

Hosting a Lets Play Volleyball Festival

Let's Play Volleyball Festivals are grass roots, mass participation competitions for young people. Volleyball England will support 9 LPV Festival's, one in each of the 9 Regions. The Regional Volleyball Association along with Volleyball England will decide which volleyball event will receive support with their festival.

As part of the current Whole Sport Plan Volleyball England is committed to working more closely with regions and those who play/organise the game at the grass roots, community level. We are well aware that the summer outdoor aspect of our game presents a key attraction for many of the young volleyball players and we are keen to see this element grow. For us these events provide a unique opportunity to engage face to face with large numbers of current and potential future members and to better understand and meet their needs.

- The LPV Festival's objectives are to:
- Increase the number of young people aged 5-19 accessing high quality volleyball competitions.
- 9 Regional Festivals with increased entries
- Provide opportunities for an increasing number of young people to continue to play regularly during the summer season
- Provide equal access and opportunity for more young people to play volleyball
- Ideally to be held at high profile, iconic venues in order to expose and promote the sport
- Improve the experience for those that already participate by creating a fun/festival environment.
- Create innovative and exciting opportunities for participation
- Expose an increasing number of people to the sport for the first time as both spectators and participants.

LPV Festivals cater for young people up to the age of 19. To be a LPV Festival the competition format must match that recommended by Volleyball England within the competition framework. Festivals usually take place outdoor on either grass or the beach.

In return for a commitment to the series Volleyball England are proposing the following support to event organisers:

- Promotion of the event as an exclusive partner of the LPV Festivals including; dedicated website page, mail outs to affiliated clubs.
- Access to net systems and balls.
- The right to use the Volleyball England and LPV logos on event promotional material.
- Volleyball England marquee, staff and promotional resources at the event.
- Free event licence including; Public Liability Insurance cover, Child Protection resources, information on the Competitions Framework, and various event resources.
- Prize winners pack
- Assistance in preparing submissions for grant aid, through Awards for All for funds to enhance the event.

If you are interested in hosting a LPV Festival in 2012 then please contact your Region or email Karen Shilton at k.shilton@volleybalengland.org