



VOLLEYBALL ENGLAND **JUNIOR BEACH TOURNAMENT** **COMPETITION RULES**

1. Eligibility (U14 & U16 Girls, U15 & U17 Boys competitions only)

- 1.1 All members of the team must live or play for a club/school in the Volleyball England regional area which that team is representing.
- 1.2 Teams may NOT represent more than one regional area or team.

2. Age criteria

- 2.1 The competition will consist of two separate competitions; girls and boys, in three different age groups, U14, U16, and U18 for girls and U15, U17 and U19 for boys.
- 2.2 To be eligible to play in an age group the team members must be:

Competition	Eligibility
Under 14 Girls	U14 on 1.9.06
Under 15 Boys	U15 on 1.9.06
Under 16 Girls	U16 on 1.9.06
Under 17 Boys	U17 on 1.9.06
Under 18 Girls	U18 on 1.9.06
Under 19 Boys	U19 on 1.9.06

3. Team composition

- 3.1 The U15, U16, U17 and U18 teams will consist of 2 players, playing a 2 v 2 format.
- 3.2 The U14 teams will consist of a maximum of four players, playing a 3 v 3 format, so that each team has a substitute. There must be a designated captain on court who is the only player allowed to approach the referee. Players will rotate onto the court with the service, thus the player returning to position one leaves the court to be replaced by another player each time the team rotates. In the case of an injury, the next player in line to enter the court following the rotation will replace the injured player. If a squad has only 3 fit players the rotation is not an issue as all players will be on court.

4. Coaching

- 4.1 All U14, U15, U16 and U17 teams must be accompanied by a qualified and registered coach.
- 4.2 In the U14 competition it is permissible for the coach to enter the playing space for the purpose of coaching throughout the duration of the match. They are permitted to ask for time-outs, and substitutions.
- 4.3 In the U15, U16, U17, U18 and U19 competitions, coaches must refrain from entering the playing area except directly behind the player's bench. They are only permitted to coach during timeouts. They are not allowed to call for time outs nor approach the referee on any other matter except where it appertains to the safety of players.

5. Supplementary U14 Rules

- 5.1 Players must serve in rotational order but each player may attack and/or block during the whole match.
- 5.2 Contrary to the 2 v 2 Beach Volleyball rules (below) the ball contact by the block will **not** be counted as the first hit of the defending team.

6. General supplementary rules

- 6.1 See the entry letter for entry protocol.
- 6.2 At the discretion of the Beach Commission and Tournament Commissioner it is possible to adapt the following rules for the purposes of ensuring a tournament is held and a result is obtainable. Also to ensure player safety is not compromised nor are there any contraventions to the EVA Child Protection Policy.