

## Welcome to the Tournament

Dear Volleyballers,

The year 2010 is a special year for Perth as the town celebrates 800 years since being granted Royal Burgh status by King William the Lion of Scotland in 1210. This year sees the 25th Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament which continues to be the largest and most popular volleyball tournament in the U.K.

Over 100 teams are again expected to assemble for the weekend to play on Perth's famous North Inch and in Bell's Sports Centre this May with the USA Athletes returning once again to compete in both men's and women's Division of Honour competitions.

Five indoor courts at Bell's Sports Centre will cater for the Division of Honour men's and women's teams and up to 40 outdoor courts on the North Inch cater for men's, women's and mixed divisions. This year's Scottish Open will provide a thrilling, fun-filled weekend, whatever the level of play indoors or outdoors.

The 25th tournament starts as always on the Friday evening when the social scene kicks off with our typically Scottish Ceilidh dance where everyone gets into the spirit of Scotland in all its various aspects – an experience not to be missed with our Ceilidh band members talking you through all those quirky Scottish dances.

Saturday's games commence indoors at 9 am and outdoors at 10am once all the teams have registered their players for the tournament.

Saturday evening's disco is not to be missed, with around one thousand volleyballers expected to dance the night away enjoying each others' company socially after a day of competition.

Sunday's play commences at 9 a.m. with twin level competitions indoors and outdoors working their way through to a grand final. The volleyball highlight of the weekend is reserved for the teams who reach the final of their particular competition where winning ways reap rewards.

Our willing band of volunteers hope you will make every effort to savour this year's Scottish Open and look forward to renewing "auld acquaintances," especially our various friends who make that extra special effort in "fancy dress" uniform, now a well established tradition at the Scottish Open – so come along and join in the fun.

David Munro  
Tournament Director

### **And "A Big Welcome" from the SOVT Team;**

Stuart Anderson, David Angus, Liz Angus, Anne Condliffe, Jeff Condliffe, Iain Cook, Amanda McGregor, Stewart McIver, Gill McShea, Nikki McWilliam, Dave Munro, Innes Penman, Liz Saunders, Jim Slater, Alan Scott, Chris White, Claire Young.

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# SCOTTISH OPEN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May 2010



Bells Sports Centre North Inch  
Perth Scotland

SOVT web site: [www.sovt.co.uk](http://www.sovt.co.uk) · SOVT entry forms: [www.sovt.co.uk/entry.htm](http://www.sovt.co.uk/entry.htm)  
Share your SOVT photographs with other competitors at: [www.flickr.com/groups/sovts](http://www.flickr.com/groups/sovts)  
SPORTSET volleyball equipment specialists at: [www.sportset.com](http://www.sportset.com)



# Your Volleyball Weekend

## FRIDAY, 28th May 2010

**THE CAMP SITE** is available from 4.00 pm.

### REGISTRATION:

Teams can register at Bell's Sports Centre between 8.30pm and 10.00pm whilst attending the Ceilidh (see Saturday Registration alternative if arriving on Saturday morning).

Teams must identify the person acting as their contact at registration.

### THE 'SCOTTISH CEILIDH':

Bell's Sports Centre from 8.30 pm to 12.30 am.

No entry after 11.00pm.

Admission cost £4.00.

Tickets for the Saturday SOVT Disco (£6.00 each) can also be purchased at this time.

## SATURDAY, 29th May 2010

### REGISTRATION:

Teams should register at the "Registration Point" located to the right of the Snack Bar area outside Bell's Sports Centre.

Division of honour teams from 8.00 am until 8.30 am.

Other Division teams from 8.00 am until 9.00 am.

Teams must identify the person acting as their contact at registration.

### PLAY BEGINS:

9.00 am Indoor Courts (Division of honour)  
10.00 am Outdoor Courts (All other Divisions).

Tournament start time delays are caused when teams fail to register on time.

YOUR team's co-operation is appreciated.

**FIXTURES/COURT ALLOCATIONS:** Notices will be displayed inside Bell's Sports Centre in the Main hall as soon as possible after Registration is completed. Teams should then collect fixtures and scoring equipment from the Fixtures Desk located to the left of the notices.

### THE 'SOVT DISCO':

Bell's Sports Centre from 8.00 pm. to 1.00 am. No entry after 11.00pm. Tickets costing £6.00 each can be bought at the Ceilidh or until 5.00pm on Saturday at the Tournament.

ENTRY TO THE DISCO WILL BE BY TICKET ONLY. A STRICT POLICY OF NO TICKET NO ENTRY WILL OPERATE. IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PAY AT THE DOOR.

## SUNDAY, 30th May 2010

### PLAY BEGINS:

9.00 am. on all Indoor Courts (Division of Honour) and Outdoor Courts.

### THE LADIES' FINAL

will commence at 2.00 pm.

### THE MEN'S FINAL

will follow the Ladies' Final at approximately 3.45pm.

## Presentation Ceremony

The **Presentation of Trophies** will be made in the Main Arena on Sunday afternoon immediately following the Men's Division of Honour Final.

**All winning teams must be represented** at the Presentation Ceremony or they will forfeit their position in the Tournament.



# Procedures, Additional Info and Rules

## TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

**Teams who have been delayed** should telephone the Sports Centre (01738 492460) giving their anticipated arrival time so that fixtures can be re-arranged accordingly.

Fixture lists for each Division will be available as soon as possible after Registration on Saturday morning. ensure your team does not delay the Tournament - register on time!

Each Division will be divided into a number of sections depending on the total entry for the Division.

**PLEASE** check your order of play. Participants must be aware of where and when they are due to play and officiate.

Details of fixtures for Sunday will be available at the Bell's Sports Centre Disco on Saturday evening.

**ALL TEAMS** are expected to play on Sunday when a full schedule of matches will be arranged with teams competing for the 'Divisional Winners' award or 'Divisional Consolation' award. Please check that **ALL** your games are completed before leaving.

**Referees** are always in short supply on Sunday afternoon so please help the running of your Division by offering your services, even if your matches are completed.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### ALCOHOL

DRINKING OF ALCOHOL IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED ON THE INCH AT ALL TIMES.

### BOTTLED WATER

We regret that we are unable to provide bottled water this year.

### CAMP SITE

The site is made available as a result of the goodwill of the people of Perth. Security will again be in evidence this year to try and combat noise, thefts and vandalism. Help us retain this important feature of the Tournament by using common sense and obeying the rules and Fire Regulations (see Camp Site Fire Regulations next page).

Failure to do so may result in having to move your tent by order of the Fire Officer.

Without this co-operation we are in danger of losing our camping provision, which is a major asset of the Tournament. No tent shall be pitched until it has been registered. All campers must register at the official caravan located on the North Inch.

**NB** The Camp Site will not be available until 4.00pm on Friday.

### CHANGING AND SHOWER FACILITIES

Indoor and outdoor competitors are welcome to use the changing rooms at Bell's Sports Centre, including lockers, showers, and toilets. Toilets will be available within the Sports Centre for overnight campers.

### DISCLAIMER

The SOVT, Bell's Sports Centre and Perth & Kinross Council cannot be held responsible for any damage, loss or injury incurred by participants or their dependants during this tournament. We advise all participants to be properly insured.

### FIRST AID and SPORTS INJURIES CLINIC

Please check any injury with the appropriate service.

Both the British Red Cross (Perth & Kinross) and the Sports Injuries Clinic's chartered physiotherapists will be in attendance throughout the weekend when play is in progress.

The Clinic is located at the rear of the Main Hall and is free of charge for SOVT participants. The Clinic will be in operation during play over the weekend, manned by local Chartered Physiotherapists. Please remember that this service is for players injured at the Tournament only.

### LITTER - 'WE TAKE A PRIDE IN PERTH'

Help us to maintain our excellent record for cleanliness at the SOVT. This has been recognised by Perth and Kinross Council. Use the litter bins and black bags provided to keep your area clean.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** YOU MUST ENSURE THAT ALL LITTER AND TEAM/PERSONAL PROPERTY IS CLEARED FROM THE CAMPSITE AREA WHEN YOU DEPART.

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## MEALS/CATERING

Perth and Kinross Leisure will serve an excellent selection of meals and snacks at the Inch Restaurant in Bell's Sport Centre throughout the day.

## PARKING

There is metered parking at Bell's Sports Centre. The Upper Car Park is for caravans, mobile homes and trailer tents.

Car parking will be available on the North Inch at a cost of £3 per car for the weekend of the Tournament. The Car Parking Area will be located at the Perth-end of the North Inch, adjacent to the campsite. Access to this area will be from Rose Terrace only.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

Please note that photographs will be taken throughout the Tournament for SOVT use.

## RESULTS

Take a look at our Website for the SOVT 2009 results. Details of next year's Open will also be found there.

Visit us at: <http://www.sovt.co.uk>

## SALES

'Sportset', the Volleyball Specialists, will be at the SOVT with their excellent range of clothing, equipment and footwear. Pay them a visit for some great looks on court. [www.sportset.com](http://www.sportset.com)

## WARNING

When large numbers of people are gathered, thefts often occur and valuables easily lost. Security will be in evidence but the responsibility for your valuables is your own.

## TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1 Teams who have been delayed for any reason should telephone the Sports Centre (01738 492460) giving their anticipated time of arrival so that fixtures can be re-arranged accordingly.
- 2 All Division of Honour teams must be registered for the Tournament by 8.30am on Saturday, 29th May 2010, **and attend a meeting in the Coaching Hall at 8.45 am.** All other Division teams must be registered for the Tournament by 9.00am on Saturday, 29th May 2010.

- 3 All games will be decided over the best of three sets, with all sets being scored on rally points. Sets will be won at 25 points, and by two clear points, in the first two sets. The third set will be won at 15 points, and by two clear points.
- 4 Teams must be on court immediately after the preceding game otherwise they will forfeit the match.
- 5 Three points will be awarded for winning a match. One point will be awarded to the losing team. In the event of teams being tied on match points, sets won then points difference will determine final placing.
- 6 The winning team is responsible for ensuring that the correct score reaches the results table which will be situated in the public address caravan or control room.
- 7 Teams must provide five match officials as specified in the fixtures.
- 8 All teams are expected to provide their own volleyballs and whistles.
- 9 Players must be registered and shall register for one team only. No player shall be permitted to play for more than one team over the weekend. Failure to abide by this rule will mean the automatic disqualification of the player(s) and team(s) concerned.
- 10 Teams competing in the Mixed Divisions must have a minimum of three females on court at all times.
- 11 Unless otherwise specified, the F.I.V.B. rules will apply to all indoor and outdoor matches.
- 12 The Tournament fee includes an affiliation to the S.V.A.
- 13 Each team shall register one person to act as the contact and responsible person for the rest of the team. This person shall then have a responsibility for the team and shall be the point of contact for the S.O.V.T. Committee.
- 14 In the event of any dispute arising regarding the rules of the Tournament, the matter will be referred to the organising Committee. Their decision will be final.
- 15 No alcohol will be permitted within the Sports Centre or on the Inch. All participants must abide by the Rules of the Sports Centre, which are prominently displayed at the Reception.

## DIVISION OF HONOUR RULES

- 1 F.I.V.B. Rules will apply throughout the competition except with regard to the following rules.
- 2 All games will be decided over the best of three sets, with all sets being scored on rally points. Sets will be won at 25 points, and by two clear points, in the first two sets. The third set will be won at 15 points, and by two clear points.
- 3 There will be a 10-minute warm-up period. The use of the net during the warm-up period will be a matter for agreement between the teams, as will service practice.
- 4 If a team is not on court with six players within 15 minutes of being called on the public address system they will forfeit the match by two sets to nil. If neither team is on court within the time stipulated above, they will both be deemed to have lost two sets to nil. The Indoor Court Manager will determine this.
- 5 Each refereeing team must provide seven officials, being a first and second referee, four line judges, and a scorer. The Referee's Commission will hopefully provide the first official. In the event of any refereeing team failing to have the full number of officials, one league point will be deducted for each missing official. The Indoor Court Manager will note any non-compliance on the score-sheet.
- 6 Each participating team will ensure that players are dressed uniformly (shorts and jersey) and numbered correctly. In the event of players failing to be correctly attired, one league point (up to a maximum of four) will be deducted. The Indoor Court Manager will note any non-compliance on the score-sheet.
- 7 Three points will be awarded for winning a match. One point will be awarded to the losing team. In the event of teams being tied on match points, sets won then points difference will determine final placing.

The Women's Final will commence at 2.00 pm on Sunday, with the Men's Final following at approximately 3.45 pm. Both finals will be best of three sets.

## CAMP SITE (Fire Regulations)

- 1 Tents shall be positioned in sections with a 6m strip between sections to allow for emergency access. Intervals of 3m between each tent are required.
- 2 A Fire Point with Fire Buckets will be established for each tent section.
- 3 Fire Notices will be displayed.
- 4 On discovering a fire contact Emergency Services – emergency Telephone in foyer of the Sports Centre.
- 5 In the event of a fire, Rose Terrace has been designated as the assembly point. At the assembly point the registered nominated official for each team will be responsible for ensuring that all participants using the camping facilities are accounted for.
- 6 All Calor Gas containers shall be stored away from the sleeping accommodation.
- 7 No fires will be permitted on the campsite.
- 8 Disposable BBQs will not be placed directly on the grass.
- 9 No cooking shall take place in tents.
- 10 All on-site vehicles must be parked in the official car parks. No vehicle will be permitted on the campsite, not even for loading and unloading purposes.
- 11 In order not to offend local residents and other campers a quiet rule will operate between 10.30 pm and 6.00 am.

## ANY TEAM CAUGHT INFRINGING THE ABOVE RULES MAY JEOPARDISE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT.

