

National Observation Event Calendar 2026-27

Event	Month	Location(s)	Level	How to apply for observation
Super League Opening Weekend	October 2026	Loughborough	Grade 2 and above looking to progress.	Invitation by appointment.
Student Cup Qualifiers	November 2026	Loughborough Ashcombe Leeds	- Grade 4 looking to progress to 3 Regional - Other grade reviews where appropriate.	Expression of interest open from 1st August 2026. To request an observation, register your interest through the relevant Observation Event on VolleyZone. You must hold a Volleyball England referee membership and keep your unavailability up to date on VolleyZone. If you are appointed, you will receive an assignment through VolleyZone, which you must accept to confirm your observation. Before the event, the Competitions Team will provide further details, including your schedule, venue information, timings, and expenses information.
Student Cup Final Weekend	February 2027	Loughborough	- Grade 3N looking to progress to Grade 2 - Grade 2 looking to progress to Grade 1	

U16 Super 6	February 2027	Loughborough	• 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	Expression of interest open from 1st January 2027. To request an observation, register your interest through the relevant Observation Event on VolleyZone. You must hold a Volleyball England referee membership and keep your unavailability up to date on VolleyZone. If you are appointed, you will receive an assignment through VolleyZone, which you must accept to confirm your observation. Before the event, the Competitions Team will provide further details, including your schedule, venue information, timings, and expenses information.
U18 Super 6	February 2027	Loughborough	• Grade 3 National looking to progress to Grade 2 • Grade 2 looking to progress to Grade 1	
Sitting Grand Prix 6	February 2027	Loughborough	• Grade 3S and above (tier 1) • Grade 4S (tier 2)	
U15 Super 6	March 2027	Loughborough	• Grade 4 looking to progress to 3 Regional (only if supported by a senior referee) • 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	
Inter-Regional Championships	May 2027	Loughborough	• Grade 3R and above looking to progress	
Super League Final 4s	April 2027	TBC	Various	Invitation by appointment.
National cup finals	April 2027	Loughborough	Various	Invitation by appointment.

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 .
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Regional Observation Event Calendar 2026-27

South East Volleyball Association Tournament	May 2027	Dorking	Grade 4 Referees looking to progress to Grade 3R.	Contact Freda Bussey fredabussey@gmail.com
South West Championships	May 2027	South West	Grade 4 Referees and above looking to progress.	Contact Ignacio Diez ignacio.diez.arias@gmail.com
London League Play Offs	May 2027	London	Grade 4 Referees and above looking to progress.	Contact London Volleyball Association on lva.refadm@gmail.com

The deadline to apply for each opportunity can be found in the event description for the corresponding VolleyZone event.

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