



NATIONAL UNDER 15 VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011 – 2012

A. AIMS:

1. To implement the Junior Competitions Review proposals as far as possible for the 2011-2012 season.
2. To implement the proposals in full for the 2012-2013 season.

B. COMMUNICATION:

1. All communications to be addressed to Sanjib Sahota, (National Competition and Events Manager, Volleyball England)
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2. Please copy in Brian Kendall, (Under 15 Commissioner)
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3. Any queries, problems or disputes to be dealt with directly by the Commissioner, (who will consult with the Competition & Events Manager).

C. PROPOSED FORMAT:

1. **AGE LIMIT:** Under 15 on 1 September 2011 – normally year 10 and below.
2. **SIZE OF TEAMS:** 6 a Side (within a squad of 12)

D. REGIONAL ROUNDS (1st. Round):

1. Each Region to organise its own first round competitions for Boys & Girls by the end of **JANUARY 2012**. (Any region wishing to play after that date must have approval in advance by the U15 Commissioner).
2. Date, time, venue and **RESULTS OF REGIONAL ROUNDS** (and any other relevant details) should be communicated as in Section "B" (above) as soon as possible.
3. Regions should attempt to arrange all matches to a minimum of 2 sets to 25 points with 2 clear points, but may arrange shorter, or alternatively, timed matches – whichever is best for Regional arrangements.
4. **Finance:** The costs of the regional round should be met by the Regions. The regions will decide an entry fee that will cover the associated costs.
5. The top 2 in each Region will qualify for the relevant **DIVISIONAL ROUND** to be held in **MARCH 2012**.
6. If a region cannot produce 2 winning representatives, then the U15 Commissioner will invite the next teams from the other 2 Regions in the relevant Division.

7. This decision will be based proportionally on the total amount of teams entered in the other Regional competitions in the Division.

8. All other teams, which fail to qualify for the Divisional Round, will be invited to enter the North of England or South of England **CHALLENGER ROUNDS** to be held in **MARCH 2012**.

E. DIVISIONAL ROUNDS (2nd. Round "A"):

1. This year, there are 3 Divisions:

- a. **NORTH - North West; North East; Yorkshire**
- b. **CENTRAL – West Midlands; East Midlands; East**
- c. **SOUTH – South East; South West; London**

These Divisions may change year by year.

2. Regions are invited to volunteer to stage the 3 Boys & 3 Girls **DIVISIONAL ROUNDS** in **MARCH 2012 (preferably Girls on Saturday 24th & Boys on Sunday 25th March)**

3. 6 Regions will be chosen on a geographical basis to stage the **DIVISIONAL ROUNDS** to spread the load about the country.

4. Date, time, venue and **RESULTS OF DIVISIONAL ROUNDS**. (and any other relevant details) should be communicated as in Section B as soon as possible.

5. The top 2 in each Divisional Round will progress to the Last Sixes / Finals.

6. **Finance:** Volleyball England will contribute a maximum of £250 to each Divisional Round organiser towards the cost of the Divisional Round. Regions will need to submit a claim and attach receipts/invoices for any associated costs being claimed.

F. CHALLENGER ROUND (2nd. Round "B"):

1. Regions are also invited to volunteer to stage the 4 **CHALLENGER ROUNDS (North & South - Boys & Girls)** in **MARCH 2012 (preferably Girls on Saturday 24th & Boys on Sunday 25th March)**

2. There are 2 Competitions

- a. **NORTH - North West; North East; Yorkshire; West Midlands**
- b. **SOUTH – South East; South West; London; East Midlands; East**

This year, there will be no National Final.

3. Date, time, venue and **RESULTS OF CHALLENGER ROUNDS**. (and any other relevant details) should be communicated as in Section B (above) as soon as possible.

4. **Finance:** Volleyball England will pay a maximum of £100 to each Challenger Round Organiser towards the cost of the round. Regions will need to submit a claim and attach receipts/invoices for any associated costs being claimed.

G. LAST SIXES / FINALS ROUND (3rd. Round):

1. Both Boys & Girls to be played at the National Volleyball Centre in Kettering on **SATURDAY 12 MAY 2012**.

2. There will be 2 Pools of 3 teams, with the top 2 teams progressing to Cross-Over Semi Finals.

3. These will be followed by a Final & 5/6 Place Play-Off.