

## **BVA Disputes Process**

Our primary role is to ensure that volleyball is played. We want to do this in a way that is safe, fair, inclusive and transparent.

We expect that formal processes are not required for the vast majority of issues as 1) the teams will work not only within the letter of the rules but also the spirit 2) issues should be dealt with on the day by the referee as we want the result decided on the court.

This document lays out the steps that must be followed if matters cannot be resolved on the day of the match.

### **Stage 1**

The team with the dispute must try and resolve the issue informally with the opposition, including the BVA ([Berkshirevolleyballassociation@gmail.com](mailto:Berkshirevolleyballassociation@gmail.com)) and the referee in any communications.

### **Stage 2**

A formal dispute must be submitted to the BVA within 7 days of the match any such dispute must also be copied to the opposition and the referee.

The dispute must include the details of

- 1) the rules that have been alleged to have been broken
- 2) the evidence that supports this.

The referee and opposition must respond to the formal dispute within 7 days copying in the opposition and the referee.

The relevant competition secretary will decide within 7 days of receiving the final email.

### **Stage 3**

The decision of the competition secretary can be appealed to the BVA. This must be received within 14 days of the decision of the competition secretary. The relevant deposit must also have been received within 14 days otherwise the appeal will be dismissed.

The decision would be made after discussion in a BVA meeting. The decision of the BVA is final.

An anonymised account of the dispute can be shared to help provide clarity on interpretation of the rules if this is deemed helpful.