



HEVO PROGRAMME SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

DATES: September 2026 – May 2027

The purpose of this Service Level Agreement (SLA) is to outline the working relationship between the contributing parties and to clarify the process for applying for recreational volleyball development funding from Volleyball England. From 2026–27 onward, universities must apply outlining how funding will be used. Funding is conditional on approval by Volleyball England and is no longer automatically granted.

The HEVO programme is funded through Volleyball England and Sport England. An annual service level agreement signed by both parties must be completed before any transfer of monies. This SLA is for the period for delivery of services from September 2026 to May 2027.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

Service	Details
Appointment of a voluntary Higher Education Volleyball Officer (HEVO)	<p>With regards to the appointment and hosting of the HEVO, the parties agree to the services as outlined below.</p> <p>The University:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be in partnership with Volleyball England and appoint a student as a HEVO in line with university sport recruitment/elections.• To maintain appropriate insurance during the term of the SLA, obtained via affiliation to Volleyball England through VolleyZone.• To complete the university application form and support the student in completing the student application form.• To note that funding is not guaranteed and is subject to successful application as outlined in the Financial Agreement section. <p>Volleyball England will require the HEVO to deliver agreed targets (as set in SLA via the application form), and report participation figures at the end of each term set out below in HEVO programme targets.</p>



<p>Support</p>	<p>Volleyball England</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volleyball England agrees to provide appointment and employability support services, mentoring support, and access to training and CPD resources. <p>The University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We agree to host the HEVO and provide suitable facility space to support establishment of weekly recreational sessions (separate to training sessions) and at least one mass participation event, provide marketing support, and upskill students. • We agree to support the HEVO in compiling reporting participation figures and to send them to Volleyball England. • We agree to maintain consistent communication with Volleyball England and keep them updated throughout the academic year.
<p>Financial Agreement (Application based funding)</p>	<p>From 2026-27, universities will be required to submit a separate Grant Funding Application to apply for financial support linked to the HEVO Programme. Funding is no longer automatically provided and will only be awarded following successful assessment by Volleyball England. Universities may apply for one of the three development funds listed below:</p> <p>1. HEVO Development Fund – £200</p> <p>This fund is designed to support the growth and sustainability of recreational indoor volleyball activity led by the HEVO.</p> <p>It can be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaching costs for recreational volleyball sessions • Court hire • Essential equipment (balls, nets, antennas, storage bags, etc.) • “Come & Try” recruitment sessions • Marketing and promotional materials • Local participation events or low-level competitions aimed at new or social players • HEVO-led initiatives that directly increase weekly recreational participation



This fund is intended for universities focusing on enhancing their indoor recreational volleyball offer through the core HEVO pathway.

2. Sitting Volleyball Development Fund – £200

This fund is aimed at universities wishing to develop disability inclusive and/or adaptive volleyball opportunities through sitting volleyball.

It can be used for:

- Supporting the setup of new sitting volleyball sessions
- Court hire and equipment (including balls, tape, floor markers, foam supports if needed)
- Marketing and recruitment targeted at disabled students and inclusive sport groups
- Staff or volunteer training to deliver inclusive volleyball activity
- Delivering taster days, inclusion festivals, or introductory programmes
- Partnerships with disability sport groups or internal university networks

This fund should be selected where the university intends to establish or significantly grow an inclusive sitting volleyball offer.

3. Tournament / Competition Development Fund – £200

This fund supports the development of new or expanded competitive opportunities beyond BUCS for recreational players.

It can be used for:

- Delivery of small sided recreational competitions
- Court hire and equipment
- Event staffing (referee payments, volunteer support)
- Event marketing and promotional activity
- Purchasing items that improve the event atmosphere (e.g., banners, whistles, bibs, cones)
- Running seasonal leagues, festival style events, or innovative formats such as glow volleyball

This fund is suitable for universities wishing to increase competition opportunities for beginner/intermediate players outside formal BUCS pathways.



	<p>Additional Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This grant funding application is separate from the overall HEVO Programme application form completed by the University and the HEVO. • Funding will only be released to universities whose applications meet the criteria and demonstrate clear alignment with Volleyball England’s participation outcomes. • All approved funding will require reporting and evidence of spend.
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CORE HEVO PROGRAMME TARGETS

Reporting	Target
Total number of recreational sessions held each term.	X session per week during term time.
Total number of recreational participants attending volleyball sessions each term.	x students playing weekly recreational volleyball during term time.
Total number of <u>new</u> participants attending recreational volleyball sessions each term.	x new participants
The HEVO will be asked to deliver one mass participation volleyball festival - supported by the university's volleyball club.	Deliver one tournament, mass participation, or inclusion event per year
Total number of people who attended a mass participation volleyball festival.	x students attending a mass participation festival.
Submit reports by the agreed deadlines	Term 1 – 5 th December 2026 Term 2 – 6 th March 2027 Term 3 – 22 nd May 2027
Work alongside Sport Development Lead at the university to upskill 2 students as Grade 4 referees.	2 x Student Grade 4 Referees or 1 Assistant Coach coaching Qualification



Funding Restrictions

Grant funding must not be used for the following purposes:

- Playing or training kit
- BUCS competition entries
- Student Cup entries
- Accommodation costs
- Funding activity related to sports other than volleyball
- Alcohol

The examples above provide guidance on acceptable and nonacceptable expenditure but are not exhaustive. Universities are responsible for ensuring all spending aligns with the approved grant application, the aims of the HEVO Programme, and Volleyball England's funding requirements.