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We'd prefer to cancel the cup/shield in order to start the season later	Yes we would support an extension to complete the season	The economic element of triangulars make our participation much more possible, please keep this element in div 3.
With all student teams being heavily hit budget wise we would always want to play 2 games a weekend when away (Sat / Sun)	We would be open to a season extension for sure and obviously we are hoping NVL aligns with BUCS as if not this could cause huge problems for student teams? If BUCS and University lectures do not start till Jan then there is a good chance that the players will not arrive till DEC earliest?	I think home teams must be prepared to try and change their "playing day" to Sat or Sunday but a fixtures meeting would help us sort all this out.
Implications point at venue hire for training and matches - we have a superb relationship with our venue (which is an independent school) and have abided by their speed in cancellation of hall hire for training/fixtures. So, will be governed, in one sense, by their timeline in opening out their facilities to the public domain. That impacts on hall hire for preparation training and match hire. I do not want to - for example - have fixtures set and find we cannot get into the school (to train or play) due to the school's stance on their readiness or willingness, to open it up to the public.	Our consensus is for the season to start later (whenever is sanctioned as suitable from government) and 'suffer' the consequences of a later end - heading into 'outdoor'	We for one, are majorly in favour of 'Triangular' fixtures where possible. For us...it reduces hall hire, allows us to recruit referees easier, as well as reduces travel time and expense
Inter Regionals needs to move way earlier in the season as it is about 6 weeks after most kids stop their seasons at Easter break, early May bank hols at the very latest. The problem is trying to gather/prep kids during and after Easter break.		
Enable Top 8 junior events to finish same day -- culminating in final and play off for 3rd after cross over (again if no Cup and Shield no national final day)		
	happy if Season has to be extended by a month	
streamline the season split into North/South leagues to reduce fixture count, risk of travelling etc – this would also allow for a delayed start to the season e.g. start in November - March	No season extension as we don't want to cause a knock on to the beach season	No fixture meeting for SL
If the start date is pushed back 2 months so November (which I really hope not) then the season should be shortened with less games	I would suggest that if the start date has to be pushed back by 1 month then the end date should also be pushed back	
	should do everything to have a full season, starting in September, or extending season due to October start to allow the mainstay of VE competition, and income, to play out to a full	Not sure I understand the benefits or rationale for fixture meetings? What have I missed??
Age group competitions are a must - we are already worried about losing large numbers of young players due to this virus	We are fine with the season being extended if required - full season is priority	We agree and prefer a fixtures meeting
Look to start the NVL in January 2021 with more smaller leagues		
Run a number of test tournaments and matches in the autumn to make sure what we are doing are safe.		
	we are in support of an extended season.	we are in support of a fixture meeting.

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<p>The other thing I mentioned was that if we really wanted some competition to watch at the end - host an online event where teams that want to enter can I put their stories and such like they did for UKBT Virtual tournament, and teams can vote for the next team to progress until the end. It gives all teams a chance to advertise and big up their clubs to all of the country. Eventually it'll be down to a final 8 teams that can play off in the 4 finals (an adjusted shield and cup as it were by voting instead of playing off against other teams.)</p>	<p>Second decision is extend the season as it really shouldn't affect too many teams I'd hope.</p>	
	<p>Potentially yes. We could still fit in our beach sessions around indoor matches if necessary</p>	<p>Yes in principle. Would rather these weren't necessary though</p>
<p>We appreciate this is just about the NVL, but as I have already said, we are keen for Junior comps of some kind to go ahead as well. We aren't just an NVL Club as you know.</p>	<p>I think a lot of our juniors like to get involved with the beach so it would depend if there are likely to be clashes or whether the beach would be moved back as well</p>	<p>We see the value in a fixtures meeting</p>
<p>this is just a quick idea that came to mind: could the number of matches be reduced by introducing a Super League structure with Round 1 (facing each team once - 9 matches) and Round 2 (league divided into top and bottom half - 4 more matches; total of 13 instead of 18 matches)?</p>	<p>we have a very active beach community, and would not support a significant extension; however, a couple of weeks would be fine to finish the season properly</p>	<p>we do not normally play triangulars and would support a fixtures meeting</p>
<p>What we do believe is that whenever a decision is made then there should be a minimum of 10 weeks before any formal season starts following the approved start date for sports hall opening or indoor team sports being permitted. This may well decide the appropriate option to take</p>		
	<p>Our opinion like I think most other teams will be to play a full season if and when possible and would accept the extension of the season</p>	<p>In terms of a 'fixture meeting' do you mean a scheduled meeting to discuss and put into play a formulated fixture list of each team and league? If so then yes. As stated in the document a fixture meeting sounds pretty imperative to have a successful and smooth fixture list for the campaign.</p>
<p>Rather than try to eliminate triangulars, surely a preferable option would be to mandate them across all divisions. This would instantly reduce the number of weekends needed to complete a season, and would enable, in effect, a full season of volleyball to be played in half the time, allowing the start of the season to be pushed back to such a point where we are all confident of being able to play in our venues safely</p>	<p>Extending the season seems a sensible enough option, although in the suggested model above, this may not be necessary. For the majority of lower division clubs, the beach season isn't really an issue and the outdoor season is a fun summer diversion. We'd rather have a fully competitive indoor season and forgo some of those fun opportunities in order to get a full season played.</p>	<p>As a club, we value triangulars as it makes NVL volleyball far more accessible to people from a wide range of backgrounds. It provides a sensible entry level model for those coming in at division 3 to minimise the pressure on the numbers of weekends needed. We would oppose any move which made triangulars not possible</p>
<p>some of our team members have stated that they'd feel more comfortable if game change rule would be more relaxed in case of last minute Covid related issues. Same for the player registrations. If the situation hasn't improved by 2021, if teams were allowed to register players beyond the deadline.</p>		

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start to season later and finish even later ie Nov-June. However I know this would impact even more on outdoor competition.	we would be more than happy for the season to be extended	I fully support the idea of a fixtures meeting. I think the organisation of NVL fixtures is a long and challenging process when done over email. Regardless of when the season starts I believe that having a fixtures meeting would be the way forward when organising NVL fixtures in order to save A LOT of time. However prior to this fixtures meeting dates for events such as junior competitions and national squad training would have finalised in order to avoid clashes with fixtures
1) To reduce travel, could divisions be grouped for the first half of the league and then the top half of the groups play for title and bottom half play to avoid relegation? Like a reverse format to Super League but with a more localised to start.	Majority of members are in support, if the season was needed to be extended. But this option can impact clubs running summer events. This could lead them in financial difficulties. Volleyball England should very carefully assess this option as it could be overall detrimental for volleyball in England	Majority of members support Fixture meetings as it would allow clubs to have a bigger say in who and when they play which could be influential on their members participation and availability for the NVL. But, support of Volleyball England in this process is essential, to ensure fairness
2) If the cup were to run this season, could it be organised into triangular in the early stages before making it to the later stages? More regionalised fixtures would limit travel in the early stages as well.		
3) Divisional Tournaments – Over the period of a weekend, could divisions compete in a tournament and play multiple fixtures at a neutral venue (Universities, Kettering or Sports Centres with lots of volleyball courts available) therefore getting more matches completed in one go? Teams could contribute a set amount towards the costs?		
	extending the season. We're definitely against this idea and I glean from the document that the working group are not that keen on it either. It would just impinge too much on the outdoor season. Also we have a number of juniors playing NVL and the longer the season goes on the more it would encroach into the exam period. We would also run into problems getting sports halls as they're often used for exams. I'm assuming that the teams based mainly around universities will be dead against the idea too.	fixtures meeting. We're generally in favour of having a fixtures meeting but as we have teams across the NVL we also value the cost and time saving benefits associated with triangulars. I presume it's already been considered but is it not possible to hold a fixtures meeting for the divisions that don't use triangulars and deal with them separately? As the "triangular" divisions use fewer weekends they could always start later than the rest and therefore we have more time to arrange their fixtures using the normal process?
	Extending the season could be problematic for student members as this overlaps with exams periods.	In principle a fixture meeting seems like a good idea but it's unclear to me if this would allow us to organise co-located home fixtures for our men's and women's teams (one of our usual preferences).
	Yes extending the season to enable a full NVL season	Support the idea of a fixtures meeting; the challenge to find venues that offer long enough bookings plus additional cost. I am not a fan of triangulars
		I do support the idea of a fixtures meeting, in any event
VE should prioritise National Junior competitions. They have the least impact on the calendar	We do not agree with extending the season.	To help with fixtures VE should host club fixture secretaries "Zoom Meetings" for each league, after they have sent out fixtures and allowed clubs a week to look and plan for their home /away changes.
If a league is not possible to run, due to late starting, what about hosting 1day tournaments for the teams within each division. Hosted by the clubs.		

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<p>My experience is mostly focused on the super league, where there might be the possibility of having 1 rounds of games to determine seedings, and then 3 weekends of playoffs (Quarters, Semis and Finals). See if we can hire a central venue each weekend, split the costs between all the teams and each matchup plays a best of 2 series (with golden set if needed). If we could get 2 courts, can have men and women in the same venue, which would be a fun spectacle and means that we could have the whole league and playoffs done in 12 weeks for a 10 team league (9 league fixture weeks, 3 playoff weeks).</p>	<p>I am very much hoping that this is an indoor season next year. I do feel that it is important however that it doesn't extend beyond May, at the absolute latest</p>	
<p>We also suggest that clever use of 'Volleyball hubs' that have multiple courts, such as the National Centre for Volleyball, Kettering; Loughborough University [3 halls]; Nottingham University et cetera are used as venues and costs are shared between the three travelling teams.</p>		
<p>Division Two itself is further regionalised as split division into two sections for instance ourselves, Riga, Oxford, Milton Keynes and one other would participate in Division Two South (East), with everyone playing each other 3/4 times [including triangulars, with an equal share at home if possible].</p>		
<p>cup competition to continue and suggest that in these unprecedented times the Cup/Shield is organised in small triangular groups in the first and second rounds, and is regionalised as best as possible</p>		
	<p>Beach Volleyball has already had one season disrupted, with cancelation of the Grand Slam Events, and also a very shortened season for participation / recreation events, or no season at all if current guidelines are not relaxed.</p> <p>With this in mind we would ask Volleyball England, not to extend the Indoor Season past the current April / May window, as we will look to Start the Beach Season from End of April 2021, and run through to the end of September 2021, as in the past.</p>	
	<p>My preference is to run a full indoor season. If this means cancelling cup/shield and/or extending the season into May/June then this should be done</p>	
	<p>a season extension would be no issue</p>	<p>As we are both Div 2 the issue over triangulars doesn't affect us. However, we could really do with playing our men's and women's matches on the same day for cost and logistical reasons</p>

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<p>I appreciate the difficulties the competitions commission is facing especially having to consider different options contingent on the date when a restart becomes possible and I understand that your first concern is to get the national leagues back up and running. However the options under consideration in your consultation document hardly mention junior competitions which, as someone who runs a predominately junior club, I would be loathe to see lost in resolving the wider issues.</p> <p>While I accept that it may not be possible run all three age groups plus the annual inter regional tournament, I think it's important that some national junior competition is retained and, if free weekends are scarce, I would prioritise junior competitions over national cup and shield fixtures.</p> <p>Having said that, the existing junior competition structure is far from perfect and this may provide an opportunity for a more radical review. It might be argued that the inter regional championship would be the easiest to support as it is at the end of the season and doesn't take up weekends that might disrupt the NVL programme. However it is expensive to run and available to a very small number of players, restricting the reach of junior volleyball at a time when, were it not for the external restrictions, expanding the junior base should be the governing body's highest priority. I believe it's possible to run junior competitions more efficiently and target bringing in new schools and clubs while at the same time keeping costs and time demands to a minimum. The revisions suggested below could be right way to go irrespective of the current difficulties but I am concerned there may not be enough time to discuss, evaluate, amend and implement before the summer break.</p>		
<p>I would suggest that consideration is given to regular- say monthly- tournaments using the large multi court centres that are now available. With a format of playing all three sets lasting 2 hours. Three teams could play two games per day. With a second/third court another 3/6 teams could play. On day 2 teams could play others in the group. Other formats are available This format would create competition to promote cohesiveness amongst the various levels of the volleyball community, enable the officials to plan regular appointments and be flexible should there be any other temporary lockdowns. It would also allow the league structure to be reviewed and restart in 2021. At least VE would have a relevance for the teams next season</p>		
<p>Have you considered saying to teams that they can enter only one of the National Cup or the Shield. Once they're knocked out, they're out. This would save probably 3 weekends.</p>		

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<p>Has any consideration been given to fixture weekends at central locations? This could involve four or five teams each playing two matches on Saturday and Sunday. Using this format, a team could fulfil 16 fixtures in four weekends, one per month over the season. It would also allow a full program of fixtures to be completed starting in January, or even February, and finishing by the end of May.</p>		
<p>The only thing I would respectfully question is the splitting of the Womens Div 3 teams into 4 Divisions, whilst being experienced enough to know that - in an ideal world - Divisions of 9 or 12 are best for preparing triangular fixtures. I note the Men's Division 3 has three proposed Divisions of 9, 7 and 7.</p>		