



JUNIOR LEAGUE

The fundamental purpose of the MVL programme is to encourage young people to play competitive volleyball in a competition style setting. Every effort and emphasis should be on a positive, fun and engaging atmosphere; in a safe and welcoming environment. The MVL urges all participants, coaching and adult helpers and event organisers to collectively ensure that young people attending these events leave with a positive sense of achievement.

Every opportunity should be applied to ensure the spirit of the game of Volleyball is upheld, and all attendees are treated with respect, without fear of any form of discrimination, harm or negativity.

Participants should be encouraged to play within FIVB rules wherever possible, the following are acceptable adaptations of these rules to ensure game play, flow of game and so that a maximum positive experience can be achieved during these events and for the young people's level and abilities.

1. The age groups will be Under 15 and 17 and further split into boys and girls or mixed teams. U17 Girls net 2.15m, U17 boys/mixed net 2.24m, U15s net 2.15m.
2. Under 15 will play on badminton courts 4 x 4.
3. Under 17 will play on volleyball court 6 x 6.
4. Rock-Paper-Scissors can be used to identify which team should serve.
5. Age category is determined by the player's age on 1 September regardless of ability. A player can play in an older category.
6. Under and over arm serving is permitted in all age groups.
7. Contact with the net will not be permitted, nor will full penetration under the net, beyond the centre line. It will not always be possible to have a marked centre line below the net when using badminton courts and applying a temporary, taped line will not always be allowed by the centre/venue's owners. Clear and obvious violation, or actions that may endanger the opposition should be called by the refereeing team, adults supporting the refereeing team will need to help make these judgements.
8. Clubs should aim to enter a minimum of 7 players per team into the tournament of 6, and 5 into the tournament of 4.
9. Transgender Young People entering these events will need to follow VE policies.
10. Any Organisation wishing to withdraw from any competition it has already entered, at whatever stage of the competition, must give at least 7 days prior notice, in writing, to the MVL. The refund will be issued. Failure to do so may result in that Organisation being required to pay for their share of the hosting costs and no return of the entry fee.

11. On the day: If the weather makes travel impossible, the coach should contact the Lead for the Competition by phone as soon as possible.
12. All coaches and bench personnel whether teachers or club coaches should have a completed DBS check, ideally through Volleyball England.
13. Sets will be timed 2 sets, each 7 minutes.
14. Win 2 points, lose 0 points, draw each 1 point.
15. All participants should respect the rules of venues in use for events. These rules can include: • The wearing of footwear with non-marking soles. • Taking food into the arena. • Drinks should only be carried in non-spill containers. • All venues should be left in the same tidy state as found.
16. Officials, Linespersons and Scorers shall be organised by the competition host selected from the teams in the pool.
17. At the end of the series, the team with the most MVL series points is the overall winner.
18. If there is a tie then more game points decide.