Facilities Working Group – Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Facilities Working Group (FWG) supports Volleyball England's ambition to improve the quality, accessibility and availability of facilities for volleyball across England.

The Group will provide advice, expertise and recommendations to help ensure volleyball is appropriately considered in facility planning, investment and development at local, regional and national levels.

Key Areas of Focus

I. Facility Standards & Guidance

- Review and maintain Volleyball England's facility guidance.
- Develop recommendations on facility design, equipment and court layouts.
- Promote best practice for new-build, refurbishment and retrofit projects.

II. Strategic Advocacy & Influence

- Engage with key stakeholders including Sport England, the Department for Education, local authorities, academy trusts and facility operators.
- Advocate for volleyball-friendly facility design and community access.
- Support Volleyball England's engagement with major facility investment programmes.

III. Intelligence & Opportunity Management

- Monitor facility developments, investment programmes and planning activity relevant to volleyball.
- Identify strategic opportunities and risks.
- Provide insight and recommendations to Volleyball England.

IV. Community Support & Capacity Building

- Develop resources and toolkits to support clubs and volunteers.
- Share best practice and successful case studies.
- Support local engagement with facility providers and decision-makers.

Year 1 Priorities

The Working Group will focus on four initial priorities:

1. Refresh Volleyball England's Facilities Guidance.
2. Develop a Volleyball-Friendly Sports Hall Specification.
3. Establish a national facility monitoring and intelligence framework.
4. Create a network of regional Facility Champions.

Membership

The Group will comprise:

- A Chair appointed by Volleyball England.
- A Board sponsor (Facilities Champion).
- Volleyball England staff representatives.
- Volunteers and subject matter experts with relevant experience.

Additional members may be co-opted as required.

Governance

The Working Group operates in an advisory capacity and reports to the Get.Keep.Grow Sub Group.

The Group will provide regular updates and recommendations aligned to Volleyball England's strategic priorities.

Meetings

The Group will meet at least quarterly, with additional meetings or task-and-finish groups established as required.

Review

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually.