**Inter-Regional Beach Volleyball U18 Cup 2019**

**Update #2**

**13th June 2019**

**General Information**

Venue: Cardiff Beach Volleyball Centre, Victoria Park, Cardiff, CF5 1 EY.

Date & Time: Saturday 13th July to Sunday 14th July 2019

Teams: VE Regions and Wales

[Team consists of two pairs, 1 team maximum per region] [Plus wild cards]

**Preliminary Enquiry** 08:00-09:00-Matching bottoms to be shown.

**Technical Meeting** 09:10-09:40 – Introduction by event organiser, host and referee delegate.

**Competition First Match** 10:00 as per the schedule on inter-beach.net except in the event of substitutions or no show. The Schedule will be added to the website by June 14th 2019.

**Competition Format**

Each team shall consist of two pairs E.G. SW A Pair #1 and Pair #2, NW Pair #1 and Pair #2

The #1 pair plays against the #1 pair in another team, and the #2 pair plays against the #2 pair. This is a ‘dual. The winner shall be decided by the results of the matches. If the score in matches is 2-0 then one team has won. If there is a 1-1 tie then there shall be a golden set to 15 points 2 clear. This can be played by any combination of players within that team.

The Pool stages will be 15, 15, 15 points. Rally point scoring, 2 clear points.

The winners’ brackets knockout shall be 21, 21, 15. Rally point scoring, 2 clear points.

The losers bracket knockout shall be 15, 15, 15. Rally point scoring, 2 clear points.

U18 Girls Pools

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| Pool A- Girls  | Pool B- Girls  | Pool C-Girls  |
| SW | NW | London |
| WM | SE | EM |
| Yorkshire/SW | East | Wales |
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U18 Boys Pools

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| Pool A- Boys | Pool B- Boys  |
| London | South East |
| East | West Midlands |
| South West | Yorkshire |
| North West  | East Midlands |

**Eligibility**

Players must have a connection to the Region they play for. Either, residence, attending a school, or being registered as a player with a club in the Region.

**Age**

U18 as of the 31st Dec 2019. Anyone born on or after the 1st January 2002.

**Seeding**

The early pool play rounds will determine seeding followed by double elimination.

**Registration of Teams, Coaches and Athletes** – use attached spread sheet.

* The Regional Association (RA) will register their squads [Without numbers of teams] by Tuesday 30th April 2019. Cost £10 per squad £20 total.
* Any wild card spaces will be offered ASAP after the RA deadline.
* The Regional Association and or player/coach/referee will register by the 21st June 2019 and pay for their space by Friday 28th June 2019 at the very latest. Any team not having paid by the 28th June could be subject to withdrawal and their spaces being re-allocated.
* Individual player [google form](https://forms.gle/gzUVFfBub2CBm6MH6) by 21st June 2019
* Coach Registration [Google Form](https://forms.gle/uAkQi6ykQfShZ9FB8) 21st June 2019
* Referee Registration [Google Form](https://forms.gle/UxFcu76vqdXUhgHt5) 21st June 2019

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**Substitution of athletes**

A RA may substitute a player within the eligibility criteria up to the start of the competition. The initial squad payment is non-refundable. In case of a force major, a RA may substitute a player based on complete agreement by the RA coaches.

**Withdrawal and No Show**

Before the player entry deadline, a RA may withdraw a squad from the competition without any consequences. If you do know of your withdrawal, then please notify the event organiser asap as a suitable alternative may be sought. A wild card team may be entered by the organisers to increase the number of teams in the main draw. This is at the tournament organisers discretion.

**Make and Type of Balls**

The ball to be used is the Mikasa VLS 300

**Rules of the Game**

All matches shall be played according to the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball rules in their latest edition – except where applicable the early seeding rounds will be reduced scoring may be implemented. All matches, regardless of scoring, will be best of three sets.

**Coaching**

Coaching will be allowed as per regulations for CEV and FIVB Junior and Youth competitions. All coaches and players to have their accreditation with them for all matches.

**Uniforms**

The tournament organiser will provide a playing vest for each competitor. These will be supplied in range of colours to define the regions. The payment for these is included in the overall entry fee. They will have the players surname and the region they are representing on them.

The playing shorts or bottoms should be matching this is the players responsibility.

**Financial Regulations**

RA Entry Fee £20 by Tuesday 30th April 2019. The initial squad payment is non-refundable.

RA Player, Coach and Referee Entry fee/costs

Entry Fee £130 per player, this includes Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch, playing top and entry fee.

Costs per coach £85 this includes Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch.

Costs per Referee £85 this includes Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast and lunch.

Cost for non-provision of a referee £50.

To reach the Academy of Beach Sports by the 28th June 2019

Payment to the Academy of Beach Sports,

Nat West Bank, 60-02-03 58531211

Reference Your Regional Association EG SWVA and name – if paying individually

**Further Information**

Necessary Information about the IRB U18 Cup 2019 will use the official communication and the events practical info document.

Additional information concerning the competition and the registered teams will be distributed by the Academy of Beach Sports for distribution to the registered Regional Beach Representative .

A mail chimp will be created to communicate with the athletes, coaches, referees and RA coaches.

**Hotel Accommodation**

Hotel Accommodation has been reserved at the Cardiff Met University on the Plas Gwyn Campus.

They are all single rooms with en-suite but no breakfast, this is provided at the beach centre. There are no double rooms available.

The Academy of Beach Sports will book and confirm all rooms with the hotel. denise@beachvolleyballinc.com

**Food**

Food will be provided at the Cardiff Beach Volleyball centre, dinner on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Please bring packed lunch for Saturday.

For those who book Friday evening breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Players, coaches and volunteers should have their event accreditation to present for all meals.

**Photography and Video Recording Registration Form**

During the event we aim to secure the assistance of a photographer, videographer plus we will also be live streaming and recording the matches. Each player U18 must complete the google form which as well as provide the ABS/Inter Regional Beach Parental consent form 2019 to compete in the IRB U18 Cup 2019. If there is a particular player who is unable to release their image it is the duty of the RA coach to notify the event organizer verbally on the day. As well as noting on the release form.

**Contact Addresses**

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