It was great to receive so much feedback and it is incredibly helpful to be able to reach out and use the combined wisdom of the wider volleyball community to get input during these unprecedented times; as usual the diverse views make clear that any decision we take will not please everyone.

We have read all the feedback and taken note of all of it. We have tried to summarise the key messages we heard in the feedback below:

1) Not running the Cup and Shield to allow running a full NVL programme was generally seen as the right thing to do.

2) There was mixed feeling over the fixtures meeting; some people thought it was a step forward and would make fixture process quicker and easier others felt it was a backward step. There were also a lot of practical questions about the fixture meeting process.

3) There was a lot of concern that, when lockdown ends, many facilities would not be open and/or be unable to confirm future availability.

4) There was concern that university and teams using school venues might face additional difficulties.

5) UKBT ran a survey within the beach community which was extremely helpful – thanks UKBT. The feedback from UKBT and Volleyball England’s Beach Lead was clear and unequivocal, please allow the beach season to run as normal, particularly in the run up to the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. The feedback seemed to fall into three categories;
   a. Beach season is short enough and dependent on UK weather, so it needs to be protected
   b. Players would not let their indoor team mates down so they would prioritise Indoor
   c. Do not make it either/or; if they overlap, we will manage.

6) Junior competitions are important and not enough is being said about them.

7) Several teams mentioned that they would like to play two/three games in a weekend where possible to reduce cost and reduce the number of weekends required to complete the season.

8) Concern over cost from Volleyball England and what impact Covid-19 would have on club finances.

9) Regional lockdowns/team unavailability due to test and trace.

10) Request to clarify what would happen if the season was curtailed.

We also captured answers to the three questions we asked. Anonymised responses can be read in the attached spreadsheet.

The Competitions Working Group met on the 11th June to review and consider this feedback and are now working this into our revised plan. Please expect further consultation in the coming weeks.

The deadlines for being able to implement the first few options (default and option 1a) have already passed. As of now, with no relaxation in social distancing, no indoor sports facilities opening and no amateur team sports allowed at the moment, it seems option 1b is very unlikely too.

We continue to monitor what is happening in other sports in the UK and volleyball in various countries to help guide our decision making. For example, we have noted with interest the decision of BUCS to plan for a start of sports in January with no relegation or promotion that season.

Thank you all again for your support and patience as we plot our ways through to a safe return to sport in very uncertain times.