



NATIONAL STUDENT CUP 2012-13 COMPETITION RULES

The competition is open to all teams based in institutions for full-time higher education or a British Colleges of Sport (BCS) affiliated institution.

Eligibility:

For a student to be eligible to represent his/her Institution in the Volleyball England Student Cup, he/she shall:

- 1) Be an internally registered student (that is a student classified by the university/college Registrar as a student who is studying at the member institution or assigned campus in an internal classification) at an institution of Higher Education or a BCS affiliated institution that holds current affiliation to Volleyball England and
- 2) Be registered on a credit rated course (e.g. Degree or HND, as under the Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme) or enrolled on a full-time course at a BCS affiliated institution and
- 3) Be undertaking a study programme equivalent to at least 120 credits per year (i.e. full time student), or in the case of a postgraduate or BCS student be undertaking a study programme of no less than that equivalent to that of the full time student programme, and
- 4) Be a player who is permitted by Volleyball England to participate alongside amateur competition in volleyball, and
- 5) Have the support of the Athletic Union or Sports office, and
- 6) Must produce either a valid photographic University ID card or Full time NUS or College card at the beginning of the tournament as proof of membership of the institution they are representing (library, ISIC and BUCS cards are not acceptable). Failure to produce a valid card will result in players being ineligible to play and/or a £5 administration fee being charged on the day of the tournament.

Ineligible Participants:

- 7) Students at "franchised" colleges unless recognised as fully registered internal students of the member institution they are representing.
- 8) Externally registered students, as determined by the university's or BCS Institution's Registrar.
- 9) Members of staff are not permitted to play under any circumstances.
- 10) Part time students
- 11) Students without a valid identity card (see rule 6 above)

Any team found to have fielded an ineligible player, will forfeit all games played and face a possible fine and disqualification from future competitions.

Withdrawals:

- 12) In previous years, certain teams have dropped out at the last moment. Such action will result in offending teams possibly being barred from the competition for two years. A £20 administration charge may be levied at the discretion of the cup commissioner. This will also apply to any teams dropping out on the Sunday Finals competition should you progress that far.

Affiliation:

13) All clubs must be affiliated to Volleyball England through BUCS or BCS. BUCS and BCS pay a block affiliation fee but institutions must complete the relevant affiliation forms and return them to the BUCS or BCS office prior to competition.

You will need to fill in your affiliation number on the application form but if this is not possible, you must be able to produce it on the day of the tournament otherwise you will be liable to pay £50 for new team affiliation on the day of the tournament.

Competition Rules:

14) No player may compete for more than one team in this competition under any circumstances. Institutions entering more than one team are also subject to this ruling – teams will be treated as separate entries and as such players are unable to play across.

15) Teams of mixed sex are not allowed.

16) All team kits must be matching, with shirt numberings on both front and back.

17) The closing date will be strictly adhered to and applications will only be accepted, to the National Office, in writing. Monies must be submitted with entry forms before the entry will be accepted (HEVO Universities are eligible to 1 free entry only To claim this entry the relevant box must be ticked on the entry form). The organiser reserves the right to extend the entry deadline. Late payment of entry fees will incur a £25 admin fee.

18) Entry to the competition implies acceptance of the Volleyball England Competition Rules, as approved of, or amended by the Competitions Commission.

19) Matches will have a five-minute general warm up and five minutes shared use of the net. Match times advertised, other than first games of the day are indicative only and all matches will follow on from the conclusion of the previous match.

20) Teams not present at the start time of the match may lose one point per minute leading to ultimate forfeiture.

21) All pool matches will be best of three sets. All sets will be rally point with the first two sets to 25 points, two clear. The third set to 15 points, two clear, with no ceiling. In the Finals, Sundays games for positions 1-8 will be the same format, games for positions 9-16 will be two sets only to 25 points, 2 clear with no ceiling, a third set will NOT be played.

22) Two pool points will be awarded for a win in the pools. Placing will be decided by pool points, number of matches won, sets for less sets against, points for less points against, results between the tied teams. If two teams are still tied they will be classified in terms of the matches between the two teams.

23) Players who receive a penalty for misconduct during matches (Yellow / Red Cards), will be sanctioned as follows;

If a player receives a Red Card they will automatically be suspended for the next match.

If a player receives 2 Yellow Cards in separate games they will be suspended for the next match.

24) When officiating, teams are required to provide **two competent officials, a scorer, and at least two lines people**. A first official will be supplied where possible. However, due to other Volleyball England competitions, provision of a first official may not always be possible. Therefore teams are asked to ensure that a suitable, competent official is available as part of the condition of entry.

25) Teams failing to provide officials under rule 23, or fail to fulfil any fixture over the weekend will be liable to penalty by means of fine and/or suspension.

26) Only the first placed teams from each pool group in the qualifying rounds will automatically qualify for the finals, pending any necessary eligibility checks.

27) Further teams will qualify for the finals on a points average basis taken across the second placed teams from the pool groups played in the qualifying rounds. If for any reason pool groups have to be combined into one group, or if pool groups consisting of 6 teams have to be played due to any reason, it may be considered that second placed teams may qualify, this is dependent upon the number of total pools in the whole qualifying competition and the number of available slots in the finals.

28) Teams will be placed into pool groups based upon the following factors availability for play, BUCS/BCS divisions and results, prior history and second/third team entries.

29) The organisers reserve the right to include teams which did not originally qualify for the finals if for any reason a team which did qualify gives up its place in the 2013 finals or if a team is disqualified before the finals weekend. The team that gives up its place or is disqualified will be replaced by the highest placed available team.

30) TWO Team sheets must be filled in prior to registration in numerical order, e.g. no.1-18 surname, first name as per the example on the team sheet and handed in to the Competition Organiser upon registration.

31) The organisers reserve the right to amend the programme. The decision of the referee is final in regard to playing matters. The decisions of Competition Organiser and Cup Commissioner in regard to the event are final.

32) HEVO universities will receive a £50 discount on the qualifying round entry fee. Should a HEVO university have automatic qualification to the finals, the full £150 will need to be paid.