Introduction – Volleyball England – Why are we proposing this?

At the 2014 Volleyball England AGM, an amendment to the Articles of Association (the Volleyball England Constitution) will be tabled to allow for a fee based individual registration of volleyball participants. In real terms, this will apply if you play in local or regional leagues only. The specific wording of the amendment will be confirmed in the official AGM papers that will be released in July.

Cost

NVL fees and club affiliation will remain the same and there will be no amendments for this.

The annual registration fee for players who participate in local or regional leagues will be £10 for adults (18+) and £5 for 16-17 year olds not in education.

If you are aged between 16-17 years, and are at school, or in full time education, there will be no cost. Under 16’s will remain free.

Why is Volleyball England presenting this?

- The £10 received from the local and/or regional players in your clubs will be used to develop the future of Volleyball in England. Specifically 20% (net of fulfilment costs) of the club player registration fees will be available for club based development grants via a Club Incentive Scheme. Currently our main income stream is a Sport England grant, which funds most of the activities in our Strategic Plan. The grant predominately allows us to work with people aged 14-25+ for specific development purposes only. If your club approves individual registration then we can start to do more work outside these boundaries. We can use the money for projects to help achieve the 2024 targets identified by the volleyball community.
- We wish to improve and increase two-way communications between us and those who play in local or regional leagues via more targeted, specific and meaningful ways of contact. At the moment, we can’t do this!
- If we have a much more detailed database of information we can help with the future development of Volleyball by identifying things such as player drop out points (when & why people stop playing), and gender split differences (where & why are there differences in female & male player numbers)
- We have and will improve dedicated specific member benefits! New to 2014 you will be entitled to personal accident cover (including dental and broken bones cover), a discount to a nationwide chain of physiotherapists, discounts on volleyball specific equipment, material and/or kit (products to equip your club for indoor and outdoor volleyball) and a host of other products and services which will be included in the benefit package. If Individual Registration is passed then we will develop an even better benefit package that will develop over time as we directly ask you what is important! This will be accomplished via regular surveys for your views on the benefits.
Click here for a full list of the member benefits for 2014/2015.

By having your player details we will increase our bargaining power with sponsors and commercial partners. Think of it like this, if we approached a sports company, or a travel agent, and told them we only have 1,000 club people do you think they would provide sponsorship? However, if we went to them and said we have 10,000 club players, would they be more interested in Volleyball?

Many other sports bodies, such as British Cycling, England Netball, and smaller sports such as England Table Tennis and Archery UK, have got sport-wide registration programmes. Mass registration of participants has helped these sports raise their profiles, think Sky Ride events for cycling and Superleague Netball on Sky. We don’t want our great sport to be left behind!

Frequently Asked Questions

We would like to thank a number of the Volleyball England family for their constructive input in this process. We tried to implement many of your suggestions from the Volleyball Voice meetings, the recent survey results and your questions at various meetings. To find a summary of these and answers to them please click here. More information regarding individual registration will be available shortly on the Volleyball England website and the next 3 Touch magazine.