



Hi << Test First Name >>,

Time for a August Newsletter, a few things happening plus a couple of requests.

SW Junior training is now available, currently £12 (3h) / £15 (4h) per session, starting in Bristol, U15's in Pools for October, everything else will be back at the Exeter, Riverside LC for the remainder of the season.

The venue is now fully re-opened after the fire four years ago, so as well as City Centre Shopping, exploring the Quay Side and estuary, the swimming pool is now back in action. For older kids, train travel is also an option to this venue.

SW League teams have received their Draft league fixture list, don't forget the ratification period ends Saturday 28th August.

SW Champs 2022

Nothing arranged at the moment as we have not yet found a new four court venue (or two double court venues next to each other), or a club to host and organise the event, if you can help, please let us know.

Dave Reece
SWVA Chair

SW Junior Training 2021-22



We are please to announce that we are back in business with our U15 & U17 South West Junior monthly Training program for the 2021-22 season from September to April next year.

- The training is run to offer opportunities for young players to improve their play by working with the regional squad coaches.
- To have the opportunity to meet other young players from around the region and enjoy working with a large 'same age group'.
- To prepare Regional Representative teams to compete in the National Inter Regional Championships.

All sessions are open to all juniors in the SWVA Region (SW Eng, S. Wales), the first will be in Wellsway LC in Bristol, the U15's will be in Parkstone Grammer, Poole in October but everything else will be at the Riverside LC in Exeter (which has now fully re-opened following the fire four years ago).

Age groups is the school year, this means that you must be Under 15 or U17 on August 31st 2021. Girls & Boys younger than 13 may train by prior agreement.



You will need to [Book & Pay](#) for each session in advance. The sessions are £12 (3h) or £15 (4h), depending on the length of each session and currently limited to 27 players.

All bookings will close on the preceding Friday evening at 23:45 and payments will be non refundable or transferable. If you have a credit or voucher from an earlier session, please enter the ticket code in the “Do you have a promo code”.

Date & Venue

- 18th Sep 2021 – Bristol (Wellsway)
- 9th Oct 2021 – Poole, Parkstone Grammar [U15's Only]
- 16th Oct 2021 – Exeter Riverside LC [U17's Only]
- 20th Nov 2021 – Exeter Riverside LC
- 4th Dec 2021 – Exeter Riverside LC
- 15th Jan 2022 – Exeter Riverside LC
- 29th Jan 2022 – Exeter Riverside LC
- 19th Feb 2022 – Exeter Riverside LC
- 5th Mar 2022 – Exeter Riverside LC
- 12th Mar 2022 – Exeter Riverside LC

- 2nd Apr 2022 – Exeter Riverside LC

Details at: <https://www.swva.org.uk/south-west-junior-training>

SW League Ladies Champions 2019-20



Although the 2019-20 SW League season finished some time ago, we are still catching up with some outstanding business. This week, our competition secretary Rachel was able to catch up with Volleyball Taunton's Ladies coach, Jurek Jankowski to present the SW Ladies League Trophy.



The team celebrating their 14th consecutive league win during an unbeaten winning streak during the 2019-20 season. With the remaining matches now all cancelled, this unfortunately turned out to be their last match but the girls had an unassailable position in the league and hence were awarded the league title.

And with no 2020/21 league, still Ladies League Champions...

SW IRC Coaching Opportunities 2021-22



As we look to restart the sport after lockdown, a few of our regular coaches and assistant coaches have moved on. This of course creates an excellent opportunity for others to join the team and to get involved in working with this very rewarding Junior program.

Training takes place across the region, with the majority in Exeter this year (dates listed elsewhere on the site). In return we can assist with mileage and can help new assistant coaches with their training and certificates with a SWVA scholarship.



The SWVA Inter Regional Championships program is the competitive outlet for junior volleyball players throughout the region and is part of Regional Talent Development programmes.

In addition to the main Inter Regional Championship end of season event held in Kettering, the program includes monthly training sessions, match training at the Exeter Challenge events and various development teams at SW events.

The program also includes coaching development opportunities, it's a great place for experienced coaches to help others and for our younger assistant coaches to learn and to develop their coaching skill. In addition to the coaching team, there is also a back ground administration team that works behind the scene.



We are currently looking to boost and expand our coaching team, if you would like to get involved as an existing coach or to develop your coaching experience as an assistant coach, then please have a read of the [Join the team](#) page, which includes some basic job descriptions and complete the form. We aim to find a place for everyone on the team, most people start as an assistant and once they have completed a season, progress.

Applications for this round of recruitment closes on Sept 4th, with the first session on the 18th Sep for the successful candidates.

Any other or missing info, please contact me.

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SWVA Chairman

Olympics 2021 - What did we Learn



It's Olympic time again, which means plenty of volleyball to watch, what did we learnt, a few observations:

- Professional players can play without ball Boys & Girls.
- Floor moppers are not required to cleaning the floor between every point.
- Advert breaks, sorry technical times outs are not required in group matches.
- Video reviews being used in a number of different ways by teams (not just to look at in or out calls).
- A couple of good calls by the ref's in both the indoor & beach finals to allow the video replay to be used to checks a passage of play (only meant for reviews of IN / OUT calls). Turned out the officials had missed something each time - so correct decision IMHO.
- We have also seen the Japanese Men introduce a new trick play (not totally new but now seen on global TV). I'm sure clubs will be adding it to their 2021/22 play books. Not seen it, get googling.
- Several new counties on the top step of the podiums.

- And most colourful team, Kenyan ladies with their multi-coloured and beaded hair styles.



If you didn't have access via one of the TV subscription services, I believe you can download the Discovery+ app, sign up (remember to cancel after the event). Where you should have access to catch up.

Beach Volleyball Court Funding?

The Enover Community Trust is an environmental body which supports community and environmental projects. The Trust awards grants under the terms of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF), providing funding to a broad range of projects that have as big an impact on the community as possible.

These include improving **community halls**, the **creation of new play areas** and skate parks, and restoring green spaces.

The deadlines for applications are:

- 10 September 2021 for 19 October 2021
- 10 December 2021 for January 2022 (date to be confirmed)

The Trust funds projects within ten miles of Enovert Management Limited's waste management operations in:

- - Bristol (BS16 9NN)
 - Cheltenham (GL52 7RS)
 - Cirencester (GL7 1YG)
 - Colchester (CO3 0NN)
 - Gloucester (GL2 5FR)
 - Kingswinford (DY6 7JS)
 - Lydney (GL14 4EJ)
 - Sevenoaks (TN14 5BP)
 - Walsall Wood (WS9 9AH)
 - Weston-super-Mare (BS22 8NA)



Details at: <https://www.enovert.co.uk/enovert-community-trust/>

New assistant coach award coincides with courses re-launch

We are delighted to announce the long-awaited return of coaching courses and workshops, with a Level 2 Coaching Volleyball course in Ashcombe on 28th August set to be the first to take place since before lockdown.

Conversations are taking place to swiftly organise a cluster of dates across the country to help the backlog of coaches who have had their professional development stalled by the Covid-19 pandemic.

However, one of the major obstacles to courses returning is the availability of venues. If you are interested in hosting one and have access to a volleyball court and teaching area, please contact coaching@volleyballengland.org. If you are keen to attend a coaching course, please register your interest [here](#) so we can contact you as soon as a date becomes available.

In the meanwhile, we are seeking learners for a Level 2 course in Newark across 21st-22nd August and 18th-19th September. [Please use this form to reserve a place.](#)

Assistant Coach Award

In further exciting news, we are currently piloting a new Assistant Coach Award. Developed during lockdown, this new award will be the first formal step on our Coach Education Pathway and covers the disciplines of indoor volleyball, beach volleyball, and sitting volleyball. It will replace our Level 1 Introduction to Coaching Volleyball Award.

The Assistant Coach Award will introduce learners to volleyball fundamentals that underpin the development of the dig, volley, block, serve, and spike skills, as well as Volleyball England's game-based approach to coaching.

Upon completion of this eight-week blended course – two virtual classroom sessions, a one day face-to-face practical session and online studies – learners

will become qualified to assist coaches in delivering volleyball sessions for senior beginners or social players.

Learners will each receive a free Volleyball England coach membership for their first season, a 12-month UK Coaching subscription, and a resource pack for the course fee of £150.

Natasha Buckland, Project Lead for Workforce Development & Courses, said: "Courses are essential for the development of coaches and so we are delighted they are now back online after being temporarily stopped by the Covid-19 pandemic."

Blended learning is also being piloted on the Grade 4 Refereeing Course with more information to follow.

For more information on courses, visit www.volleyballengland.org/courses. Future course dates, as well as all other future Volleyball England events, will be listed on our [new event finder tool](#). Please note we are currently working with a number of clubs interested in organising Assistant Coach and Level 2 Awards.

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