SCOTTISH OPEN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Bells Sports Centre
North Inch
Perth
Scotland

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The 31st Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament

Dear volleyball friends,

Last year's S.O.V.T. was a classic in many ways and now we invite your participation, along with your fellow team-mates, to make the 31st S.O.V.T. another classic.

The camaraderie of the Scottish Open is unique in volleyball circles with many teams returning year after year, new teams coming on board as the word spreads, as well as teams of individuals, families and work groups who form especially for our weekend extravaganza.

Over 100 teams came along last year with the tournament again proving the largest to be held in the U.K. There are seven levels of competition with our mixed section catering for almost half of the total entries over three divisions from beginner to very experienced.

Teams from near and far will again centre on the Fair City of Perth over the last weekend of May, for many the Monday also being a holiday from work, gives them more time to recover from the weekend festival of volleyball.

Up to forty outdoor courts will be set up on Perth's famous North Inch with camping and car parking also available on the adjacent grass space. Indoor shower and toilet facilities are available at Bell's Sports Centre, the operational hub of the tournament over the weekend. Snacks and meals are also available in and around the Sports Centre.

Take advantage of our "early bird" entry fee and get your players signed up now, just in case another team snaps them up in the end of season "transfer window!"

Our small team of experienced volunteers look forward to welcoming you and your team-mates to Perth for what is sure to be another memorable weekend of volleyball.

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Tournament Director

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An Overview of Your Volleyball Weekend

FRIDAY, 26th May 2017

THE CAMP SITE is available from 4.00 pm on the North Inch, Perth.

REGISTRATION:

- Teams can register at Bell's Sports Centre between 7.30pm and 9.00pm
- See Saturday Registration alternative if arriving on Saturday morning.
- Teams must identify the person acting as their contact at registration.

SATURDAY, 27th May 2017

REGISTRATION:
Teams should register at the "Registration Point" located near the Snack Bar area outside Bell's Sports Centre.

- All Outdoor Division teams from 8.00 am until 9.00 am.
- Teams must identify the person acting as their main contact for the weekend at registration.

PLAY BEGINS:

- **Games start at 10.00 am** for all divisions on Outdoor Courts.
- **Tournament start time delays are caused when teams fail to register on time.**
- **YOUR** team's co-operation in registering on-time is appreciated.

FIXTURES/COURT ALLOCATIONS:

- Notices will be displayed on the control room windows beside the registration desk 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.

SUNDAY, 28th May 2017

PLAY BEGINS:

- **All matches begin at 9.00 a.m. on all Outdoor Courts.**

DIVISION FINALS & FINISH TIMES

- Finals are organised as the division rounds are completed on the outdoor courts.
- Divisions can be concluded any time from 11am until 3pm on the Sunday.

PRESENTATION CEREMONIES

The Presentation of Trophies for each division will be made on The North Inch as soon as possible after the scores have been recorded by the organisers and confirmed.

- Presentations will take place at the PA/presentation gazebo on The North Inch. Each winning team is presented with a trophy for the team and water bottles for all team members.
- Listen out for the 'presentation theme tune' before the winners are announced.
- Make sure you give the winners a cheer if you are not mid-match!

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Procedures, Additional Info and Rules

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

Teams who have been delayed should telephone Bells Sports Centre (01738 454647) 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.

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 NORTH INCH AT ALL TIMES.

CAMP SITE

N.B. The Camp Site is not available until 4.00pm on Friday.

No tent shall be pitched until it has been registered. All campers must obtain a permit from the campsite officials on the North Inch.

Toilets will be available within the Sports Centre for overnight campers.

Security will be present to combat noise, thefts and vandalism.

Never take a barbecue into a tent, awning or caravan. A warm, smoldering barbecue gives off poisonous carbon monoxide (CO), which can kill.

The site is made available as a result of the goodwill of the people of Perth. 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.

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.

CHANGING AND SHOWER FACILITIES

All competitors are welcome to use the changing rooms at Bell's Sports Centre, including lockers, showers, and toilets.

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 physiotherapy service is free of charge for SOVT participants. It will be in operation during play over the weekend. Service only available for injuries sustained at the Tournament.

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.

MEALS/CATERING

Live Active Leisure will serve an excellent selection of meals and snacks at Café Active in Bell's Sports Centre throughout the day.

PARKING

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/VIDEO

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

RESULTS

Take a look at our Website for the SOVT 2016 results. Details of next year's Open will also be found there.

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

VOLLEYBALL MERCHANDISE

There will be a limited number of SOVT 2017 T-Shirts, Outdoor Volleyballs and Whistles available for sale from the PA Gazebo over the weekend.

Procedures, Additional Info and Rules (continued)

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Teams who have been delayed for any reason should telephone the Sports Centre (01738 454647) giving their anticipated time of arrival so that fixtures can be re-arranged accordingly.
2. All teams must be registered for the Tournament by 9.00am on Saturday, 28th May 2017.
3. 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 Outdoor Court Manager will determine this.
4. 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.
5. Teams must be on court immediately after the preceding game otherwise they will forfeit the match.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Teams must provide five match officials as specified in the fixtures.
9. All teams must provide their own volleyballs and whistles.
10. 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.
11. Teams competing in the Mixed Divisions must have a minimum of three females on court at all times.
12. 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 SOVT Committee.
13. 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.
14. No alcohol will be permitted within the Sports Centre or on the North Inch. All participants must abide by the Rules of the Sports Centre, which are prominently displayed at the Reception.

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 must 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.