

Circulation – Inter Regional Championship

Afternoon all,

I am writing to confirm further details ahead of the Inter Regional Championships event at Loughborough University from the 23rd May – 25th May 2026. I have attached the Information Pack with key event information.

Event Information

- **Location** - The event is split across 3 different venues across Loughborough, more information on this is below.
- **Parking** - Car Parking is available across the campus, see the [Loughborough Navigation Guidance](#) for more details. Campus Parking Charge information is available [here](#)
- **Changing facilities** - Are available on site.
- **Warm Up Balls**- 15 Balls will be provided per court. Please do not bring your own ball.
- **Spectators** - Chairs will be positioned for spectators on each court
- **Refreshments** – A wide range of food is available at the Student’s Union, including a Co-op and a Subway.
- **Safeguarding Lead** – Tracy Newton will be the event Safeguarding Lead. She will be contactable via 01509 974708 or safeguarding@volleyballengland.org.
- **First Aid** – Volleyball England will be providing a medical professional for the weekend. Please can each team provide their own First Aid Kit on the day; the venue will have a stocked First Aid kit and ice packs.
- **Event Leads** – Richard Williams and Kiera Delahay - Both can be contacted via competitions@volleyballengland.org.

Players

- **Parental Consent Forms** - Each team is responsible for attaining parental consent for the day with emergency contact information. Teams are not required to hand in any forms during registration.
- **Team Sheets** – each team needs to submit their completed Team Sheet on VolleyZone by Wednesday 13th of May. Any later changes ahead of the event will have to be communicated directly with the Event Staff.

Team requirements

To ensure the event experience is optimized for players, coaches and spectators we will require each team to provide 4 people to cover the following positions when each team is scheduled to officiate:

We have a full quota of referees for the venue however teams may be asked to provide a 2nd referee if there is a call for one within the pool stages.

2 x Line Judges – Each team will need to provide two-line judges for each game they are down to officiate.

1 x Scorer and 1 x Live-Stream Scorer – Full training will be provided for the live streaming scorer at the start of each game.

Location Details

On Saturday 23rd of May, the Girls' competition will be held across 3 venues across Loughborough

- U15 Girls will be held at the Netball and Badminton Centre, Towers Way, Loughborough LE11 3TS
- U17 Girls **Pool A** will take place at Parkin Sports Centre, Loughborough Schools Foundation Burton Walks, Loughborough, LE11 2DU
- U17 Girls **Pool B** will take place at New Victory Hall, Loughborough University, Holywell Fitness Centre, Loughborough, LE11 3TU

For the morning of Sunday 24th of May, the Girls competition will resume in 2 venues:

- The U17 Girls will be held at Sir David Wallace Sports Hall, Towers Way, Loughborough LE11 3TU
- The U15 competition will remain at the Netball and Badminton Centre.

From Sunday Afternoon to Monday, the Boy's Competition will be held in these 2 venues:

- U17 Boys in Sir David Wallace Sports Hall
- U15 Boys in the Netball and Badminton Centre

No team will be required to move locations throughout the day. Please note the closest visitor Car Parks to each venue:

- Netball Centre & Sir David Wallace, Car Park 9
- New Victory Hall, Holywell Fitness Centre Car Park
- Parkin Sports Centre, there is a Car Park outside the Sports hall that is free to use

The New Victory Hall site is further away from refreshment facilities, please plan accordingly if you are based in this sports hall on Saturday.

1. The Teams

- a. Team sheets must be completed before the start of the IRC and presented upon registration. Teams can list up to a maximum of 14 players, including up to 2 Liberos. A new team list may be created for every match played.

U15 Girls Pools for the IRC 2026	
Pool A	Pool B
London East North West East Midlands Wales	South East South West West Midlands Yorkshire North East

U17 Girls Pools for the IRC 2026	
Pool A	Pool B
London South West East North West East Midlands	South East Yorkshire West Midlands Wales North East

U15 Boys Pools for the IRC 2026	
Pool A	Pool B
North West East London A West Midlands Wales	South East South West Yorkshire London B East Midlands

U17 Boys Pools for the IRC 2026	
Pool A	Pool B
London South West South East East Midlands North East	Yorkshire East North West West Midlands Wales

Schedule

As with previous seasons the rough timings and format will remain as follows:

- Girls' competitions 23rd May 10:00 – 20:30 to 24th May 08:30 – 13:00
 - 9.45 - Coach and Team Manager Briefing in each venue

- 10.00 – Briefing in each venue for competing teams.
- 10.15 – Courts available to start warm up at 10.20.
- 10.30 – First Serve
- 8:50- (SUNDAY) Official Warm Up for first games
- 9:00 - First serve
- Boys' competitions 24th May 14:00 – 20:00 to 25th May 08:30 – 18:00
 - 12:30 – Coach and Team Manager Briefing in Studio 2 (Sir David Wallace)
 - 13.30 -Group briefing in each venue before competition*
 - 13.45 - Courts available to start warm up at 13.50*
 - 14.00 – First Serve
 - 8:50- (Monday) Official Warm Up for first games
 - 9:00 - First serve

*Subject to the conclusion of the Girls Competition/Presentation

The exception to these timings will be **Pool A** of the U17 Girls that will start on the following timings:

09:30	Coach and Team Briefing
09:45	Court Available for Warm Up (9:50 official warm up)
10:00	First Serve

2. *Playing Orders*

Each match has been allocated a 60-minute slot in the schedule. This includes warm-ups and match play.

1. The Regions will be split into 2 pools
 - a. Pool A
 - b. Pool B
2. All teams in the Pool shall play each other in a round robin format.
3. All matches shall be played to the best of three sets (21,21,15).
4. All pool games will be capped at 23, 23, 17.
5. Each region will be allocated one timeout per set
6. All ranking games, semi-finals and finals will be played best of 3 sets to 2 clear points.
7. In all pool matches, match points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. Win 2 points.
 - b. Lose 0 points.
 - c. Draw (Where appropriate) 1 point.
8. On the completion of the pools, crossover semi-finals will take place: 1st Pool A v 2nd Pool B. 1st Pool B v 2nd Pool A. The winners will progress to the IRC Final.
9. Losers of the semi-final will play in the Bronze Medal match
10. The other placing matches will be as follows:
 - a. 5th and 6th Play off - 3rd in pools
 - b. 7th and 8th Play off – 4th in pools
 - c. 9th and 10th Play off – 5th in pools

The order of play can be found below

[U15 Girls](#)

[U17 Girls](#)

[U15 Boys](#)

[U17 Boys](#)

3. Net Heights

	Girls	Boys
U15	2.24 metres	2.35 metres
U17	2.24 metres	2.43 metres

4. Warm Up Time Allocation

1. Teams playing their 1st game in the morning will be allowed a 10-minute warm up consisting of ball handling, over the net and serve.
2. All the other pool games and positional games will be allowed a 5-minute warm up of ball handling.
3. All games Sunday morning will receive a 10 minute warm up.
4. Semi Finals and Finals will be given a 10-minute warm up consisting of ball handling, over the net and serve.

5. Match Points

1. All games will be best of 3 sets, 21,21,15.
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6. Late arrival of teams

1. If a team is likely to be late, they must notify the Event Lead or Event Staff at the earliest possible opportunity.
2. Where possible the Event Lead will adapt the order of play to compensate for late arrivals.
3. Matches will immediately follow on from each other. If there is a walk over (due to a region not entering a team), the court will be unavailable for access for 30 minutes after which time the next two teams can use it for warm-up and the next match will begin at the time agreed by the Competition Organiser and the 1st Referee for the next match.
4. Teams arriving less than 20 minutes late for their first pool match will forfeit the right to time outs in the first set.
5. Teams arriving more than 20 minutes late for their first pool match will forfeit the first set to nil. If the team is not ready within a further 20 minutes, then they will forfeit the match to nil.

7. Event Regulations

- Please familiarise yourself with the [Junior Competitions Regulations](#)

8. Live Streaming and Photography

We are planning to Live stream all courts. An official photographer will be present at the venue throughout the entire competition.

If you have any questions, please contact competitions@volleyballengland.org

We hope you are looking forward to the competition!

Take That Photo Schedule (NBC)		
Saturday	U15 Girls (NBC)	U17 Girls
9.45	London	
10.00	Briefing	
10.15		
10.30	East Midlands	
10.45		
11.00	South East	
11.15		
11.30	West Midlands	
11.45	South West	
12.00	North West	
12.15		
12.30	Wales	
12.45		
13.00		
13.15		
13.30	Yorkshire	
13.45		
14.00	East	
14.15		
14.30	North East	
14.45		
Sunday	Subject to Pool Placing (SDW)	
9.45		West Midlands
10.00		East
10.15		London
10.30		South West
10.45		Yorkshire
11.00		East Midlands
11.30		North West
11.45		Wales
12.00		South East
12.15		North East

Take That Photo Schedule		
Sunday	U15 Boys	U17 Boys
12.30	East	
12.45	Wales	
13.00		South West
13.15		North East
13.30	Briefing	
13.45		London
14.00	North West	
14.15	West Midlands	
14.30		East Midlands
14.45		
15.00	London A	
15.15	Yorkshire	
15.30		South East
15.45		
16.00	South East	
16.15	East Midlands	
16.30		Wales
16.45		
17.00	South West	
17.15	London B	
17.30		West Midlands
17.45		East
18.00		Yorkshire
18.15		
18.30		
18.45		
19.00		North West