



Introduction – What’s in it for my club?

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 to club members who 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.

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

What are the advantages for clubs and why is Volleyball England presenting this?

- The £10 received from each individual will be used to develop the future of Volleyball for **your club** and the sport in this country. 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 you approve 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 Volleyball England and clubs and players via more targeted, specific and meaningful ways of contact. At the moment, the current structure does not allow us to have this direct contact.
- Having a much more detailed database of information will help 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)
- Club members will receive substantially improved and dedicated specific member benefits. They 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. The benefit package will develop over time as we ask you via regular survey’s for your views on the benefits.
- [Click here](#) for a full list of the member benefits for 2014/2015.



- By having extensive player details we will have increased bargaining power with sponsors and commercial partners. Think of it like this, if we approached a sports company, or a travel agent, and we 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. Do we want our great sport to be left behind.....?

Process

We tried to make the process for your club secretaries easy. They only need to upload the players details in an Excel CVS file once. Then the club decides how payment for the registration is sent to Volleyball England (see Payment section below). The only player information we require will be their Name, Address, Date of Birth, Gender & Email. For players under 18, we only need their Name, Date of Birth and Gender. A parent's email address can be added as an option.

Payment

The clubs have asked us for an easy process, and as the clubs are the holders of the current player information we developed three flexible payment options for the club secretary to register their players:

- Club Online Payment (credit or debit card)
- Club Cheque Payment
- Individual Payment – The club secretary indicates that all uploaded players will be responsible to complete their own payment. Players will be emailed by Volleyball England to remind them to pay their £10. Thus the club secretary will **NOT** been responsible for chasing each of their player's fees.
- Volleyball England understands that in the short-term, collection of registration fees may take time for both clubs and players. Therefore, all payments will have a delayed deadline of the **31st of December 2014**.



Incentive and Benefit for Club Secretaries

As the process comes after most of the secretaries have already done the club administration for this year, we would like to reward the quickest secretary for the bit of extra work that is required.

Volleyball England will waive the club affiliation fee of £89.50 for the first club secretary who uploads all of their local and regional player details and has 100% of the appropriate registration fees paid for. The second club secretary to do this will receive a £50 voucher to spend at Kitlocker, whilst the third club secretary will receive a pair of personally designed Dirty Dog Sunglasses! Volleyball England would reserve the right to check the club registrations against local and regional league affiliations/registrations to verify the accuracy of player numbers.

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.