

Royal Park Open Format

The Royal Park Qualification Event (RP Open) for the 2011 / 2012 Alcohol. Think Again WA Beach Volleyball Tour has been revamped. There are now even better reasons to play in the RP Open. Effectively, the RP Open now provides more opportunities to players to position themselves for subsequent State Series Events, and minimises the effects of a bad result at the RP Open. In other words, it is like a “bonus event” to get a grading for State Series #1 and beyond.

The below rules have been put into place to reward teams who do well at the RP Open but also to minimise the effect of a poor performance at the RP Open, which was some of the feedback received from last year’s “Player Survey”.

Please read below for the new rules associated with the RP Open.

- Local Players wishing to play in AAA for State Series #1 MUST play in the RP Open.
- The top 6 ranked teams (from those nominations received), based on the results of those teams last TWO events (ie from last season) will NOT have to play in the RP Open and will automatically qualify for AAA in State Series #1.
 - o ALL TEAMS wishing to be considered for a “top 6 spot” MUST nominate for the RP Open, regardless of whether or not they know they will be one of the top 6 teams.
- The top 4 teams from the RP Open (ie after the RP Open) will be guaranteed an automatic qualification into AAA for State Series #1.
- The 2 remaining spots in the AAA division for State Series #1 will be open to either interstate or international wildcards OR the next 2 best finishing teams from the RP Open.
- The teams finishing 5th to 12th (or 14th if 5th and 6th goes into AAA for the State Series #1), will be guaranteed qualification into AA for State Series #1 (ie 8 teams).
- The 2 remaining spots in AA will either go to interstate or international wildcards OR the next 2 best ranked teams (for an explanation on how the next 2 best ranked teams see Appendix A).
- The teams finishing 13th to 20th (or 22nd if 5th and 6th goes into AAA for State Series #1), will be guaranteed qualification into A for State Series #1 (ie 8 teams).
- The 2 remaining spots in A will either go to interstate or international wildcards OR the next 2 best ranked teams (for an explanation on how the next 2 best ranked teams see Appendix A).
- The remaining divisions will have 10 teams in each division, with the ranking being decided on the below.

APPENDIX A

RANKING TEAMS WHO DO NOT GET AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION INTO STATE SERIES #1

- Teams that do not finish in a position that guarantees them automatic qualification for State Series #1 (AAA, AA or A grade), will be ranked according to the below.
- Your best 2 results from your last 3 events (1 of the 3 being the RP Open) will be used to determine your ranking points.
 - o If teams finish on the same amount of points, the team with the better result from the RP Open will be ranked higher.
- For example;
 - o If a team finishes 15th at the RP Open (ASSUMING NO WILDCARDS HAVE BEEN GRANTED FOR THE AAA Division), that team will then be given ranking points based on their best 2 results from their last 3 events (including the RP Open).
 - o This might or might not be sufficient points to get them into AA for State Series #1.
 - EG The team who finishes 16th at the RP Open might have more points IF they have a better 2 results than the team that finishes 15th.
- ***This new rule has been adopted as it will now minimise the effects of a poor RP Open performance. It eliminates the need to use RP points if you have 2 previous better results from your last 3 events.***

FOR STATE SERIES #2 (AND BEYOND)

- A team's ranking points for State Series #2 and beyond will be based on the results from the previous 2 events they played.
- IF a team used their results from RP for State Series #1, then their last 2 results will be the result from the RP Open and State Series #1.
- IF a team did not use their results from RP for State Series #1, then their last 2 results will be the last event they played last season and State Series #1.