

13<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear all,

**Volleyball England Beach Tour**

I am writing to you today to confirm details for the 2017 Volleyball England Beach Tour and to ask whether you would be interested in becoming part of the VEBT this year?

As you may know, the VEBT has been under review and we are now looking at alternative methods of delivery. Volleyball England are fully committed to supporting the delivery of a world class Beach Tour where we continue to see the best beach players playing throughout the summer. During the review, we have had to make some tough decisions regarding the format of the Tour but believe that the decisions made in conjunction with current deliverers will ultimately benefit the sport moving forward.

The 2017 VEBT will be taking on a very different look and feel to previous years. Rather than just 4 tour dates plus a Finals we are asking multiple event organisers to run events throughout the summer. As an event organiser, you will be responsible for the full event set-up and delivery. Volleyball England are not in a position moving forward to provide event staff to events unless all expenses are covered by the event organiser. As an alternative, we would suggest contacting a company such as Deepdish or SideOut who have vast experience in delivering high quality beach competitions. Both companies would be able to provide event delivery support for a fee determined by them in relation to the work done. Should you require either contact details, we would be more than happy to provide them to you.

As an event organiser, you will be responsible for managing all entries, and you will keep 100% of the entry fees. However, should you require pre-event administration support to manage entries Volleyball England will retain a minimum of 10% of the entry fees. If you require the use of Volleyball England equipment (3\* and above), we would ask for 10% of the entry fees, or retain a further 10% if we were asked to manage the pre-event entry process also. If you require the use of Volleyball England equipment we would expect organisers to cover the costs of the transport of the equipment to and from your event location in addition to the fee for usage.

Entries for each tour date will be capped at 16 Men's and 16 Women's pairs. In the past, VEBT Tour dates have had both adult and junior competitions. Moving forward this would the junior element would not be compulsory, but would be encouraged if you have capacity. The format for each gender being split into equal pools of 4 with knock-out matches following on. Should you be willing and able to run a junior event we would be happy to support that where we can but once again the responsibility of delivery would be yours as an organiser.

Each affiliated VEBT event will be ranked by means of a star rating (1\* - 5\*\*\*\*\*). Below are the star rating criteria which must be used when completing the VEBT Event hosting application form;



1-5 Star Event Criteria

1 *	2 **	3 ***	4 ****	5 ***** "VE Showcase Event"
One-Day Event	One-Day Event	One-Day Event	Two-Day Tournament	Two-Day Tournament
Single or Double Gender Participation Event	Single or Double Gender	Single or Double Gender	Double Gender	Double Gender
Minimum 8 Team Draw Per Gender	Junior VEBT Event Ranking Point Level	Minimum of 4 Courts	Centre Court / Show Court	Centre Court / Show Court
Pool Play	Minimum 4 Courts	Minimum 16 Teams Per Draw Gender	Minimum of 3/4 additional Courts	<b>3 out of 4 of these criteria</b>
% Of Ranking Points Available	Minimum 12 Team Draw Per Gender	Pool Play	Minimum 16 Teams Per Draw Gender	<b>a) Announcer / Commentary</b>
Prize Money - Promoters Discretion	Pool Play	% Of Ranking Points Available	Option to run a Lower Star (Division 2) event alongside	<b>b) 150-seater stand (Minimum)</b>
Reduced Scoring Allowed	% Of Ranking Points Available	Prize Money - Promoters Discretion	Pool Play	<b>c) Organisers / Players Marque</b>
	Prize Money - Promoters Discretion	Reduced Scoring Allowed	% Of Ranking Points Available	<b>d) Centre Court Branding</b>
	Reduced Scoring Allowed		Prize Money - Promoters Discretion	Minimum of 8 additional courts
			FIVB Rules Scoring	Minimum 16 Teams Draw Per Gender
				Option to run a Lower Star (Division 2) event alongside
				Pool Play into Single Elimination
				100% Ranking Points Available
				Prize Money - Promoters Discretion
				FIVB Rules Scoring

Below are the recommended entry fees per star rated event;

- 1 star £10-£20 per team
- 2 star £20-£30 per team
- 3 star £30-£40 per team
- 4 star £40-£50 per team
- 5 star £50-£60 per team

As an event organiser, it will be your responsibility to pay for Officials and their expenses such as travel and accommodation.

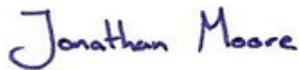
If you are interested in delivering a tour event, please can I ask that you submit a completed application form no later than **Friday 5th May**. I apologise for the short turn around but we are now in a position whereby we need to act quickly to ensure we have a tour this year.

If you are not able to deliver a tour event this year, please put us into your plans for next year.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,



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