



Beach Volleyball Student Cup 2014

RULES

Eligibility:

1. For a team to be eligible to compete in the Beach Volleyball Student Cup, it shall comprise of students from the **same** University and each of these students:
 - 1.1. Shall be an internally registered student (i.e. a student classified by the university Registrar as a student who is studying at the member institution or assigned campus in an internal classification) at an institution of Higher Education **and**
 - 1.2. Shall be registered on a credit rated course (e.g. Degree or HND, as under the Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme) **and**
 - 1.3. Shall be undertaking a study programme equivalent to at least 60 credits per year, or in the case of a postgraduate student be undertaking a study programme of no less than 50% of the full-time student programme, **and**
 - 1.4. Shall be a player who is permitted by Volleyball England to participate alongside amateur competition in volleyball, **and**
 - 1.5. Must have the support of their Athletic Union or Sports Office **and**
 - 1.6. Must produce either a valid University photographic identity card, International Student Card which states the institution they are representing or NUS card at the beginning of the tournament as proof of membership of the institution they are representing (library cards are not acceptable). Failure to produce a valid card will result in players being ineligible to play and/or a £5 administration fee being charged on the day of the tournament.

Special Cases:

2. The following persons are classified as eligible to participate in the Beach Volleyball Student Cup:
 - 2.1. Sabbatical officers of either a Students' Union or an Athletic Union; and/or
 - 2.2. Students eligible under Rule 1 and who satisfactorily completed their course of study in December or later in the current academic year; and/or
 - 2.3. Students embarking on a "Sandwich Course" and/or "Year Abroad" course;provided, in each instance, that they have the support of their Athletic Union or Sports Office.

Ineligible Participants:

3. The following persons shall be ineligible to compete in the Beach Volleyball Student Cup:
 - 3.1. Students at "franchised" colleges unless recognised as fully registered **internal** students of the institution they are representing; and/or
 - 3.2. Externally registered students, as determined by the university's registrar; and/or

3.3. Members of staff; and/or

3.4. Students without a valid identity card (see Rule 1.6 above)

Any team found to have fielded an ineligible player, will forfeit all games played and the players and/or institution involved will face a possible fine and disqualification from future competitions.

4. There is no limit on the number of teams a single University may enter into the competition.
5. **No player may compete for more than one Doubles or Fours team in this competition under any circumstances. However, a player may compete in a Doubles team and a Fours team.**
6. **Teams of mixed sex are not allowed in the Doubles competition. In the Fours competition, teams must comprise of at least 2 women.**
7. Teams should make all possible efforts to wear matching kit, which should at least include same colour tops and shorts.
8. The closing date will be strictly adhered to and applications will only be accepted online via the Volleyball England website. The organiser reserves the right to extend the entry deadline. Late entry may incur an administration fee of £15 per team.
9. Entry to the competition implies acceptance of the FIVB rules as approved and/or amended by Volleyball England.
10. Matches will have a five-minute general warm up and five minutes shared use of the net. Match times advertised, other than first games of the day are indicative only and all matches will follow on from the conclusion of the previous match.
11. All matches to be best of 3 sets.
12. A team not present at the start time of the match may ultimately forfeit the match.
13. The playing format will be decided based on numbers of entries and confirmed at the Technical Meeting. Team seedings will also be announced at the Technical Meeting.
14. The organisers will endeavour to provide referees for as many matches as possible. However, players will be requested to officiate and this may include having to officiate as 1st referee, 2nd referee or scorer.
15. Teams failing to provide officials under rule 20, or failing to fulfil any fixture over the weekend will be liable to penalty by means of fine and/or suspension.
16. The organisers reserve the right to amend the competition programme. The decisions of the organisers and Volleyball England in regard to the event are final.
17. In the event that the Beach Student Cup is cancelled, Volleyball England will refund all entry fees. Volleyball England will not refund any additional associated costs to the entrants as a result of the event not taking place.
18. Above all, have fun and enjoy the weekend!