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INTRODUCTION

The Super League Opening Weekend 2023 Information Pack aims to provide all teams, officials, staff, and volunteers with the relevant information they require for the event.

Please take the time to read its content so that we can ensure that the event is organised efficiently.

If after reading through the pack you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Competitions Team on Tel: 01509 974700, or Email: competitions@volleyballengland.org

This is a showcase for English Volleyball, and we need to make a good impression. Dress and behaviour are important.

Our aim is to provide a fun and efficiently run event for competitors, officials, and spectators. Adhering to the guidelines in the document will help us achieve this.

GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

Key Contacts

Volleyball England Office (weekdays)

Event Manager – Rob Payne

Safeguarding Officer – Rob Payne

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Competition Venue

National Volleyball Centre Thurston Drive Kettering NN15 6PB

Tel: 01536 414308

Car Parking

Parking is free at the National Volleyball Centre and the hotel.

Hotels / Accommodation List

If you have accommodation booked through Volleyball England, you will be staying at;

Holiday Inn Express Rockingham Road Kettering NN14 1QF Tel: 01536 210210

https://bitly.ws/VjRg

Click here to view the accommodation rooming list.



Event Coverage

In addition to all games being streamed live on the <u>Volleyball England YouTube</u> <u>Channel</u>, you can also follow the action as it happens across social media on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>TikTok</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

EVENT SCHEDULE & MATCH INFORMATION

Saturday 14th October 2023

- 10:30 | Richmond Docklands vs Team Sunderland
- 12:30 | Newcastle Staffs vs Durham Palatinates (C)
- 14:30 | Stockport vs Malory Eagles
- 16:30 | Leeds Gorse vs IBB Polonia London
- 18:30 | Essex Rebels vs University of Nottingham

Sunday 15th October 2023

- 10:30 | Coventry and Warwick Riga vs Malory Eagles
- 12:30 | Cambridge ARU vs Durham Palatinates (C)
- **14:30** | Leeds Gorse vs Team SideOut Polonia (London)
- 16:30 | Essex Rebels vs University of Nottingham
- 18:30 | Darkstar Derbyshire vs London Lionhearts

Tickets

Tickets can be purchased via the following links: Men's Matches | Saturday 14th October 2023 Women's Matches | Sunday 15th October 2023

There will be no provision of complimentary tickets for teams or event staff. All tickets must be purchased online before the event or on the day.

Upon entering the venue spectators should make their way to the arena entrance which will be located down the corridor to the right of the main reception. Spectators will be greeted and checked in using their Eventbrite Barcode. All spectators will be issued a wristband permitting entry.

Match Protocol

Please see Appendix 3 for pre-match and Appendix 2 match protocol.

Flooring

Matches will be played on the wooden sprung floor. Line cancelling tape will be laid within the court lines and around a 1m perimeter of the court to create a clean appearance.

Warm-up Areas

Teams will be allowed a minimum of 30 minutes on a court before the start of their match.



Match Balls

Please do not bring any of your own balls, warm-up balls will be provided. The match balls used will be Mikasa V200W. A multi-ball system will be used in all matches dependant on courtside assistants.

Water bottles

Please bring a water bottle with you that you can fill up at the dispensers around the venue. There will **not** be dedicated water dispensers courtside.

First Aid

There will be first aid facilities on site. If you require first aid, please contact the venue staff at reception who will assist accordingly.

Fire Evacuation

Upon hearing the fire alarm: The Duty Manager will inform the Arena whether evacuation is required. The Leisure Assistant will proceed directly to the Arena Main Hall and evacuate all guests through the nearest, safe to use Fire Exit to assemble at the Arena Fire Assembly Point near the Beach Volleyball Courts. The Leisure Assistant and Receptionist will also assist any disabled people to an exit or refuge area.







Arrival at the Venue

On arrival at the venue teams are asked to report to the welcome desk, which will be in the foyer on the right-hand side of the venue entrance. Here you will be issued with your accreditations. Please ensure that you have reported in by the time listed below:

Saturday 14th October	Sunday 15 th October
08:30 Richmond Docklands 09:00 Team Sunderland 10:30 Newcastle Staffs 11:00 Durham Palatinates 12:30 Stockport 13:00 Malory Eagles 14:30 Leeds Gorse 15:00 IBB Polonia London 16:30 Essex Rebels 17:00 University of Nottingham	08:30 Coventry & Warwick Riga (M) 08:30 Malory Eagles (B) 10:30 Cambridge ARU (M) 10:30 Durham Palatinates (B) 12:30 Leeds Gorse (M) 12:30 Team SideOut Polonia (London) (B) 14:30 Essex Rebels (M) 14:30 University of Nottingham (B) 16:30 Darkstar Derbyshire (M) 16:30 London Lionhearts (B)
Madia Daguiramanto (M)	The (M) and (B) indicate which obligation the team does first. After the 30-minute slot they will then complete the other obligation.

Media Requirements (M)

A photo studio will be set up during the weekend for players and team staff. Upon reporting to the welcome desk a member of the event team will take you to the studio.

Each team has a 30-minute time slot to fulfil the media obligations. They will include the following for each player and member of team staff:

- Head and shoulders (for team profile page on VE Website Example)
- Head and shoulders with different poses (Example)
- Full image (for graphics throughout the season)

Players must wear their identical full match kit; team staff must wear similar attire and not wear jeans.

All photography will also be shared with teams post event.

Bra Fitting – Sunday only(B)

A bra fitting area will be set up on the <u>first-floor atrium</u> next to the dry changing rooms. This up has been made available for up to 14 players per team. Upon reporting to the welcome desk a member of the event team will take you to the atrium.

Each team has a 30-minute time slot to complete their fitting including required size, style and support. Following the event each player will receive two free bras.

Accreditation Passes

Accreditation passes will be allocated to each team to allow team members access to the main arena for the **whole weekend**.



Teams are permitted to list the following:

- Up to 14 Players
- Up to 5 people as Coaches and Bench Personnel
- 1 Team manager
- 1 Safeguarding officer
- 1 Statistician

The deadline for submitting the team sheet is Wednesday 11th October. It must be submitted to competitions@volleyballengland.org.

Additional requests for roles will be considered, the requests must be submitted to competitions@volleyballengland.org by Wednesday 11th October.

Please Note: accreditations will only be issued to team personnel (players/coaches/bench personnel/statistics/team management staff) as identified on the Team Sheet submitted prior to the Opening Weekend. All accreditations MUST be placed on the scorer's table upon entering the court. Anyone on court including players or team staff that do not hand in their accreditation to the scorer's table will not be allowed to take any part in their respective match and will be removed from court.

Upon leaving the National Volleyball Centre, please can we ask that all accreditations are returned to the Accreditation box which will be situated at the Information Desk.

Please note that your accreditation permits you to sit in the floor seats at either end of the court (see orange zone in <u>Appendix 1</u>).

Match Protocol

Team managers are asked to ensure that their coaches and players are aware of the match protocol outlined in Appendix 2 and 3.

Kit

Teams are reminded of the uniform regulations, Regulation D2 in NVL rules, which must be adhered to. Shirt numbers must not be outside numbers 1-20 (except Liberos 1-99).

Compression kits are permitted providing they are either: black, white or are the same colour as the playing kit. where compressions are used, all players of the team must wear the same colour compression. Any compression kits that are not an extension of the kit, will need to be removed.

Kit Colours

Saturday 14th October 2023

- 10:30 | Richmond Docklands (BLUE) vs (DARK BLUE) Team Sunderland
- 12:30 | Newcastle Staffs (DARK BLUE) vs (PURPLE) Durham Palatinates
- 14:30 | Stockport (DARK BLUE) vs (RED) Malory Eagles
- 16:30 | Leeds Gorse (PURPLE) vs (DARK BLUE) IBB Polonia London
- 18:30 | Essex Rebels (RED) vs (GREEN) University of Nottingham



Sunday 15th October 2023

- 10:30 | Coventry and Warwick Riga (RED) vs (BLACK) Malory Eagles
- 12:30 | Cambridge ARU (DARK BLUE) vs (PURPLE) Durham Palatinates
- 14:30 | Leeds Gorse (PURPLE) vs (WHITE) Team SideOut Polonia (London)
- **16:30** | Essex Rebels (**RED**) vs (**GREEN**) University of Nottingham
- 18:30 | Darkstar Derbyshire (BLACK) vs (BLUE) London Lionhearts

Changing Facilities

Before the match

- 1) Dry changing facilities will be in rooms "Bede" and "Bamburgh" on the <u>first floor</u>. These rooms will be allocated as per the table below
- 2) Once changed teams are requested to carry all their items into the arena. A dedicated bag zone will be situated in the warm-up court area.

After the match

Wet changing facilities are available on the ground floor for after matches. Teams have been assigned 'changing room 1' or 'changing room 2' as per the table below.

Saturday	Before	After
Richmond Docklands	Bede	1
Team Sunderland	Bamburgh	2
Newcastle Staffs	Bede	1
Durham Palatinates	Bamburgh	2
Stockport	Bede	1
Malory Eagles	Bamburgh	2
Leeds Gorse	Bede	1
IBB Polonia London	Bamburgh	2
Essex Rebels	Bede	1
University of Nottingham	Bamburgh	2

Sunday	Before	After
Coventry & Warwick Riga	Bede	1
Malory Eagles	Bamburgh	2
Cambridge ARU	Bede	1
Durham Palatinates	Bamburgh	2
Leeds Gorse	Bede	1
Team SideOut Polonia	Bamburgh	2
Essex Rebels	Bede	1
University of Nottingham	Bamburgh	2
Darkstar Derbyshire	Bede	1
London Lionhearts	Bamburgh	2

Doping Control

Players are reminded that they could be called upon to provide a sample for analysis. Please see **Appendix 5** for details.

Parental Consent

Teams with athletes under 18 years old are required to collect and hold parental consent for each of the athletes. This should include media consent and emergency contact information.

Statistics

Teams are allowed to bring their own statisticians for their match, provided that they are named on your Team Information in advance. There will be an allotted area at the end of the court. This area is denoted in the arena plan.

Match recording equipment

As per the NVL regulation both home and away teams are required to record their match. The camera zone will be situated on the balcony overlooking the court. As the opening



match of the season we see this weekend as an opportunity to use the equipment and iron out any issues. We will have staff to support where required.

The home team (first listed team) are responsible for uploading the footage to Hudl.

Recording should be captured a minimum of 5 minutes before the match start.

Please note that the balcony has high railings therefore if you intend to use a tripod if needs to be at least 1.5m tall. Alternatively, you can clamp the device to the railing.

All matches will be live-streamed by Volleyball England to their YouTube channel, therefore minimal noise and disruption is essential to ensure the live-stream footage is not compromised.

Catering

Teams are required to provide their own food. There will be a pizza catering van that will be set up in the car park throughout the weekend where food can be purchased. Food from this van can be eaten inside the venue.

Flags and Banners

No Flags or Banners are to be hoisted or hung within the arena without the permission of Volleyball England. If you intend to bring Flags and Banners, please contact competitions@volleyballengland.org in advance of the weekend.







Pre event meeting

All 1st and 2nd referees appointed to the Super League Opening Weekend are required to attend a pre-event meeting on Friday 13th October 19:30-21:30 at the Holiday Inn Express, Rockingham Road, Kettering, NN14 1QF.

Accommodation

All match officials have been provided with accommodation on Friday and Saturday night at the Holiday Inn Express, Rockingham Road, Kettering, NN14 1QF. The accommodation includes breakfast both mornings.

Match Appointments

Your match appointments will be visible on your <u>VolleyZone account</u> or the appointments for the whole weekend can be <u>viewed here</u>. Please note this is subject to change.

Arrival at the Venue

On arrival at the venue Referees, Observers and NTO's are asked to report to the welcome desk which will be located inside the main entrance. Here you will be directed to changing and will be issued you with your individual accreditation.

Accreditation

An accreditation will be issued to each official / volunteer permitting access to the arena for the weekend. This must always be worn. Please note that your accreditation permits you to sit in the floor seats at either end of the court (see orange zone in Appendix 1).

Changing Facilities

Changing facilities will be in the Balance Gym area.

Kit

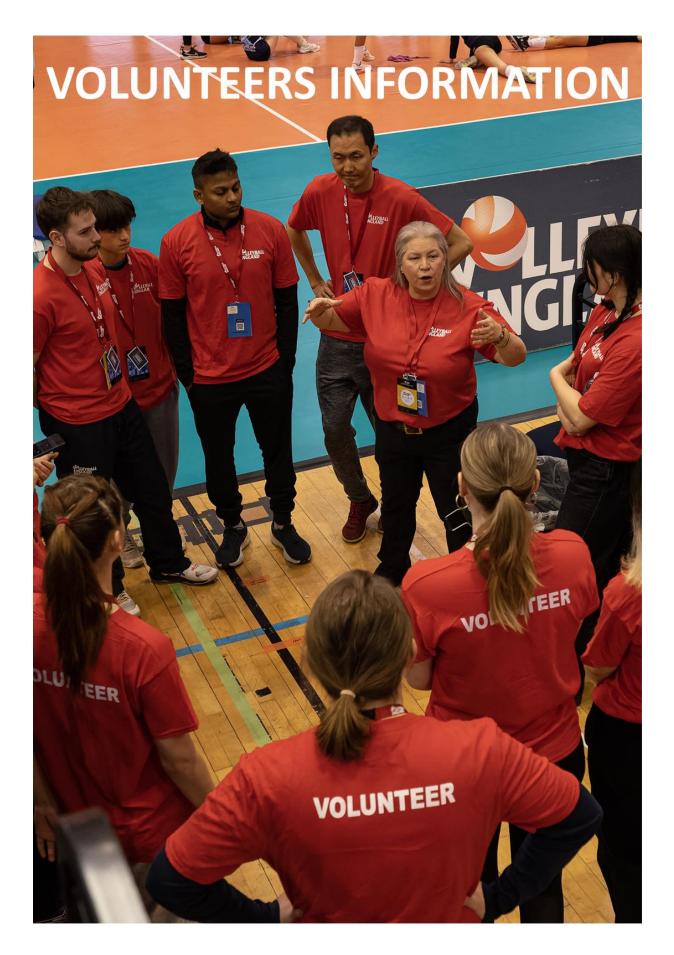
Referees should wear the latest VE Refereeing attire.

Catering

Referees, Observers and NTO's will be provided with a lunch voucher for the days they are due to officiate. The voucher will be a token provided with your accreditation. This can be exchanged at reception for a packed lunch between 12:30-15:30.

Any additional food will need to be paid for. There will also be food available to purchase on the day from an external pizza catering van. This can be eaten inside the venue.







Staff & Volunteer Roles and Responsibilities

Information on all Staff and Volunteer Roles for the weekend can be found here.

Arrival on Saturday and Sunday

Please arrive for 08:30, if possible. On arrival, please use the venue entrance and go to the welcome desk where you will receive your accreditation. Please then follow the signs to the events office in the Clubroom. From here you will be given your t-shirt (if required) and directed to your team leader. Please bring suitable footwear (non-marking soles) and clothing (dark tracksuit / shorts). On Saturday and Sunday the predicted match finish time is 21:00.

Event Office

If you have any enquiries on the day, please visit the events office in the Clubroom on the first floor.

Accreditation Passes

An accreditation will be issued to each volunteer to permitting access to the arena for the days they are assigned. This must always be worn. Please note that your accreditation permits you to sit in the floor seats at either end of the court (see orange zone in Appendix 1).

Catering

- Breakfast For volunteers staying at the Holiday Inn Express breakfast is provided at the hotel.
- Lunch On arrival at the National Volleyball Centre you will receive a food voucher for lunch along with your accreditation. The voucher will be a token can be exchanged at reception for a packed lunch between 12:30-15:30.
- Dinner Pizza will be provided in the evening for volunteers and staff.

Any additional food will need to be paid for. We also have a food van located outside; food purchased from here can be consumed in the venue.

Clothing

Please ensure you wear comfortable clothing, such as dark coloured tracksuit bottoms / shorts and trainers (non-marking soles) - **NO JEANS.** On arrival at the events office, volunteers will be provided with a t-shirt each day volunteering to wear for the event (subject to size availability). On set-up days, please wear clothes you are happy to get dirty. Please wear suitable shoes, as being on your feet and moving around the venue, could well be required in your role.

Questions?

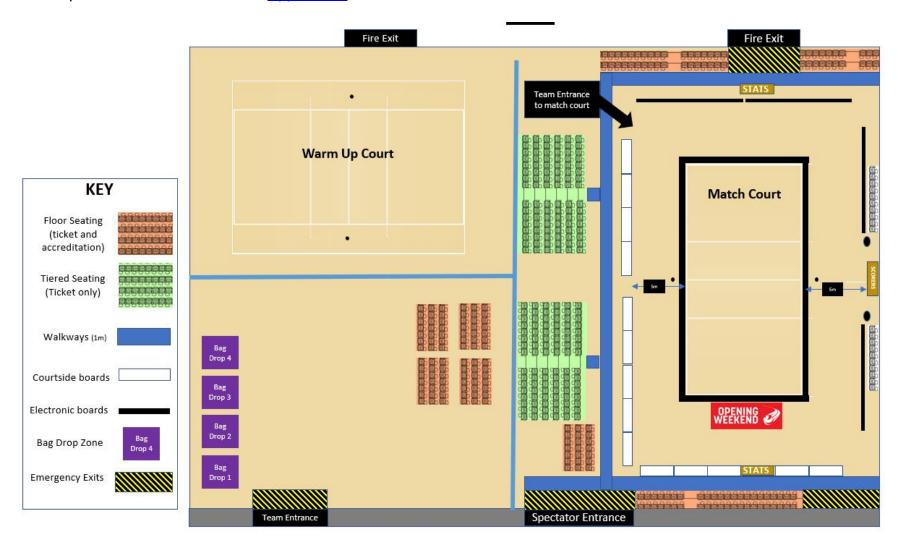
If you have any queries before arrival on the day, please contact Competitions at competitions@volleyballengland.org or on 01509 974700.



APPENDIX 1 – Super League Opening Weekend 2023 Court Layout

The Super league Opening Weekend 2023 will be played on one court.

The below image is the layout that will be used for the event. The schedule for matches <u>can be found here</u>. The full match protocol for can be found in <u>Appendix 2</u>.





APPENDIX 2 – Match Protocol

The Super league Opening Weekend will be played on one court. There will be two Pre-match protocols in use throughout the weekend. The first match on each day will adopt Protocol 1, all subsequent matches will adopt Protocol 2.

Protocol 1 – 1st match of the day (Full 30 mins)

Time	Description	Referees' Action	Team's Action	Announcers
120-60 mins before the 1st Service	Media obligations		Whole team to conduct to attend to the Squash Court in kit for media obligations in accordance with plan	
30 mins before the 1 st Service			Both teams have access to the match court. (This is the minimum time that will be allowed). Teams will have their ends already assigned to them. First named team on the A Court side, second named team on the B Court side.	Introduce the match and teams.
18 Mins before the 1 st Service	Official Photographs	Referees call teams to agreed position	Teams line up at the net (team A first, followed by team B)	
16 Mins before the 1 st Service		First and second referees check the height and tension of the net as well as position of antennae and side markings.	Teams are at their respective benches.	
15 Mins before the 1 st Service	Toss to choose service and court	The two referees report to the area in front of the scorer's table. The coin toss follows after which the first referee ensures that the scorer is informed of the result of the toss.	Both team captains report to the area in front of the scorer's table. After the toss team captains and head coach sign the score sheet. Then the team officials go to their respective bench. The coach brings in any other equipment, which he/she places behind the bench of the team.	
14 Mins before the 1 st Service	Official warm-up at the net	The first referee blows his whistle to announce the start of the official warm-up at the net of both teams. During the official warm-up, referees check the game balls, substitution cards (paddles) and all the necessary	Both teams A and B start to warm- up at the net. Unless request made for separate warmups.	Please welcome teams back onto court for the start of the official warm up at the net



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		equipment for the game (score sheet,		
		buzzer, uniforms etc).		
		Referees give any necessary		
		instruction to scorers, line judges, ball retrievers, floor moppers etc. They		
		must also inspect the reserve		
		equipment.		
12 mins	Line-up sheets	The second referee must ensure that	Both coaches submit 3 copies of	Announcer to collect copy on line-
before the	Line-up silects	the coach of each team submits 3	the line-up sheets of the starting 6.	ups
1 st Service		copies of the line-up sheet of the	and the up one of the ottaining of	apo
		starting 6. The scorer proceeds to		
		record the numbers of the six starting		
		players of each team on the score		
		sheet.		
4 Mins	End of the official	The first referee whistles to announce	Players return to their own	
before the	warm-up	the end of the official warm-up of the	benches at the end of the warm-	
1 st Service		teams.	up.	
		Then the referees request permission		
		from the Technical Delegate (if		
		present) at the Jury (scorer's) table to		
		start the match.		
3 Mins	Announcement of	The referees remain at the Scorers	At the referees' whistle, the 12 (14)	Play fanfare when all referees and
before the	the match	table. The 1st Referee whistles the 12	players of each team line up on	teams are standing on the end line.
1 st Service		(14) players of each Team to walk to	the end line, Captain, 1st Libero	_
		the end line.	rest of team in numerical order	
			facing the net.	
		After the announcement of the match,		
		the referee whistles and allows the		
		players to walk forwards and applaud		
		their opposition, before returning to		
		their bench in preparation of the		
		starting players announcement.		
	Presentation of	Both referees, accompanied by		Fanfare
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		to the referee's stand and the second		
		referee stands in the area in front of		
		the scorer's table.		
	Presentation of referees	referee stands in the area in front of		Fanfare Announce the 1 st Referee. Announce the 2 nd Referee.



	Presentation of the starting players, 1 st libero and coach.		The coach, assistant coach, the six starting players (and the Libero) of the first set are at their bench for individual presentation.	After a second fanfare, each starting player and the starting libero and coach of the serving team are announced on court. Following this the receiving team is announced in the same way.
			Each starting player and the Libero of the serving team enters the court, waving his/her hands at the announcement of his/her name. The coach and assistant coach stand up, raising their hands when their respective names are announced.	
			Afterwards, the receiving teams will be treated likewise.	
		The second referee distributes four (or two) match balls to the ball retrievers and checks the players' starting position. He/she asks the scorer if he/she has also finished checking and is ready to start.		
0 mins to start	Match Start	The second referee will then give the ball to the server.		"Let's Play Volleyball".



Protocol 2 – Matches 2-5 (20 mins) Warm-up court into match court

		(20 mins) warm-up court into ma		
Time	Description	Referees' Action	Team's Action	Announcers
120-60 mins	Media		Whole team to conduct to	
before the 1st	obligations		attend to the Squash Court	
Service			in kit for media obligations	
			in accordance with plan.	
Minimum 30			Both teams have access to	
Mins before the			the Warm-Up court.	
1st service			Teams will be provided	
			with balls.	
20 Mins			Both teams have access to	General announcement to
before the 1st			the match court. Teams	introduce the match and teams.
Service			will have their ends	
			already assigned to them.	
			First named team on the A	
			Court side, second named	
			team on the B Court side.	
18 Mins	Official	Referees call teams to agreed position	Teams line up at the net	
before the 1st	Photographs		(team A first, followed by	
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			,	
16 Min before		First and second referees check the height	Teams are at their	
the 1st Service		and tension of the net as well as position of	respective benches.	
		antennae and side markings.	'	
15 Min before	Toss to	The two referees report to the area in front of	Both team captains report	
the 1st Service	choose service	the scorer's table.	to the area in front of the	
	and court		scorer's table.	
		The coin toss follows after which the first	After the toss, team	
		referee ensures that the scorer is informed of	captains and head coach	
		the result of the toss.	sign the score sheet	
14 Min before	Official warm-	The first referee blows his whistle to	Both teams A and B start	Please welcome teams back onto
the 1st Service	up at the net	announce the start of the official warm-up at	to warm-up at the net.	court for the start of the official
	-	the net of both teams.	Unless request made for	warm up at the net
			separate warmups.	·
		During the official warm-up, referees check	·	
		the game balls, substitution cards (paddles)		
		and all the necessary equipment for the		
		game (score sheet, buzzer, uniforms etc).		
		Referees give any necessary instruction to		
		scorers, line judges, ball retrievers, floor		
		moppers etc. They must also inspect the		
		reserve equipment.		
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12 mins before the 1 st Service	Line-up sheets	The second referee must ensure that the coach of each team submits 3 copies of the line-up sheet of the starting 6. The scorer proceeds to record the numbers of the six starting players of each team on the score sheet.	Both coaches submit 3 copies of the line-up sheets of the starting 6.	Announcer to collect copy on line- ups
4 Mins before the 1 st Service	End of the official warm- up	The first referee whistles to announce the end of the official warm-up of the teams. Then the referees request permission from	Players return to their own benches at the end of the warm-up.	
		the Technical Delegate (if present) at the Jury (scorer's) table to start the match.		
3 Mins before the 1 st Service	Announcement of the match Presentation of referees	The referees remain at the Scorer's table. The 1st Referee whistles the 12 (14) players of each Team to walk to the end line.	At the referees' whistle, the 12 (14) players of each team line up on the end line, Captain, 1st Libero rest of team in numerical order facing the net.	Play fanfare when all referees and teams are standing on the end line.
		After the announcement of the match, the referee whistles and allows the players to walk forwards and applaud their opposition, before returning to their bench in preparation of the starting players announcement.		
	Presentation of referees	Both referees, accompanied by fanfare, march to the middle of the court, close to the net, facing the main crowd and, after being introduced by the announcer, the first referee goes to the referee's stand and the second referee stands in the area in front of the scorer's table.		Fanfare Announce the 1 st Referee. Announce the 2 nd Referee.
	Presentation of the starting players, 1 st libero and coach.		The coach, assistant coach, the six starting players (and the Libero) of the first set are at their bench for individual presentation.	After a second fanfare, each starting player and the starting libero and coach of the serving team are announced on court. Following this the receiving team is announced in the same way.



		The second referee distributes four (or two) match balls to the ball retrievers and checks the players' starting position. He/she asks the scorer if he/she has also finished checking and is ready to start.	Each starting player and the Libero of the serving team enters the court, waving his/her hands at the announcement of his/her name. The coach and assistant coach stand up, raising their hands when their respective names are announced. Afterwards, the receiving teams will be treated likewise.	
0 mins to start	Match Start	The second referee will then give the ball to the server.		"Let's Play Volleyball".

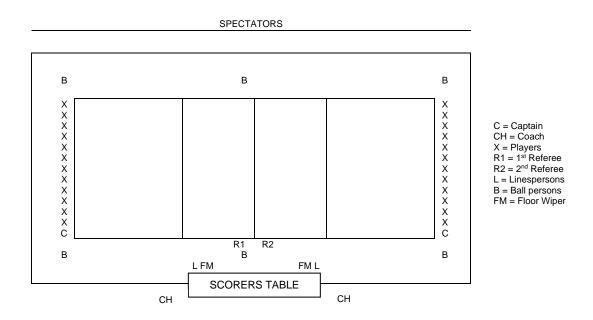
Points to note:

- 1. All teams will be given a minimum of 30 minutes access to a court before the start of each game.
- 2. Games with specified start times will not start before the published time.
- 3. Immediately following the completion of the previous game the match referees and the team managers for the game to follow will meet at the warm up court to confirm the match start time.



APPENDIX 3 – Pre-Match Protocol

During the announcement of the match, the referees and each team's coach and captain will be called to the positions shown below and introduced to the crowd.



During the warm-up all players will be introduced. When the referees signal the end of the warm-up, 4 minutes before the start of the match, the players will return to their benches.

3 minutes before the start of the match, at the referee's whistle, the 12 (14) players of each team line up on the end line, Captain, 1st Libero rest of team in numerical order facing the net.

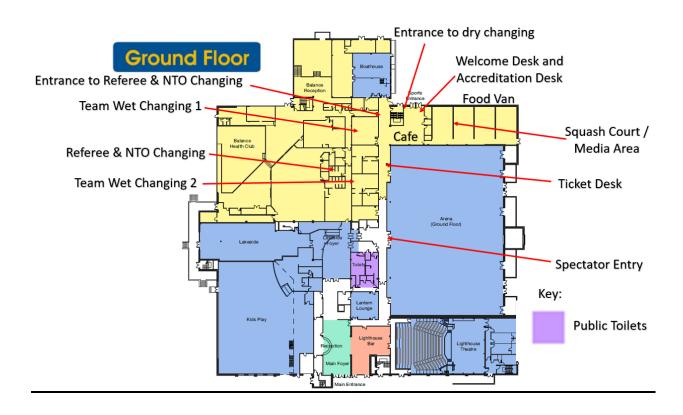
After the announcement of the match, on the referee's whistle, the players walk forwards and applaud their opposition, before returning to their bench in preparation of the starting players announcement.

The introduction of the 1st and 2nd Referee takes place.

The substitute players will move to the warm-up area. Each starting player and the Libero of the serving team enters the court, waving his/her hands at the announcement of his/her name. The coach stands up, raising their hands when their respective names are announced. Afterwards, the receiving teams will be treated likewise.



APPENDIX 4 – Venue Layout





APPENDIX 5 – Anti-Doping Information



Extensive information and guidance on Anti-doping can be found <u>here</u>. Athletes, coaches, and team support personnel are encouraged to review this information ahead of the weekend.

Regardless of the level they play at, all athletes have the right to compete knowing that they and their competition have not taken any banned athletic performance-enhancing drugs or substances. The Prohibited List can be found here.

All athletes need to be aware of the principle of **strict liability**. This means that all athletes are solely responsible for any banned substance they use, attempt to use, or that is found in their system, regardless of how it got there and whether or not they had an intention to cheat.

By registering to take part in a Volleyball England Competition, you have agreed to abide by the Volleyball England Anti-Doping Policy.

By playing in a match, you or your parents / guardian's consent to being tested if required to do so by a UKAD Doping Control Officer (DCO). Evading, refusing, or failing to submit to sample collection will likely equal a ban of up to four years. A full list of Anti-Doping Violations can be found here.

You will be given notification of selection to provide a sample in person by an anti-doping chaperone via the Match Referee. Information on the UKAD testing process can be found here and you can watch a video (on YouTube) about the process <a href="here. You can also find here additional information on the testing process for minors and athletes with an impairment. All athletes required to submit a sample will be required to identify themselves via a Government National Identity Document (Passport or Driving Licence).

Athlete health is important. If you are prescribed a medication or method that is banned and there are no permitted alternatives, you may need to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). You can check the UKAD TUE Wizard here, to see if you need to apply for a TUE in advance, or retrospective to testing.

If you require any more information, please contact competitions@volleyballengland.org.

