



Beach Volleyball Development Centre programme – Application Pack

Introduction

Volleyball England are looking for clubs and organisations who mirror our values, guiding principles and who are strategically aligned to partner with us, to push forward the development of Beach Volleyball and talented beach athletes in England.

Through our Beach Volleyball Development Centres (BVDCs), we will create a network of highly ambitious partners who share our values, who are passionate about creating beach volleyball opportunities for players and coaches and who will ultimately play a pivotal role in ensuring we have athletes competing and winning at the highest level. At its core, BVDCs will have regular access to a Beach Volleyball facility, and the people and infrastructure in place to deliver out a Beach Volleyball programme.

Application Criteria

Volleyball England will be open to all applications; however, the following criteria will need to be met or, the organisation must show clearly how they will meet the criteria within 12 months of gaining official BVDC status.

1	Operate a beach volleyball programme from mid-April (Easter half term) through to September (start of new school year): Total 5 – 6 months.
2	Offer the following quantity of training on a weekly basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x session per week for Under 12 • 2 x session per week for Under 15 • 2 x session per week for Under 18
3	Have a Head Coach/es appointed and be willing to participate in the Head Coach Mentor Programme with VE Beach Performance Director.
4	Host a minimum of 1 x UKBT Junior Tour event per age group (U15 & U17).
5	Operate outreach programmes to engage new talent in the local area.
6	Head Coach/es to be willing to assist VE Beach Performance Director with National Team selections when called upon.
7	Host the VE Beach Performance Director at least once a year at the centre to conduct a full day training clinic for players and coaches.
8	Can demonstrate and evidence that people, diversity, and inclusion are at the heart of everything they do.
9	All coaches operating at the club/organisation must be Volleyball England accredited and have received relevant safeguarding training
10	Engage at least 30 children in the beach volleyball programme
11	Abide by and adhere to all Volleyball England's policies and procedures.
12	Be an affiliated Volleyball England Club

How Will Volleyball England Support?

1. Coach Mentorship Programme

The organisation's Head Coach(es) will be placed on the Head Coach mentorship programme led by Volleyball England Beach Performance Director Kirk Pitman. Coaches will receive CPD opportunities directly with Kirk throughout the year.

2. Funding Support

Volleyball England will support the organisations with funding where possible, which could include access to Talent funding through DiSE, SportsAid & TASS. Successful organisations will initially be awarded a small grant to operate an outreach programme and ongoing support will be subject to successful funding bids carried out by Volleyball England.

3. Website

The organisation will be listed on the Volleyball England website as a Volleyball England approved BVDC.

4. Equipment

Volleyball England will aim to support the organisations with equipment where it comes available (balls, courts etc).

5. Volleyball England BVDC Accreditation

The organisation will be awarded the official BVDC badge that can be placed at the centre and displayed online.

6. Funding applications

Volleyball England will support organisations with funding applications.

7. Commercial opportunities

Volleyball England is the owner of all commercial rights in relation to the BVDCs. Volleyball England will however, where appropriate, work with approved BVDCs to ensure any commercial input is mutually beneficial.

Governance

The application process will be carried out by an independent panel chaired by the Volleyball England Chief Executive Officer.

BVDC approved status will be for a 3-yr period with annual reviews taking place at the end of each Beach Volleyball season where organisations will be expected to feedback on the impact of the programme.

Volleyball England have direct control over the programme and will have ultimate say in the initial and continued participation of the programme.

Application process

To apply for approved BVDC status, [please complete the application form](#) by Wednesday 24th May 2023. Applications will be assessed, and decisions communicated during May/June 2023.