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HUB Staff

Technical and Talent Coordinator  
**Gillian Harrison**

Responsible for coordinating all the Technical and Talent elements of the Volleyball England strategic plan, including all National Squads in beach volleyball sitting volleyball and volleyball and educational programmes for coaches, officials and technical volunteers.

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Academy Coach and Technical Lead  
**Bertrand Olie**

Responsible for technical development at Volleyball England, as well as taking up an active coaching role at an academy.

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Project Delivery Team Lead  
**Vicki Carr**

Vicki leads on the delivery and reporting of a wide range of projects and programs, competition and events, core market activities, technical and talent initiatives and projects, income generation, marketing, business support, monitoring and evaluation.

T: 01509 227729

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Project Delivery Team Officer  
**Eleanor Udall**

Eleanor tackles all the administration for the national teams as well as support the delivery of a wide range of projects and programs, including competition and event delivery, supporting the core market, income generation, marketing, business support, monitoring and evaluation.

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Please contact us at talent@volleyballengland.org
Congratulations on being invited to join the England Talent Pathway for the next year (1 November 2018 - December 2019). This handbook will provide you with all of the basic information and guidance you need, as well as set out the expectations which come with being an England volleyball player.

Our Talent Pathway provides opportunities for talent identification, confirmation and development and ultimately success for our England national teams. The pathway provides both training and competition opportunities. It also allows players to enter and leave the pathway, as is appropriate for their development.

As an England athlete you will be expected to attend all England camps you are invited to. You will also be expected to be available for selection for international competitions. Sometimes only the athletes selected for international competition will be invited to the camp. For example, in October only the athletes selected for NEVZA attend the preparation camp.

During the time you are on the talent pathway, we will be looking for you to improve and develop both on court and off court, in training and in competition.

If at any time you are deselected, this is not the end of your opportunity. We realise this will be disappointing for you at the time, however the door is never closed and you may be invited back at any time.

Testing & Assessment

While you are on the pathway, you will be regularly tested and assessed to gauge your technical, tactical and physical development. Feedback will be available throughout and formal reviews will be held with your coaches throughout the year, to assess your potential to remain on the pathway. Any athletes that leave the pathway will have a one to one discussion with a member of the coaching staff so they fully understand why and what they need to do next in their volleyball career. We hope that you will be on the pathway for the full year to have time to develop and progress.

Finance

All camps and competitions are self-funded. The cost includes food, accommodation, transport, competition entry fees and venue hire. If you have any issues with making payments, please get in touch with the HUB, to discuss options available.

Payment

There is an online registration process for each camp. Prices of each camp will be confirmed at the time of registration for the camp. Currently the cost is £60 but this is likely to increase in January to around £90.
Our Academies

Senior

- Bournemouth University
- University of East London
- University of Essex
- Northumbria University
- The University of Nottingham

Junior

- The Boswells School
- Ernest Bevin College
- Loughborough College
- Newcastle-under-Lyme College
- Sheffield Hallam University
- Tendring Technology College
National camps are usually held at the National Volleyball Centre (NVC) in Kettering. They will include practical sessions, theory sessions, one-to-ones, physical testing, medical screening and educational sessions.

You will make your own travel arrangements to camps. We ask you to arrive in good time. If you know you may have issues arriving on time, please let your team manager know as soon as possible. We can help you link up with other athletes who will be travelling from the same area so you can share lifts.

During the camp, you will be transported by taxi between the accommodation and the NVC. The team manager will be the first one to leave the venue/accommodation to meet the athletes at the destination. The coaches will supervise you leaving the venue/accommodation, checking you into the taxis. You must always remain in at least groups of 3. If you arrive before your team manager or other members of staff, you must wait patiently at the reception.

Please note, during national squad camps under 18’s are not permitted to travel in other players vehicles. Senior Squads make their own travel arrangements.

NVC Address:
Arena Sports Kettering
Thurston Drive
Kettering
Northants
NN15 6PB

Tel: 01536 414308

By Car:
Located near the A14 (junction 8) and A34, and 20 minutes off the M1, it is easy to find. If you are using a Satnav, the postcode is NN15 6PB

By Train:
The nearest station is Kettering station which is only a short 15 minute walk to the NVC.

By Bus:
The Newland Centre, Kettering is used by the National Express coaches and other bus routes are located around Kettering
Facilities

**Indoor Arena:** This is a 2000m² space made up of 4 courts, this is where the majority of training for the camps will take place.

**Beach Volleyball Courts:** Kettering has 3 beach courts with sand that came from the London 2012 Olympics! These are used during beach volleyball camps.

**Club Room:** This overlooks the indoor arena and provides a space for classroom-based learning, workshops, group work and team discussions as well as some down time in between camp training sessions. Athletes can also use this as a study space should they need to do exam revision or school work.

**Indicative costs**

From January 2019 the cost for each camp will be around £90. Sometimes we use other venues for camps so costs can differ. We will provide you will full information ahead of time. These are some of the costs from last year:

NEVZA U19 Holding Camp  £150
May Junior Women Beach Camp  £115
Loughborough one day camp  £35
Accommodation
All athletes are expected to stay at the team hotel with their pre-allocated roommate(s). It is your responsibility to look after your key during your stay, and to return it back to the team manager at the end of the stay.

You will usually be placed in a triple room, with 2 other athletes. Sleeping arrangements are a double bed and a pullout sofa bed, in order to reduce the costs. We recommend that you bring a sleeping bag, so you do not have to share bedding. Otherwise rooms might be a twin room with separate single beds sharing with one other athlete.

No family members are permitted to stay in the hotel with you for the duration of your stay. You are not allowed in each others rooms. At Kettering, boys and girls are accommodated on separate floors in the hotel. You should only be on your allocated floor. Please take notice of the fire procedures within the hotel and stick with the rest of your team once at the fire assembly points. It is also your responsibility to be up in enough time for breakfast and to leave the hotel on time.

Address
Holiday Inn Express Kettering, Weekley Wood Avenue, Kettering, NN14 1UD

Food
Meals at camps will be arranged by Volleyball England. Breakfast will be at the Holiday Inn with lunch and dinner at the NVC and will typically be a protein item, such as lasagna or chicken pasta with salad and vegetables. Yoghurt and fruit is also provided. Please remember to let us know any specific dietary requirements or allergies, when you register for the camp. You can bring your own snacks, but they must be items which will aid your performance and recovery.
Further camp information

Packing list for camp
- England Training kit for each day
- England Tracksuit
- Training shoes
- Supports/strappings (if required)
- Water bottle
- Casual clothes
- Underwear and night wear
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant etc.)
- Towel
- Notepad and pen, training diary
- Sleeping bag
- Suntan lotion, hats, sunglasses
  (for beach)

Medical
Emergency First Aid is provided by each venue. We aim to have physiotherapist or sports therapist available at camps. However this may not always be possible. Please note, it is your and your parents responsibility to communicate any physical issues you are dealing with when completing the camp registration and let us know any advice your own doctor/physiotherapist has given to you.

Should you need any physiotherapy or medical support outside of camps and competitions, please visit your local GP or NHS/ Private physiotherapist.
As part of the continued development of all our athletes, we enter a range of competitions, which vary from friendlies to European championships. If selected, this will provide you with the opportunity to compete on an international stage and importantly the chance to win on an international stage.

**Competition kit**

Competition playing kit is provided by Volleyball England or the competition organiser. Usually this must be returned at the end of the event, unless otherwise agreed beforehand.

**Travel to competitions**

You will need to make your own travel arrangements to competitions in England and to the departure airport for competitions abroad.

**Competition information pack**

Full details regarding the competition and travel will be sent out in an information pack before the competition.

**Indicative costs**

The costs cover flights, travel abroad, per diems (food and accommodation) and event entry.

Previous costs:
- CEV U18, U20, U22 beach: circa £500
- Crown Services (Cadets): £90
- Home Nations Beach (Junior): £150
- NEVZA under 17 (Denmark): £100
- NEVZA under 19 (Kettering): £100
- Cornacchia U19 World Cup (Italy): £400

**2018/19 Competitions**

The competition and camp calendar can be found on our website here

Cadet Competitions (TBC for 2019)
- September Sheffield Open
- October NEVZA Under 17 Volleyball
- July Crown Services
- July NEVZA U17 Beach

Junior Competitions (TBC for 2019)
- April 2019 Cornacchia World Cup (Italy)
- July NEVZA U19 Beach Volleyball
- August 2019 Home Nations Beach (Cardiff)
- CEV U18, U20, U22 Beach Volleyball
- European Championships 2019
- October NEVZA Under 19 Volleyball
**Volleyball England**

There is a lot of paperwork when you are an athlete!

We need your help to get any document we send you completed as soon as possible.

- **Passport**- picture pages scan. Please make sure it has 6 months validity

- **Signed Athlete Agreement and code of conduct** (see pages 23-24)

- Personal information including contact information and emergency contacts is kept up to date, you can let us know as part of the on line registration for camps

**Competitions**

For competitions, there may be additional forms that you will be required to complete, if selected. These will be sent to you prior to the relevant competition.

**Beach competition forms – selected beach athletes only**

These are mandatory for CEV and FIVB beach competitions. You will need to keep these up to date between January to December every year.

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This year we are introducing new England kit, designed by the athletes.

Athletes will need:

- 2 x red training tops
- 1 x tracksuit (top and bottom)
- Unbranded black shorts for competitions

How to order

You will be able to order the kit directly from the supplier, KitLocker, from their website.

We are finalising the arrangement with KitLocker and when this is done we will send you the password, so you can purchase what you need.

If you already have red training tops you will not need to purchase the new ones.
Athletes on the Volleyball England Talent Pathway have a responsibility towards anti-doping and clean-sport. It is easier than most people think to inadvertently test positive by taking a banned substance without realizing it.

A simple mistake such as taking medication containing banned substances can end up resulting in a 2-year ban due to the strict liability principle. Strict liability means that you are solely responsible for any banned substance you use, attempt to use, or is found in your body (intentional or not).

Anti-Doping education will be available to you throughout the pathway. This may take the form of education sessions timetabled into camps, 1 to 1’s with one of our qualified educators, access to online resources from FIVB & UKAD (see links below) and the chance to ask questions of one of our educators when you need to.

World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)
https://www.wada-ama.org/
+41 21 343 4340

FIVB PlayClean
http://playclean.fivb.com/

UKAD Athletes Zone
www.ukad.org.uk/education/athletes
ukad@ukad.org.uk
02078 423 450

VE Anti-Doping Educators
• Samantha Jamieson - Core Market Officer
• Bertrand Olie - Academy coach and Technical Lead
• Vicki Carr - Project Delivery Team Lead

Contact : talent@volleyballengland.org
T: 01509 2277 22
**Anti-Doping checks**

Check all medication against the prohibited list with GlobalDRO, especially when abroad. Make sure you keep a note of the checks on your phone.

**Supplements** - Please note that as an athlete you must know the risk with taking supplements. It is vital you consider this message if you are using, or contemplating using, nutritional supplements. No one can guarantee that supplements are free from prohibited substances, and you may accidentally commit an Anti-Doping Rule Violation by taking them. Assess the need, assess the risk, assess the consequences (ANARAC). You can use Informed Sport to reduce the risk as they batch test products.

Seek advice on whether you require a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).

All volleyball England coaches and team managers complete the UKAD Advisor Award. We strongly recommend parents to complete this to help you understand anti-doping. This is a one and a half hour free course here.

PlayClean online certification must be completed annually by beach players for competition, please use playclean.fivb.com and use your FIVB number to register/login.

If you would like education, advice and guidance on Anti-Doping please get in touch with Volleyball England, UKAD &/or WADA.
Volleyball England are developing a comprehensive education programme to support athletes on the pathway. Initially the programme will be in three parts.

**Part 1- Athlete Zone**
**Part 2- Educational sessions at camps.**
**Part 3- DiSE**

**Part 1**

The ‘Athlete Zone’ will be accessible to our pathway athletes via our website. The aim is to provide an area of support for our athletes and their development.

There will be 3 subject areas within the zone covering different topics.

**Enhance Performance**

- Mental wellbeing- This will include the importance of mental health, support during exams, pressures and expectations and preparation for competitions/camps.
- Physical wellbeing- Technical and Tactical drills, injury prevention and S&C.
- Nutrition and hydration- How best to fuel the body and keep hydrated at home, during training and at competitions.

**Manage Performance**

- Financial Support- Funding, sponsorship and scholarships.
- Dual career- Transition to other squads e.g. cadet to junior, additional learning, college/university, Volleyball England academies.
- Communication- Social media guidance and sponsors.
- Lifestyle- Priorities and goals.

**Our Values**

- Anti-doping- 100% me, Play Clean.
- H&S- Safeguarding, first aid, welfare.
- Volleyball England Values.
- Code of Conduct.

**Part 2**

We will look to bring in a range of expert guest speakers e.g. Sports Nutritionists, Anti-Doping Educators, strength and conditioning.

**Part 3**

Specifically for athletes that have enrolled on the Diploma in Sporting Excellence in Volleyball.

If you know of anyone that has a specific specialism in any of the above and would be willing to help or support in any way, please contact talent@volleyballengland.org
Social Media

Volleyball England uses the power of social media to promote what we do and the sport of volleyball. Athletes in the England Talent Pathway are encouraged to do the same!

Social media is a brilliant way of letting your family, friends, sponsors and supporters know about what you’re doing in your volleyball career, and keeping them up to date with your performances.

To ensure your social media stands out, it is a good idea to bring a personal touch and share your experiences, as well as express your personality. Posting pictures, short videos and text about competitions and training can give people a brilliant insight into the life of an athlete.

However, it’s important to remember social media can have a negative impact – if not used in the best way.

Anything you post is in the public domain and can be seen and shared by anyone. To ensure your social media remains fun and positive, follow our guidelines:

- Keep it professional – our athletes are the face of Volleyball England
- Check your privacy settings on all of your social media. Be sure you’re happy with the people/groups seeing pictures, videos or posts you publish or are tagged in
- Avoid talking negatively about competitors, teammates, other countries or organisations – this will not look good on you or Volleyball England
- Remember to use hashtags Volleyball England are using
- Tag organisations, such as Volleyball England, and people in relevant posts so they see them. For example, it is always a nice idea to thank any organisations who have sponsored you.
- Have fun, be creative and promote hard work and achievements!

facebook.com/volleyballengland
@VballEngland
@Volleyball England
youtube.com/user/Englandvolleyball
**How we can help**

**TASS** - Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme. Awards are specifically given to a limited number of athletes in University or higher education and who have proven themselves on the talent pathway. The award provides access to a range of sport and exercise science services and financial help towards training and competing. For more information please contact Bertrand Olie or see the TASS website [https://www.tass.gov.uk/](https://www.tass.gov.uk/)

**SportsAid** – This helps young sports people overcome the financial challenges they face, in their bid to become Britain’s next generation of sporting heroes. Volleyball is allocated a number of Sportsaid places. Athletes are nominated by national team staff to put forward to Sports Aid to determine who will be funded. These nominations happen in October/November each year. Successful nominees will receive SportsAid from the following April for one year. If think you are a likely candidate for SportsAid please talk to your team manager.

More information can also be found on the [SportsAid website](http://www.sportsaid.org.uk/)

**Backing the Best**

This is run by SportsAid for Sport England and is for young, exceptionally talented athletes in the early stages of their careers and who face the greatest financial challenges. This is limited to joint household incomes under £55k. The money awards goes towards essential costs such as travel, accommodation, kit and support by coaches and physios. In the past Volleyball England has 5 athletes receiving this.
How we can support

**County Sport Partnerships** - With one assigned to each region of England, a county sport partnership can provide local support for athletes. Each county sport partnership has various funds than can applied for, please visit the CSP website [here](#).  

**Local councils** - With 351 Local Councils in England there are multiple opportunities to access local funding to help our athletes. Examples from Tower Hamlets (London Borough Council) include support towards essential items of equipment/clothing required to compete and train. Typical Council grants for individuals range from £500-£1,500. These can be found on county or local borough council websites.

**Other grants** - If “individual athlete grants” is typed into a search engine, a range of foundations and charities will be identified that can help support young athletes. These include; the Dickie Bird Foundation and the GLL Sport Foundation. Typically, grants range from £200 - £1,250 and can be used towards financial help with training, associated travel, competitions and camp fee’s etc.

**Volleyball England Funding Guide** – Although aimed at supporting clubs, our Funding Support guide provides usual information and guidance. You’ll also find some fun fundraising and sponsorship ideas! 

The guide can be found [here](#).

Template letters of support will be available on our website soon!
Code of Conduct

Attendance at National Team training camps and competition is a valuable experience that is intended to improve your performance and development as an athlete. Volleyball England is committed to the highest of standards of behaviour. We expect all athletes attending camp to accept and adhere to these standards. Any violation will result in appropriate sanctions.

As an athlete I am representing my country, Volleyball England, my club and my family. I take full responsibility for my actions. I have read this ‘Code of Conduct’, I understand the points below and I agree to comply fully with them;

1. I fully commit to being on the Volleyball England Pathway, taking part in both Indoor and Beach Volleyball England camps and events.
2. I will treat others with the respect and fairness that I would like them to show me.
3. I will promote relationships with participants and others that are based on openness, honesty, trust and respect.
4. I will demonstrate proper personal/professional behaviour at all times, promoting positive role models for the participants.
5. I will respect others regardless of race, gender, disability, ethnicity, sexuality or religious beliefs and I will not tolerate or be involved in discrimination of any kind.
6. I will comply with requests to switch off my mobile phone.
7. I will ensure my use of social networking sites promote positive images and comments of the National Team and Volleyball England.
8. I will uphold Volleyball England's business and sponsorship relationships, avoiding conflicting deals with rival companies when associated with Volleyball England or representing England.
9. I will comply with UKAD's, WADA's and FIVB’s Anti-Doping policies.
10. I will not smoke whilst on England duty.
11. I will not possess or consume alcohol or illegal drugs whilst on England duty.
12. I will not engage in sexual activity whilst on England duty.
13. I will not leave the National Volleyball Centre or my designated accommodation at any time during the camp, unless as part of an organised activity.
14. I understand that a curfew will be set by the squad Team Manager for bedtime and I will abide by that.
15. I will not enter any accommodation other than my own whilst on England duty.
16. I understand that during national squad camps, under 18’s are not permitted to be transported in other players’ cars.
17. I will respect the spirit of CEV Fairplay The Volleyball Way.
18. I agree that a full report of any misconduct be forwarded to my parents/guardians if so required.
19. I agree that my personal information can be used by Volleyball England staff for the purpose of administration inline with the Volleyball England GDPR Data Protection policy and Privacy policy.
20. I permit Volleyball England and competition organisers to take photographs, videos and live stream for media purposes. Any media taken will be used suitably and with discretion.
21. I give permission for national squad staff to transport me at camps and competitions.
Athlete and Parent Agreement

I have read and acknowledged the Code of Conduct, as well as my responsibility to follow the guidelines given to me in the pack.

Name of player: ____________________________

Signature of player: ____________________________

Date Signed: ____________________________

I have read and acknowledged my child’s responsibility to follow the guidelines given in this handbook. I agree to pay for camps and competitions unless otherwise agreed beforehand with Volleyball England.

Name of Parent/Guardian: ____________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ____________________________

Date Signed: ____________________________

Please return to talent@volleyballengland.org

☐ I agree the information provided can be used by Volleyball England and National team staff.
Head Coach
Luis Bello

Luis has been involved in volleyball for over 25 years. He is currently a P.E teacher and head coach at Richmond Volleyball Club. At Richmond this year, his team were crowned English Champions for U18 and U16 boys. He coaches beach volleyball and volleyball. He coached the Great Britain Team Javier and Joaquin to 5th place at the Youth Olympic Games, the highest ever result for a British Volleyball team.

Assistant Coach
Ryan Murphy

Ryan has been through the Volleyball England Pathway himself starting as a cadet. He went onto Captain Ireland U21 at senior level. At University he continued to play and started to coach volleyball. He is physical education teacher.

Assistant Coach
Ashley Trodden

Ashley’s first match was in 2007. He started his coaching career in sitting volleyball coaching the Great Britain Men’s sitting volleyball team at London 2012. He established the Malory Eagles sitting volleyball team that lead to him being awarded coach of the year in his London borough. Ashley is a P.E. teacher at Ernest Brevin College.

Assistant Coach
Clayton Lucas

Clayton played volleyball for England and Great Britain for many years. If you are a fan of watching volleyball it will probably be Clayton’s commentary you are listening to! Clayton coaches at New Forrest Volleyball Club and Richmond Volleyball Club.

Team Manager
Richard James

Richard has come through the Volleyball England pathway. He currently plays with Sheffield Volleyball Club in the Super league.
Team Manager
Amy Bell

Amy has recently joined the Volleyball England national pathway as a team manager. She has been playing for York Volleyball Club for the last 2 years and currently is the club secretary. Amy coaches one of the development teams at York and assists with the Yorkshire Juniors. She is also a coach and team manager for the U17 Yorkshire regional team. Day to day though Amy works as a freelance PR, Marketing and communications consultant.

Head Coach and coaching staff
To be reappointed prior to the December camp 2018.
Junior Men's Squad Staff

Head Coach
Darren Lewis

Darren played volleyball for the England Junior team. He has been coaching the in the national team programme since 2005, currently with the junior men. He has spearheaded England campaigns at CEV and NEVZA junior championships. He is currently a PE teacher at Boswells School and Head of the school's Volleyball Academy.

Assistant Coach
Dan Hunter

Dan started playing volleyball at school in Dorset, joining Wessex Volleyball club. He got his first cap at 19 and went onto play for Great Britain in the 2012 Olympics in London. Dan coaches TeamBU Wessex in the Super League. He is a software engineer at Goldman Sachs.

Assistant Coach
Chris Frost

Chris came through the Volleyball Academy at Boswells School. He went onto playing professionally in France. He now currently coaches Team Essex Blaze.

Assistant Coach
Steve Anderson

Steve has played volleyball himself including in Super 8s for several years and gained 6 caps for England. He currently coaches at Sunderland volleyball club and is a local PE teacher there.

Team Manager
Kevin O'Malley

Kevin is an experienced team manager with the junior men's team supporting them at international competition at home and abroad. Kevin also coaches Sheffield Men's in the super league. He was chairman of Boathouse for over 20 years. His son Kieran competed for Great Britain in at London 2012.
Head Coach and coaching staff
To be reappointed prior to the December camp 2018.

Team Manager
Iwona Grabon

Iwona played volleyball professionally in Poland. She is the head coach at RAF Hawks women's volleyball coaching them to victory for the first time at the Crown services tournament in May 2018. Iwona has recently been appointed as the head coach at Cambridge University.
Senior Men's Squad Staff

Head Coach
Simon Loftus

Simons’ playing career includes caps for Scotland as a junior and senior athlete. Simon has coached professionally at universities in the UK and America. He was also part of the Great Britain coaching team at London 2012. Currently, he coaches at IBB Polonia London Volleyball Club, lectures at Kingston University and is Volleyball England’s Coaching Lead.

Assistant Coach
Jefferson Williams

A Canadian by birth, Jefferson secured a volleyball scholarship to and American university. Following a successful playing career in Sweden he joined Malory Volleyball Club in 1986 and has been involved in playing and coaching since then. He has been the head coach of both England’s senior men’s team and women’s development squad. Whilst he still coaches at Malory Eagles, he also coaches at the senior volleyball academy at the University of East London. He is also a Volleyball England tutor and Non-Executive Director.

Statistician
Steve Matthews

Steve has been involved in volleyball as a player, coach and a referee. This was until he started doing statistics in 2009. His involvement in statistics lead him onto the London 2012 Olympics as a statistician, including the Ladies finals. Currently, he is also a Non-Executive Director at Volleyball England.

Team Manager
Phil Hewitt

Hull Thunder Volleyball club player
Head Coach and coaching staff  
To be reappointed prior to the December camp 2018.

Team Manager  
Nicola Mead

Nicola is currently serving with the British. She is a Level 3 coach working as head coach for Armed forces ladies Volleyball and Army women’s volleyball team. She had been involved in Army volleyball for 17 years and coaching the last seven. She was awarded a lifetime achievement award for services to AGC sport in 2017 alongside a nomination for Army coach of the year.
Senior Women’s Head Coach
Alexandre Chevau

Alex has been involved in volleyball for over 20 years. His career began as a volleyball player and coach in France. He has since been involved as setter for Polonia London and Wessex Volleyball clubs. Alex coached Jess Grimson and Vicky Palmer at the 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Junior Women’s Head Coach
Matt Rhymer

Matt has been head coach with our national squad since January 2017. He is currently a PE teacher and also coaches at the Academy of Beach Sports. His great work as a coach lead to him being awarded Young Coach of the year in 2015.

Junior Women’s Team Manager
Kirsty Starmer

Kirsty got involved in beach volleyball 8 years ago. Her enjoyment of coaching lead to her opening her own Beach Volleyball School in Sussex.

Junior Men’s Head Coach
Lewie Lett

Lewie has been coaching since 2004, but he started in cricket rather than beach volleyball. His work with our national squads in 2013. He is also a sports broadcaster for at FIVB and CEV events. He has also gone onto commentate in other sports including Rio 2016 Olympic Table Tennis.

Junior Women’s Assistant Coach
Denise Austin

Denise is a former beach and volleyball international athlete. She competed on the FIVB World Beach Tour. Denise has had success as a coach with her club side Academy of Beach Sports with many athletes representing England in volleyball and beach volleyball. Denise is also a Volleyball England tutor.