

UK Beach Tour (UKBT)

Officials – Terms & Conditions

1. Purpose

This document sets out the Terms & Conditions for Officials appointed to officiate at UK Beach Tour (UKBT) and affiliated beach volleyball events.

Its purpose is to provide clear information for prospective Officials who may be appointed to officiate at UKBT Grand Slams, UKBT Opens, UKBT Club Championships, UKBT Junior Championships, BUCS Beach Championships, or other UKBT-sanctioned events.

These Terms & Conditions cover fees, expenses, accommodation, and expectations for Officials across different levels of competition.

2. Scope of Appointments

Under current regulations, Officials are **mandatory** for the following events:

- UKBT Grand Slams
- UKBT Club Championships (organised by Deep Dish/UKBT)
- UKBT Junior Championships (organised by Fireball)
- UKBT Opens (hosted by multiple organisers)
- BUCS Beach Championships (organised by Deep Dish)

UKBT works closely with Volleyball England to support development opportunities for new or developing beach Officials at lower-level events. Appointments at these events are **not mandatory** under current regulations.

3. Fees

Standard fee:

- £50 per day, per referee

Where Officials are not mandatory, fees are at the discretion of the event organiser and should be agreed directly between the organiser and the Official.

Referee Manager:

- £70 Per day, per referee manager

These rates are based on the assumption that each event day runs roughly for 8 hours. In the event that an event day runs longer than 8 hours, £15 will be added on to that day rate per Official.

4. Travel Expenses

Where applicable, Officials may claim reasonable travel expenses, subject to prior agreement.

Travel expense guidance:

- **Mileage:** 30p per mile
- **Public transport:** Recommended where possible; standard-class fares will be reimbursed in full

All claims must be submitted in accordance with UKBT or event organiser processes and within stated deadlines.

Travel expenses are capped at **£45 per person per event**.

If travel expenses exceed the above £45 limit then this is at the expense of the official themselves - UKBT will not pay any extra expenses on top of the £45 cap.

Where Officials are not mandatory, travel expenses are at the discretion of the event organiser and should be agreed directly with the Official.

5. Parking

UKBT will aim to provide parking permits where required. Where this is not possible, parking costs will be reimbursed provided parking is used within the designated car park or an alternative of comparable cost.

Where Officials are not mandatory, parking arrangements should be agreed directly with the event organiser.

6. Accommodation

Accommodation (or a contribution towards accommodation) is **not guaranteed** and will only be provided where explicitly confirmed in advance.

Grand Slams, Club Championships, BUCS Beach Championships, Junior Championships

- Accommodation will be directly booked where possible by the UKBT/Organiser
- Should accommodation not be provided, the following will apply:
 - £50 per person, per night
 - £100 per room if sharing
- Maximum of **two nights per event**
- Any additional nights must be covered by the Official

If suitable accommodation cannot be found within this budget, Officials should contact the UKBT General Manager to discuss options.

UKBT Opens

- Officials should generally expect **no accommodation provision**
- Where accommodation is required due to location or scheduling, this will be confirmed in advance and arranged directly with the Event Host

Where Officials are not mandatory, accommodation arrangements should be agreed directly with the event organiser.

7. General Expectations of Officials

Officials are expected to:

- Hold appropriate qualifications and experience for the level of event
- Be familiar with current beach volleyball rules and regulations
- Arrive punctually and prepared for all assigned matches
- Dress professionally and appropriately
- Act impartially and respectfully at all times
- Comply with safeguarding, equality, and inclusion policies
- Follow instructions from the Officials Coordinator or Event Organiser
- Follow the Codes of Conduct for UKBT and Volleyball England
- Avoid behaviour that could bring the event or UKBT into disrepute

Failure to meet these expectations may result in removal from appointments.

Officials should familiarise themselves with UKBT Regulations as set out in the UKBT Handbook.

8. Officials Qualification Expectations

- **UKBT Grand Slams:** Officials must meet Volleyball England grading requirements – Grade 1 and 2
 - **BUCS Beach Championships:** To be confirmed - Grade 1, 2 and 3 but the qualifiers could include 4.
 - **UKBT Club Championships:** To be confirmed - Grade 1, 2 and 3 but the qualifiers could include 4.
 - **UKBT Junior Championships:** To be confirmed – Grade 1 and 2
 - **UKBT Opens:** Suitable for developing Officials – Grade 3 and 4
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9. Event Requirements for Officials

UKBT Grand Slams

- *16-team draw, 4 courts*
 - 6 referees required across both days
 - The below states the requirements of each specific situation - referees are not expected to referee for extended periods of time
 - 1 Referee Manager (also scheduled to referee)
- **Pool Play (Day 1):**
 - 1 Official per court
 - No second referee
 - Scorers provided
- **Knockout Rounds (Day 1) & Quarter Finals (Day 2):**
 - Centre court: 2 Officials
 - Outside courts: 1 Official
 - No second referee
 - Scorers provided
- **Semi-Finals & Finals (Day 2):**
 - 2 Officials per court
 - Scorers provided

UKBT Opens

- 2 Officials required on Finals Day (one day only)
- Centre court only throughout the day
- Final: 1st and 2nd referee
- Scorers provided

BUCS Beach / Club Championships / Junior Championships

- Minimum of 2 Officials per day
 - Centre court throughout the day
 - Final: 1st and 2nd referee
 - Scorers provided
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10. Uniform

- National Federation uniform must be worn at all events

Grand Slams:

- UKBT hats and dryrobes will be provided where available
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11. Changes and Cancellations

Officials must notify the relevant organiser (and Volleyball England if applicable) as early as possible if unable to fulfil an appointment.

Fees and expense reimbursement in the event of cancellation will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

12. Lines of Communication

- **UKBT Grand Slams:** UKBT General Manager ↔ Volleyball England
- **UKBT Opens:** Event Organiser ↔ Volleyball England
- **BUCS Beach & UKBT Club Championships:** UKBT General Manager/Organiser ↔ Volleyball England
- **UKBT Junior Championships:** Organiser ↔ Volleyball England