

DIVISIONAL WATER VOLLEYBALL (WVB) FAQ

What is the objective of Divisional WVB?

• The objective of Divisional WVB is to provide a fun, friendly environment where players can come together and compete with other players of similar skills.

Who runs Divisional WVB?

 Divisional WVB is sponsored by the VCDD Recreation and Parks Department. Each division is managed by a Board of player-elected men and women resident volunteers. The Board selects Divisional Ambassadors and Peer Evaluators and manages the policies and procedures and other activities associated with the division. Elections for new board members and volunteer opportunities are managed by each division.

Who is eligible to participate in Divisional WVB?

- Participants must be 50 years of age or older and have a valid Villages Resident or Renter ID in order to play Divisional WVB.
- Participants who have not yet received a divisional rating must first attend a new player evaluation session. Please see FAQs below for more details.

Why do I need to be evaluated/rated?

- Ratings are provided to ensure participants are appropriately aligned with players of equal skills which will help develop more competitive play within the division.
- Ratings will also be required to play in any League or Tournament sponsored by the Division.
- Note: You do not need a rating to continue playing in Organized Play, Group Play, or any non-divisional sponsored tournament unless specified by the tournament coordinator.

How do I get a rating if I've never been rated before?

- Unrated players must attend a new player evaluation session. This session will be used to determine the initial rating that best fits your playing ability.
- Sessions are held by volunteers from Divisional WVB. Select Peer Evaluators from Division 1 through Division 5 conduct the evaluations.
- The evaluation session will consist of one hour where you will demonstrate your skills (e.g. serving, passing, setting, hitting) and one hour of play. Participants will be evaluated on their individual contribution to the game, not the performance of the team.
- Please see <u>New Player Evaluation Information</u> for more details, including how to register for an upcoming session.

Where do I go to see my rating?

 Newly evaluated players can obtain their rating by accessing Evaluation Results located under the New Player Evaluations link within the Information tab on <u>www.villageswvb.com</u>. Please note it will take a few days for the new ratings to be posted.

What happens after I receive a rating?

- Rated players will be invited to join their Division. Members from each division will reach out to discuss next steps.
- Players evaluated as Division 3, 4, or 5 are also invited to join their appropriate Division on the Stack Team app. Instructions on how to do so can be found under the Divisional WVB Sign-Up Instructions link within the Information tab located on <u>www.villageswvb.com</u>. Once you have been accepted as a divisional player you will be eligible to sign up for play events.

Where can I go to find information about my Division?

- Rated players can obtain more details about their division by accessing the following websites:
 - Division 1: <u>www.villagesvolleyball.com</u>
 - Division 2: <u>www.d2watervolleyball.com</u>
 - Divisions 3, 4, and 5: <u>www.villageswvb.com</u>. Specific division-level details are located under their respective Division's tab

How do I move up a division?

- Rated players may be reassigned to a different Division once they begin participating. Players can only be reassigned due to an increase or decrease in skill level, not personal discrepancies. Players who choose not to play in their assigned Division will not be eligible for reevaluation until one year after their last Evaluation date.
- Please see the Division-specific websites noted above for more details on player reassignment and evaluation criteria.