

LONDON REGION

London NVL teams

Two of London's NVL teams have expressed their gratitude to the EVA's Judicial Panel for resolving a dispute with the Competitions Commission. A difficult problem brought to a satisfactory solution.

London Malory has achieved the quadruple, winning all 4 trophies available.

London League

The London League is continuing to maintain a very high standard of volleyball. The 3 Men's Divisions and 2 Women's Division attracting 46 teams, many fielding current and ex-NVL Squad players.

London Challenge

This new competition planned by John Lowney for the coming season, stems from the high standard of the Regional League. The National League Div 1 teams are being challenged by teams from the London Men's Premier Division. Or to look at the other way, the NVL teams consider they will get better games playing the top of the London League than elsewhere.

It is hoped to promote the games in this Cup Competition and attract crowds to Volleyball matches in London in 2006.

London Foundation League

The base of the Participation pyramid has not been neglected in London this season. New Executive member Cormac Byrne has set up a series of Foundation League Tournaments, for strictly recreational play, in a Centre based League. We are expecting to expand this next season.

In addition to this weekly event, T.H. Lynx V.C. have organised a successful corporate volleyball event, over a complete day at Bethnal Green.

Referee Appointments

Charlie Orton, in his Referee Administrator role, has been appointing referees to London League matches this season. This has enabled a variety of referees to experience the top standard of Volleyball played in the upper divisions of the league. It has also allowed the clubs and players in the lower divisions to experience the skills of better referees. This has given refereeing a positive profile within the league, with a number of enquiries for referee courses resulting.

The greatest benefit though has been the retention and development of newly qualified referees in the region. Four of these have, in their 1st year of registration, moved to refereeing in the NVL.

Community Sports Coaches

Contact has been made with London Active Partnerships (the County Sport Partnership for London), and we are now working towards having Community Sports Coaches working in London to expand the intake of new people into Volleyball.

Problems with Volunteers

The Region is still suffering from a lack of senior volunteers, with no full time chairman, or active secretary this season, other members of the Executive have been doing more than one job. There are new volunteers coming into the workforce, but they are not yet ready for the top jobs. We are therefore hoping to benefit from the efforts of the EVA's Workforce Development Initiative.

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