

National Observation and Upgrading Event Calendar 2025-26					
Event	Month	Location(s)	Level	How to apply for upgrading/observation	Deadline to apply
Super League Opening Weekend	October 2025	Loughborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 2 and above looking to progress. 	Invitation by appointment.	n/a
Student Cup Qualifiers (various venues)	November 2025	Loughborough Ashcombe Leeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 4 looking to progress to 3 Regional Other grade reviews where appropriate. 	Expression of interest open from 1st September 2025. Use the Referee Management System on VolleyZone to keep your unavailability up to date. Request an opportunity to be observed by registering your interest on the relevant Observation Event on VolleyZone You must be a registered referee to apply. If you are successfully appointed to the event, you will be assigned on the Referee Management System. You will have to accept the appointment. Prior to the event the Competition Team will send you full information including your schedule, venue, time and expenses claim form.	The deadline to apply can be found on each VolleyZone event.
Student Cup Final Weekend	February 2026	Norwich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 3N looking to progress to Grade 2 Grade 2 looking to progress to Grade 1 		30 th September 2025
Last 6s U15	March 2026	Loughborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 4 looking to progress to 3 Regional 		TBC

			(only if supported by a senior referee) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3 Regional looking to progress to Grade 3 National (only if actively refereeing in the NVL) • Grade 3 National looking to progress to Grade 2 • Grade 2 looking to progress to Grade 1 	Expression of interest open from 1st January 2026. Use the Referee Management System on VolleyZone to keep your unavailability up to date. Request an opportunity to be observed by registering your interest on the relevant Observation Event on VolleyZone You must be a registered referee to apply. If you are successfully appointed to the event, you will be assigned on the Referee Management System. You will have to accept the appointment. Prior to the event the Competition Team will send you full information including your schedule, venue, time and expenses claim form.	
Last 6s U16	March 2026	Loughborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3 Regional looking to progress to Grade 3 National (only if actively refereeing in the NVL) • Grade 2 looking to progress to Grade 1 		TBC
Last 6s U18	March 2026	Loughborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3 National looking to progress to Grade 2 • Grade 2 looking to progress to Grade 1 		TBC
Sitting Grand Prix 6	March 2026	Loughborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3S and above (tier 1) • Grade 4S (tier 2) 		TBC
Inter-Regional Championships	May 2026	Loughborough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3R and above looking to progress 		TBC

Super League Final 4s	April 2026	TBC	Various	Invitation by appointment.	n/a
National cup finals	April 2026	Loughborough	Various	Invitation by appointment.	n/a
Regions and Counties Observation and Upgrading Event Calendar					
Junior Grand Prix Tier 1 U16 and U18 (not gold pool)			Grade 4 Referees looking to progress to Grade 3R.	Contact the host club organiser. You can find their details here .	
South East Volleyball Association Tournament	May 2025	Dorking	Grade 4 Referees looking to progress to Grade 3R.	Contact Freda Bussey fredabussey@gmail.com	
South West Championships	May 2025	South West	Grade 4 Referees and above looking to progress.	Contact Ignacio Diez ignacio.diez.arias@gmail.com	
London League Play Offs	May 2025	London	Grade 4 Referees and above looking to progress.	Contact LVA on lva.refadm@gmail.com	

If you are an event organiser and are interested in having your event included as an observation opportunity, please email refereeing@volleyballengland.org.