

## Beach Hub Case Study: Crystal Palace National Sports Centre



### About the site

The Crystal Palace National Sports Centre at Crystal Palace in south London is home to a large sports centre and an Athletics Stadium with a capacity of 15,500. The sports centre offers specialist facilities to London's Olympians-in-training, as well as indoor sports including a 50m swimming pool, squash, basketball, korfbal, 5-A Side and 11-A Side, volleyball, trampolining, karate, climbing, aerobics, weight training, netball, hockey, badminton and gymnastics.



### Construction

Crystal Palace's 3 court Beach Volleyball sports facility, which was previously used as tennis courts, took just two weeks to build. The Beach Hub is based around a fantastic, manmade beach, constructed from 680 tonnes of 'Redhill 28 sand,' which has been transported from London's Horse Guards Parade where it was used as part of The 2011 'London Prepares' Test Event.

### Launch

On Saturday 17 September, Crystal Palace National Sports Centre's (CPNSC) officially launched their new state-of-the-art beach sports facility. With a host of coaches and players on hand to provide training and advice to more than 300 Londoners of all ages experienced first-hand one of The Games most talked about and modern sports: beach volleyball!



Peter Bunday Deputy Managing Director at GLL which operates CPNSC on behalf of the London Development Agency said, "Sand sports are a fun and accessible for every age and sporting ability. We hope that Crystal Palace's new facilities will encourage Londoners to give beach sports a go, in a fun and informal environment and inspire them to embrace a new sporting lifestyle".

**Type of build:** Tennis court conversion  
**Partners:** GLL Leisure, Volleyball England, Sport England and LOCOG.  
**Timeframe of build:** two weeks  
**Cost of build:** £123,057.00

For more information about being part of the beach volleyball London 2012 legacy and brining a beach sports facility to your area, please contact: Holly Fairclough e: [beachfacilities@volleyballengland.org](mailto:beachfacilities@volleyballengland.org)