As a result of the two Super 8 meetings that were held a proposal for a changed format of the end of season’s Play-Offs was presented to the Competitions Commission for approval on 12/05/12. While the basic format appeared acceptable a few amendments were necessary before publishing. The Competitions Commission has therefore agreed that the end of season arrangements for the Super 8s will be as follows:

Playoff Format:

**Bottom Two Teams – Teams finishing 7th and 8th involved**
8th in the Regular Season will be Relegated.
7th in the Super 8s will play off against the 2nd in Division 1 in a single fixture. The match will be played at a neutral venue. The winner will play in the Super 8s in the 2018-19 season while the runner up will play in Division 1. Match hosted by Volleyball England in Kettering on 12th/13th May 2018.

**Top Six Teams – Quarter Finals – Teams finishing 1st to 6th involved**
¼ Final 1 – 3rd in regular season (Home Team) vs 6th in regular season – 1 Match, winner progresses.
¼ Final 2 – 4th in regular season (Home Team) vs 5th in regular season – 1 Match, winner progresses.
Home team to host matches.

**Semi Finals**
½ Final 1 – 1st in regular season (Home Team to host both matches) vs The winner of ¼ Final 2 – 2 Matches, (1 Saturday, 1 Sunday), Golden Set (15 Points) to be used in 2nd match if 1 match all regardless of sets won / lost.
½ Final 2 – 2nd in regular season (Home Team to host both matches) vs The winner of ¼ Final 1. – 2 Matches, (1 Saturday, 1 Sunday), Golden Set (15 points) to be used in 2nd match if 1 match all regardless of sets won / lost.

**Final**
Winner of ½ Final 1 vs Winner of ½ Final 2 – to be played at a neutral venue.
2 Matches, (1 Saturday, 1 Sunday) Golden Set to be used in 2nd match if 1 match all regardless of sets won /lost.

**Schedule**
The ¼ Finals are scheduled to be played 7th / 8th April. The ½ Finals are scheduled for 21st / 22nd April with the Finals on the 5th / 6th May 2018 in Kettering.

**Points:**
The points system has changed for the Super 8s. There are only ever 3 points on offer. If you win 3-2 you would get 2 points and if you lose 3-2 you would get 1 point. Otherwise you will get 3 points if you win 3-0 or 3-1.

**Set quotient:** in the case of equality in the number of points gained by two or more teams, the teams will be classified by the quotient resulting from: number of total sets won / number of total sets lost.

**Point’s quotient:** if a tie persists as per the set quotient, the teams will be classified by the quotient resulting from: total points scored / total points lost (during all sets).

These arrangements will come into use from the start of the 2012-13 Season.

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