

Head Office

Leaving us -

Matt Rogers – Sitting Volleyball Development Manager. Matt leaves Volleyball England to take up a position with LOCOG in preparation for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Chris Stott - Coaching Development Officer, will be leaving employment with Volleyball England on 22nd July to take up a new role at UK Sport.

Alex Porter - Community Development Coach – Tendring, will be leaving employment on 29th July.

Nitesh Mistry - Community Development Coach – Tottenham, left employment with Volleyball England on 3rd June.

Mo Sliti has been appointed as Community Development Coach - Tower Hamlets (*employed by partner, not VE*).

Joining us -

Daniel Griffin – Sitting Volleyball Development Manager. Daniel Griffin joins Volleyball England from British Judo, where he was Children & Young People Development Manager. Dan will be responsible for the development of Sitting Volleyball across England and leading on the establishment of a performance programme for Sitting Volleyball players in preparation for the Paralympics Games in 2012. Contact details: d.griffin@volleyballengland.org, 07850 938 314.

Development

Go Spike

We have had a very positive response to the Go Spike campaign to date and thank everyone for the positive way clubs and regions have engaged with the campaign. This is a vitally important project for Volleyball England as we look to increase participation in line with our Active People targets.

**go
spike!**



With this in mind, Amy Seaman has been promoted to the position of Go Spike Project Manager on a full time basis reporting to Stuart Johnson, Head of Development. This will help ensure the project delivers against the milestone set out in the original brief.

Some Go Spike activity will continue through the autumn, winter and spring but we have a fantastic opportunity to build on this years successes, make any necessary changes and prepare for a huge summer of volleyball, pre and post the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games!

If you would like any further information on Go Spike, please contact Amy Seaman, a.seaman@volleyballengland.org



As a result of this change, the Marketing department will be looking for a new Marketing Officer to fill the void left by Amy in the next few weeks.

Technical Development

Beach Volleyball Capital Investment Initiative

Volleyball England has launched a new initiative to increase numbers of participants and spectators in beach sports. This initiative is in line with Volleyball England's strategic plan, which aims to increase the number of players and non-players participating in and having high quality experiences of beach volleyball.

Volleyball England has produced "Development of Beach Volleyball Courts", a document which details conversion and modification methods of under-used public area into sand courts in effective, economical and sustainable ways.

Volleyball England aims to build 10 permanent multi court beach centres by 2013. Keith Nicholls, Board member of Volleyball England, has lead on the specification and design of the conversion and modification process.

The Beach Volleyball Capital Investment Initiative will provide an opportunity to involve more people in healthy lifestyles, create new visitor attractions and facilities for the local communities and support local businesses. A copy of the beach facility document is attached to Inside View.

Five London locations have been chosen with work due to start imminently. In strictest confidence these are:





Bromley - Crystal Palace
Waltham Forest - Leyton
Westminster
Islington - Highbury Fields
Tower Hamlets

As part of the Olympic legacy for the sport, these locations will be supplied with the sand used in the Olympic Test Event at Horse Guards Parade immediately after the event has ended.

If you know of anyone else who may be interested, then please get them to e-mail their interest to beachfacilities@volleyballengland.org



Report on New Sport England Recommended Sizes For Sports Halls - Good News for Volleyball!

Over two years ago, Lisa set up a meeting at the All England Badminton Championships in Birmingham with representatives from the indoor court sports and Sport England at which Keith Nicholls outlined the arguments for revising the Sport England Guidance on sports hall sizes.

After much discussion and consultation Badminton, Basketball, Netball, Cricket, Sport England and Volleyball England have endorsed significant changes to the sizes that will be recommended in revised Sport England Technical Guidance publications. The first real size changes for 40 years.!

The main change is to increase the minimum recommended size from 33m x 18m to 34.5 m x 20m. This allows the correct safety margins for competitive basketball and netball. The increased width gives two training courts across the hall width (as at UEA Sportspark). This will enable clubs to double the amount of net/training space in a hall, or to hire a more affordable court for training.

It was agreed that this becomes the minimum size and that there are huge advantages in marginally increasing the size to 40.5 x 21.35m where the capital is available. This size would increase the end court space for volleyball training to 1.35m. Another plus for volleyball. This size hall would provide 5 courts for Badminton, who I must acknowledge have been very supportive of the other court sports.





A document “Developing the Right Sports Hall” will be published taking funders, developers and architects through a 7-step process to ensure that they understand the impact that the design/size has on curriculum, post curriculum and sports development areas.

The Foreword to this document will also state

“Where additional capital costs can be met, slightly larger halls, 21.35m x 40.5m are a viable option allowing two or more activities to take place simultaneously and higher levels of competition to be hosted. The additional capital investment required can be offset by the additional income potential and flexibility for teaching and programming. In some instances, looking wider than a single hall solution may also present a viable option when deciding how best to accommodate a sports development programme.”



A Business model has been developed that shows that the additional costs can be recovered at varying speeds depending on usage levels well within the lifespan of the building. This model will be included in the document to support this argument and push developers towards the larger size.

Detailed layouts and associated specifications for equipment positioning and in volleyball’s case for drop in posts and wall sliders are in development for publication in September. A major launch campaign is planned to ensure that all potential developers of facilities (schools, HE/FE, local authorities, operators etc are briefed on the changes) and those concerned with the detailed design and construction are also brought up to date.



This will occur in September at a number of venues, hopefully with Ministerial support. All the documents will be available on line from the launch.

The impact for volleyball is probably greater than for any other sport. It will reduce club costs, increase training space and ensure that suitable posts are installed in all halls. With improved infrastructure, the game will be well positioned to increase the speed of development.



Volunteer Leadership Programme

There are still a few places available on the Volunteer Leadership Programme. The new programme is aimed at supporting and encouraging more volunteers to help at Regional Commission and Board level we are launching a new Volunteer Leadership Programme for 2011/12. The key aim being to support a small group of volunteers who would consider taking on a future elected role within Volleyball England.

The Programme is focused on volunteers that maybe working at club or regional level, who in the future see themselves being potentially a Board member or leading a Commission.



The Volunteer Leadership Programme aims to identify, develop and support future leaders within Volleyball England. The programme will cover the following areas:

- World and European Volleyball.
- The role of a National Governing Body.
- Vision, Strategy and Good Governance.
- Understanding what members want and how to provide it .
- Stakeholder Mapping, Influencing others.
- Building the organisational brand, selling our assets
- Leading change and managing innovation.
- Lead more, manage less and show people the way; becoming a more effective leader by knowing yourself.



There is a maximum of 10 places available on the programme which will last a year from April 2011. There will be a commitment required from successful applicants to attend all training and to continue their personalised learning outcomes.

The Nomination Criteria:

- Must be members of Volleyball England.
- Is willing to commit appropriate time to the programme.
- Is ambitious and aspires to drive the sport forwards.
- Must not have held office previously within volleyball at Board level.
- Must not have held a role on a Volleyball England Commission for over 5 years.



- Staff of Volleyball England or staff who have previously held a senior role at Volleyball England are ineligible.

What are the next steps?

If you would like more information or an informal chat about this new programme please contact [Lisa Wainwright](#) or [Richard Callicott](#).

The Inspired Facilities programme will focus on upgrading and modernising sports clubs.

On 18 July Sport England launched Inspired Facilities - a key part of the Places People Play programme which will deliver a mass participation sporting legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Through Inspired Facilities Sport England will invest National Lottery funding in up to 1,000 community sports clubs. In advance of the launch, they would like to give you the chance to sign up for a workshop where you will be able to learn more about the programme.

Inspired Facilities will provide relatively small capital grants to refurbish and improve the places where people play sport, improving their sporting experience and encouraging more people to get involved.

For more information visit <http://inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org/>

Sportivate

Sportivate is a £32 million Lottery programme that gives 14-25 year olds access to six-week courses in a range of sports including volleyball.

The programme is aimed at those who are not currently choosing to take part in sport in their own time, or are doing so for a very limited amount of time – and will support them to continue playing sport in their community after the six weeks is up.

Sportivate is being delivered by the network of 49 county sports partnerships, working with local clubs and providers. Sport England have confirmed that volleyball has been included by 16 CSPs in a total of 33 projects.





The CSPs including volleyball are: Essex, Leicestershire & Rutland, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, West London, Tees Valley, Tyne & Wear, Cheshire & Warrington, Greater Sport, Kent, Sussex, Devon, Dorset, Wilshire & Swindon, Staffordshire & Stoke -on-Trent and West Yorkshire

Sport Satisfaction Survey

People will only keep playing sport if they enjoy it. So Sport England has developed an innovative satisfaction survey which helps us measure satisfaction levels within individual sports. They use this information to help make investment and planning decisions.

The research provides a statistically robust measure of satisfaction with the quality of the sporting experience by individual sport. This has given Sport England a basis for tracking the achievement of national targets for each sport.

The Sports Satisfaction Survey measures satisfaction in 46 different sports, and within each sport, across three levels of engagement - general participants, affiliated club members and the talent pool.

	2009	2010	2011
Overall	77.2	76.3	78.4
General Participant	77.0	76.5	78.6
Club Member	78.3	74.3	76.9
Talent	N/A	80.6	79.3

Overall and compared to other sports volleyball is performing well, with a significant number of volleyballers participating in the survey.

Marketing and Communications

Volleyball England Website

The current volleyball England website has done great service to the organisation but it's important we move with the times and upgrade both technically and aesthetically.

Over the past few months, we have concluded the tendering process and have now chosen a company to build the new website. The specification and planning stage is underway with completion due at the beginning of August. For more information contact Martin Lindsey, m.lindsey@volleyballengland.org.





Volleyball England and Gerflor

Volleyball England has signed an approved supplier agreement with Gerflor, for its Taraflex range of portable and permanent indoor sports flooring solutions.

As a result of the agreement, Gerflor have supplied two portable Taraflex sitting courts and a International specification Taraflex sitting floor for a discounted price. Gerflor will also provide technical support for the installation of the courts if needed .

Saka Water

Volleyball England will be signing an official supplier agreement with Saka Water, to be the official water supplier of Volleyball England. It fantastic news that a national brand wants to partner with Volleyball England. Saka also have deals with SportsAid and British Basketball. Our logo (together with the others) will appear on their water bottles, which will help promote the Volleyball England brand to a wider audience.



If you would like to content to be included in inside view then please e-mail r.harding@volleyballengland.org

