG PEOPLE TO GROW HEALTHY CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS WITH EACH OTHER AND TO CELEBRATE BEING A VALUABLE PART OF OUR CHURCH. THE CONFERENCE WILL CONTINUE TO ORGANISE THE SAFEST, FAIREST AND BEST PLANNED TOURNAMENTS TO ENSURE THESE OBJECTIVES ARE MET.

OUR DREAM IS THAT EVERY YOUNG PERSON BECOMES A DISCIPLE OF JESUS WHO:

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SERVES JESUS

OUR PRAYER FOR EACH TEAM IS THAT THEY USE THEIR TIME TOGETHER WISELY TO CONNECT, GROW, REACH OUT, HAVE FUN, AND LEARN HOW TO GLORIFY CHRIST IN EVERY AREA OF THEIR LIVES.

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VOLLEYBALL REGULATIONS

Volleyball New Zealand rules apply:
www.volleyballnz.org.nz

- Rules:** All games are played under the official Volleyball NZ rules (see FIVB Rules & Regulations www.volleyballnz.org.nz/resources/referees) with any conditions/amendments specific for the SDA Tournament as stated in this document. The ball can touch any part of the body.
- Match Ball:** The match balls are provided for each game by the officiating referee.
- Game Time:** Games are 20 minutes and comprised of 1 set only. The winner is the team on the highest points at the end of the 20 minutes.
- Duty Teams:** A penalty of ONE competition point will be deducted from a team's total if they fail to perform their duty. When your team is nominated to do duty as per the Draw, you must provide 4 line judges and a score person.
- Defaults:** A team defaults a game if 6 players are not present on the court within 5 minutes of the referee's signal for the first serve. If a team then turns up within 10 minutes of the referee's signal for the first serve, it is the referee's discretion whether they will allow the game to continue with a 10 point advantage against the late team. If a team is present with 5 players and wishes to play with one person down, it is at the discretion of the opposing team to allow this or default the game.
- Referees:** In ALL cases a referee's decision is final. No one except the captain is to speak to the referee. If needed, the following penalties will apply:
 - One verbal warning (no points deducted)
 - 2nd warning (loss of point)
 - 3rd warning (player leaves court for duration of game, or team defaults the game).
- Rally Point Scoring:** This will apply to all games including finals.
- Substitutes:** A team can play either "rotating sub" or as per Volleyball NZ rules (see Rules & Regulations at www.volleyballnz.org.nz).
- Mixed Grades:** 2 women must be on the court at all time. For Social Mixed games, men cannot spike in front of the 3m line and jump serves are also not allowed – the referee will judge whether a spike or jump serve has been played or not.
- Ball Touching Net:** If the ball touches the net after being served and still goes over then the ball is still in play. If the ball touches the arials then the ball is called out and the receiving team receives the point and the next serve.

Tournament Staff:

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SDA SPORTS TOURNAMENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

Rules

All SDA Sports Tournament games are played under official code rules (FIBA, Volleyball NZ) with the following conditions/amendments stated in this document (designed for providing the safest, clearest and fairest regulations for the Seventh-day Adventist Sports Tournaments).

Players

A player can only be registered with ONE team throughout the whole tournament. Playing an unregistered player (or a registered player from another team from any other grade) will result in the disqualification of that player from the game and the default of that game.

Each team is to be made up of regular attenders of a SDA Church and/or SDA members on the church roll. A church pastor must sign off your application to ensure your team is made up of regular attenders who are actively involved in such things as Pathfinders, Worship services, Small groups, AYs, Sabbath school, Community service, Bible Studies, or Youth Week of Prayer, etc.

Each team is allowed to include 2 non-regular attenders. This concession is not designed to help you stack your team to win but to ensure you can use this sporting event as an opportunity to reach out to non-Adventist friends.

Each team must be affiliated to a local Church Youth Group. The local Church Pastor will be asked to check and endorse their team(s).

A player must be 16 years or older. All of the SDA Sports Tournaments have an age limit of 16+ for players. This is due to concerns of safety, fairness and legal requirements for duty of care for children playing at this level of competition. Thank you for taking note of this age limit and protecting the standard of our Tournaments. If a team does use an under-16 player, the player will be asked to leave the court and the team may forfeit that game.

The tournament committee reserves the right to check the names submitted for each team and to remove names/teams from the final draw if necessary.

For the purpose of accountability and transparency, a list of every team and their registered players will be displayed at the venue. This will aid any Teams who question whether another Team has played an unregistered player or a player from another grade.

Team Changes

A request for any player changes must be approved by the local Church Pastor OR Youth Leader. All changes must be emailed/phoned to the Conference office, to James Mello at JamesMello@adventist.org.nz or 021 192 8127, before 5:00pm on the Wednesday before the Tournament.

Uniforms

Because each player has chosen to represent their Church, family and God to the best of their ability, we believe that this is reflected in both the spirit in which they play and the uniform they wear (attitude and action).

Teams must wear their registered uniform colours.

Numbers must be clearly visible on the front and back of all tops.

Adequate footwear must be worn. No jandals, slip-ons or bare feet allowed.

No track pants.

Players who wear a T-shirt underneath their singlet must ensure it is the same colour.

Players who wear skins under their playing shorts must ensure they are the same colour as their shorts.

Team Management

Each team must have a captain and/or coach with them for every game. This person is to be aware of any medical problems of players in the team, organise first aid requirements for their team, implement the rules of the competition (and ensure all players know and understand the Tournament Regulations), and supervise their players.

Conduct

Any player, coach, spectator who fails to abide by the tournament rules and venue regulations will be asked to leave, and the team may forfeit their game and/or their place in the competition.

Teams are responsible for their team's personal effects. Tournament staff will not be held responsible for any loss or damage to personal effects. We encourage teams to ensure security measures for these items.

A Player or Spectator will be suspended from the tournament or disciplined if they:

- Use offensive or inciting language
- Insult or manhandle a referee, Tournament official or Tournament helper
- Are sent off the field/court by a referee for any reason
- Damage the fields/venue
- Are found to be drunk or have drugs
- Act in an unsportsmanlike or violent manner with any member of the public or opposing team

If the incident involves fighting, the individuals involved will be asked to leave and face the possibility of a tournament ban for a year. Team involvement in a fight will default the game and incur suspension from the rest of the tournament.

First Aid

All teams are responsible for the first aid requirements of their players. Adequate first aid coverage includes a first aid kit, band aids, strapping and ice packs, and a designated person who can drive any lightly injured player to the local Emergency Room. Any major emergencies should be directed to an ambulance by calling 111. PLEASE NOTE – in addition to your first aid responsibilities, a trained First Aid person will also be on hand in an advisory capacity to help you assess any injuries (they will NOT provide strapping for players). Details of the local emergency room will be supplied before the Tournament.

The following are some first aid items to be mindful of:

- Fingernails - Fingernails must be well trimmed to avoid personal and opposition injury.

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- Blood - Should an injury occur which results in bleeding, that individual will leave the field/court immediately, or as instructed by a referee, and must not return to play until the flow has been stopped and/or covered with a dressing.
- Jewellery and Headwear - Watches, chains, necklaces, bracelets (excluding medic-alert bracelets), anklets, bandannas and hats must be removed prior to commencement of a game. We also advise that all those with piercings be responsible in their choice of adornments in order to save themselves personal injury. If they risk injuring others then we reserve the right to have you either remove or cover them, failure to do so will result in the player being excluded from participation in the competition game.

Playing Fields/Venues

- All venues and their immediate vicinity are considered smoke-free areas i.e. no smoking or vaping.
- Teams will be held responsible for any damage that they may incur during the tournament. Food, chewing gum and soft drinks are NOT permitted inside the playing area except drink bottles.

Disputes/Queries

Referees' interpretation of the rules and decisions are final.

In the case of an incident during a game, both team captains must report to the game referee.

Any complaints or disputes from a game must be in writing and handed in by the team captain (or youth leader) to the Tournament organiser (James Mello) straight after a game. These will then be handled by the Tournament organiser for adjudication. **PLEASE NOTE: Disputes will not be entered into after the conclusion of the next official round on that field/court.**

Communication

The Sports Tournament committee reserves the right to only dialogue with the nominated Team captain and/or local church Youth Leader.

Other Rules and Regulations

The Tournament Staff maintains the right to introduce or update rules and regulations as deemed appropriate to better achieve the objectives of the SDA Sports Tournaments.

Any queries please contact Pr James Mello: 021 192 8127 or JamesMello@adventist.org.nz

POINTS/RESULTS

Championship Men's and Mixed Grades:

Points per game:

Win = 4

Draw = 2

Loss = 1

Default = 0

Not Performing Duties = -1

Ranking will be determined by Win, Loss & Draw points at the end of the round robin. If teams are on same total points, points for and against will be used to determine ranking. Each of the above points will be taken until all teams are clearly ranked.

The Men's Championship Grade will play separately. All other teams will be entered into the Mixed grade upon registration.

The top four ranked teams in the Mixed grade will enter the Championship Mixed semi-finals. The next four ranked teams will enter the Social Mixed semi-finals.

All Grade semi-finals (where used/needed) will be as follows:

1 vs 4

2 vs 3

The results of any semi-finals will determine the 2 teams for finals for each graded category

NOTE - The rules and regulations which make up the Tournament Regulations have been nominated as best ensuring the safest and fairest Tournament for all players. Please note that small additions or amendments are often made to keep building our Tournaments into the best possible avenue for playing for His glory. Please ensure all players, coaches and supporters are aware of these regulations.

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Devotionals

Because the aim of our Tournaments is to grow disciples of Jesus, we encourage you to use wisely all the time you have with your youth for training, eating and travelling during a tournament. If you don't have a good devotional to include for team worships, please find one here. The best opportunities though are moments where you get to model what a life in Christ looks like. Take every opportunity to do this!



Are You Willing?

“And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.” — Psalm 51:12b

Are you willing to stay the extra hour to get up more shots? Are you willing to get up early to get in the weight room? Are you willing to attend the clinic? Are you willing to study more film?

Personally, when I hear the word “willing,” sacrifice immediately comes to my mind. I have asked family and friends if they would be willing to help me move, or if they would be willing to give me a ride to the airport (shoutout to my younger brother, who's always getting me to the airport by 5 a.m.). Their willingness always involves sacrifice. In most cases, they are sacrificing their time to assist or help me out.

As believers, God wants our willingness. He can work with our willingness. I'm learning that He wants us to be willing in certain key areas:

First, am I willing to follow Christ? I loved the game “follow the leader” when I was a kid. My brothers and neighborhood friends would play on our bikes. Everyone, including myself, loved being the leader. The follower ... not so much. There was something about being in control rather than having to follow the instructions. Jesus instructs Peter and Andrew in Matthew 4:19, “Come, follow me.” I love their response: “At once they left their nets and followed him” (v. 20). Jesus continues with the same invitation to another set of brothers, James and John. He called to them, “and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him” (v. 22). I admire their willingness to immediately follow Christ.

Secondly, am I willing to live for Christ? He died for us; we should be willing to live for Him. So what does living for Christ look like? I believe it's loving God and loving others. I believe it's serving God and serving others. It's being real and authentic with Him and others. Living for Christ is realizing our identity is in Him. Rather than seeking the approval of man, we seek God's approval.

It's realizing that being a Christian is a relationship, not a religion or a set of rules. It's not a duty but rather a devotion. We change our “have to” into our “get to.” When we live for Christ, we get to serve, get to attend church, get to give, get to pray, get to read the Bible. Not have to. We align our hearts and minds with the mind of Christ, becoming

more and more like Him. As John 15:5 states, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

Finally, am I willing to serve Christ? Serving is about others. Serving is wearing the apron instead of the bib. The bib is all about me, while the apron is all about others. Serving is walking into a room saying “there you are” rather than “here I am.”

Mark 10:45 says, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Jesus Christ came to this earth to serve others and ultimately sacrifice His own life for you and for me. Are we willing to serve and sacrifice for Him? My prayer is that we can answer with a confident “yes!” My caution would be to make sure we are serving with a pure heart — serving to give rather than serving to get.

I challenge and encourage you to be willing. Over the past few years, I've had to ask myself: Am I willing to get uncomfortable? Am I willing to do hard things? Am I willing to make sacrifices? Am I willing to let go? Am I willing to make Him No. 1? Am I willing to forgive them? Am I willing to love them? Am I willing to try something new?

As I reflect on Scripture, I'm reminded how Peter was willing to get out of the boat. Abraham was willing to leave his home and sacrifice his own son. Abel was willing to give God his very best as a sacrifice. Noah was willing to trust God and build the ark. Moses was willing to confront Pharaoh and lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Joshua was willing to obey God and become Israel's new leader. David was willing to face his fear and fight the giant. Solomon was willing to build the temple. Paul was willing to travel and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Jesus was willing to die on the cross.

What is God calling me, calling you, calling us to be willing to do? Are you willing?

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, my desire is to have a willing spirit and heart. I say “yes” to You today and forever. Amen!

— Jim Goody, for Sports Spectrum

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Serve to Lead

"Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." — Mark 10:43-45

There's no denying ambition and the goal of leadership is strong in today's competitive world. Athletes strive to reach the top teams and trophies, coaches envision themselves leading programs, and interns dream of full-time roles. This drive to excel extends beyond the field — we all yearn to make a positive impact through leadership, but don't always consider serving others as a form of leadership.

In Mark 10, James and John wanted Jesus to share His glory, so they asked to sit at His right and left hand. Jesus responded to them by explaining that it is more important to seek opportunities for humble service rather than position and power.

Great leaders inspire and empower others. They spark creativity, vision and integrity, guiding everyone toward a shared goal. Christian servant-leaders can take this a step further. They should see their leadership as a way to serve God by investing in the people around them. This creates a team that works together to achieve goals that ultimately glorify God. Respect, care and a focus on the greater good become the cornerstones of their approach.

No matter your role — teammate, competitor, broadcaster or even bystander — you can embrace servant leadership. By prioritizing the needs of others and taking action to serve them, you become a powerful reflection of God's love.

— Elizabeth Donnelly, for Sports Spectrum

A Life of Service

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." — Mark 10:45

David Robinson is nicknamed "The Admiral" because he went to college at the U.S. Naval Academy, where he also played basketball. In 1987, he was the first player from the Academy to be drafted into the NBA, but he delayed his basketball career two years while he served in the Navy as a civil engineer. His example is inspiring: Robinson waited on his dreams until after he honored his commitment to serve his country in a greater cause.

In the NBA, Robinson continued to stand tall in height and in accomplishments. He was a 10-time All Star, a three-time Olympian and NBA champion twice with the San Antonio Spurs. He is 7-foot-1 but stands out also because of his tireless efforts through charity work. He supports efforts to improve education for underprivileged youth, enjoys helping needy people, and also preaches and teaches the Bible. His life of service is a model for everyone.

As Christians, we are called to set aside selfish concerns by serving God and others. Jesus challenged His disciples to develop a new mindset. The Lord wants us to stop worrying about what others do



or don't do and just serve Him. "Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant... For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many'" (Mark 10:42-43, 45).

As Paul lived and taught, he sought to train Christians to be unselfish and build up others by practical ministry. "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will" (Romans 12:1-2).

This year, take steps to intentionally walk in love and service to others as you grow in your relationship with the Lord!

— Bill Kent, for Sports Spectrum

The Game Isn't The Goal

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." — 1 Corinthians 10:31

Sports bring people together. Crowds cheer on their favorite players. Big plays make the highlight reels and top-10 lists. Trophies are handed out and players are often idolized. But sometimes, God uses the game not to make someone famous, but to make Himself known.

Recently, I had the opportunity to pray with a very talented athlete at an all-star event. Her game is next-level, but what she gained that day went far beyond the court. She met the very One who gave her the ability to play in the first place. She encountered the Chain Breaker. The Healer. The Savior who will never abandon her and who is always for her.

That moment reminded me: Sports can open doors, but only Jesus can open hearts, and that's the only win of eternal significance. In the world of sports, it's easy to chase glory — the headlines, the stats, the trophies. But those things fade.

God's glory never fades. God's love goes so much deeper. And when we use our gifts to point others to Him — whether it's praying with a teammate, coaching with character, or playing for more than wins — we're building something that lasts far longer than a championship banner.

That all-star athlete didn't just walk away with memories from a big game. She walked away with a moment that could change her life forever. Because the court may have brought her to the event, but it was Jesus who met her there.

When our platform becomes His altar, lives are changed.

— Melissa Motesy, for Sports Spectrum

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