



NATIONAL STUDENT CUP 2017-18

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

4th November 2017

National Volleyball Centre, Kettering Conference Centre, Northants, NN15 6PB

4th/5th November 2017

Ashcombe Volleyball Centre, Ashcombe Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1LY

11th / 12th November 2017

National Volleyball Centre, Kettering Conference Centre, Northants, NN15 6PB

25th November 2017

Ashcombe Volleyball Centre, Ashcombe Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1LY

25th/26th November 2017

University of Leeds, Leeds, LS2 9JT

FINALS

3rd/4th February 2017

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ENTRY DEADLINE:

Monday 16th October 2017

VOLLEYBALL ENGLAND NATIONAL STUDENT CUP 2017-18

COMPETITION RULES

The competition is open to all teams based in institutions for full-time higher education or Association of Colleges of Sport (AOC) 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 AOC 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 AOC 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 AOC student be undertaking a study programme of no less than that equivalent to that of the full-time student programme, and
- 4) Have the support of the Athletic Union or Sports office, and
- 5) 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:

- 6) Students at "franchised" colleges unless recognised as fully registered internal students of the member institution they are representing.
- 7) Externally registered students, as determined by the University's or AOC Institution's Registrar.
- 8) Members of staff are not permitted to play under any circumstances.
- 9) Part time students
- 10) Students without a valid identity card (see rule 5 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:

- 11) 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 £25 administration charge may be levied at the discretion of the Student Cup Lead. This will also apply to any teams dropping out on the Sunday Finals competition should you progress that far.

Affiliation:

- 12) All clubs must be affiliated to Volleyball England, BUCS League Clubs should affiliate through BUCS and AOC Clubs through AOC. BUCS and AOC pay a block affiliation fee but institutions must complete the relevant affiliation forms and return them to the BUCS or AOC office prior to competition. If you are a University Club that does not play in the BUCS League, you will need to complete your affiliation directly with Volleyball England, please see; http://volleyballengland.org/membership/membership_home/club_membership for further details.

If you have not done this by the day of the tournament you will be liable to pay £89.50 for standard Club affiliation on the day of the tournament.

Competition Rules:

- 13) No player may compete for more than University or AOC Affiliated institution in this competition under any circumstances. University's or AOC Affiliated intuitions may enter more than one team. These teams will be named 'A', 'B' in order of strength. Once a team has been knocked out, a player may play up, but may not play down. No player may play for more than one team in any one round of a competition.
- 14) Teams of mixed sex are not allowed.
- 15) All team kits must be matching, with shirt numberings on both front and back.
- 16) The closing date will be strictly adhered to and applications will only be accepted via the Volleyball England website. Monies must be submitted with entry before the entry will be accepted. The organiser reserves the right to extend the entry deadline. Late payment of entry fees will incur a £25 admin fee.
- 17) Entry to the competition implies acceptance of the Volleyball England Competition Rules, as approved of, or amended by the Competitions Working Group.
- 18) 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.
- 19) Teams not present at the start time of the match may lose one point per minute leading to ultimate forfeiture.
- 20) All 4 Team 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. All 5 Team pool matches will be two set only to 25 points, 2 clear with no ceiling, a third set will NOT be played. In the Finals, Sundays games for positions 1-8 will be best of three sets, games for positions 9-16 will be two sets only.
- 21) 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.
- 22) Players who receive a penalty for misconduct during matches (Yellow / Red Cards), will be sanctioned as follows;
 - Penalty, Expulsion and Disqualification
 - If a player receives a Red and Yellow Card together they will automatically be suspended for the next match.
 - If a player receives 2 Red Cards in separate games they will be suspended for the next match.
- 23) All players must adhere to the Volleyball England Code of Conduct.
- 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 24, 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/AOC 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 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 Student Cup Lead in regard to the event are final.
- 32) In the event of a competition being cancelled or a team(s)/players' inability to attend a competition(s) due to circumstances beyond the control of Volleyball England, the Association will not be liable for any costs associated to the team(s) or individuals as a consequence of the cancellation or non-attendance (venue hire, hotel accommodation or transportation etc). Volleyball England will advise participants as soon as possible of any cancellations or amendments to competitions due to severe weather conditions, safety concerns or any other reason resulting in a competition being cancelled. It is the club's responsibility to ensure that any concern over safety and the inability to attend a competition is notified immediately to Volleyball England. Should an event be cancelled, all affected persons must be notified immediately. If unsure as to the course of action to take, please seek advice from the Volleyball England Competition and Events team.

Entry Criteria;

The competition will follow the same format as 2016-17.

All entries should be made on the form provided for each team entered (individual forms should be completed for each team, including different forms for both men's AND women's teams).

Entry Deadline:

Monday 16th October 2017

All forms and entry fees for the finals should be returned to the Volleyball England Hub, for the attention of Competitions.

Pre-qualified Teams:

If you came in the top 2 men's or top 2 women's in the 2016-17 Finals, you have automatically qualified for the 2017-18 Finals. Those teams are:

Men

- 1st University of Essex
- 2nd Bournemouth University

Women

- 1st Newcastle University
- 2nd University of Essex

Please complete the entry form online before 16th October to accept your place in the 2017-18 Finals.