

SCOTTISH OPEN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT 2023



North Inch
Perth
Scotland

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The 35th Scottish Open Volleyball Tournament

Dear volleyball friends,

It was good to get back together in 2022 after a two-year, Covid-enforced break. It was particularly heartening to see so many old friends again and many new faces too. Since last year we are conscious that there has been a steep rise in the cost of living across the board, including the costs of running the SOVT, and we will try our very best to ensure that everyone gets good value for money.

The 2023 tournament, our 35th, has already exceeded expectations with a record 105 teams entering before the end of April. This year we welcome players from England, Ireland, Canada, Belgium and the Faroe Islands joining with our usual Scottish contingent.

Political unrest across the world and closer to home in Ukraine has brought daily death and destruction into our lives in a way we cannot ignore. Although nothing we can do can alleviate the horrors of war, we hope that participation in sport in general and in our case, volleyball, provides a living example of a more open, friendly and positive side to life and does so in a very international way.

The people of Perth are looking forward to welcoming you to our historic city on the banks of the River Tay, where we can join together in a wonderful festival of fun and good-natured competitiveness which is the particular brand of the SOVT.

We look forward to renewing the unique spirit which the tournament brings as well as welcoming an increasing number of new teams to enjoy SOVT 2023.

Have a great time!

David Munro

Tournament Director



SOVT 2023 27th & 28th May

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An Overview of Your Volleyball Weekend

FRIDAY, 26th May 2023

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

- The entrance to the Car Park & Campsite is located on the corner of Rose Terrace and Barossa Place:
 - [Postcode : PH1 5HG](#)
 - [What3Words reference : quit.point.lines](#)

CHECK-IN & TEAM REGISTRATION:

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

SATURDAY, 27th May 2023

CHECK-IN & TEAM REGISTRATION:

Teams should check-in and register their players at the "Registration Point" located outside Bell's Sports Centre.

- All Outdoor Division teams from 8.00 am until 9.00 am.
- **Teams who have been delayed should contact SOVT Check-In on 07341 444312 giving their anticipated arrival time so that fixtures can be arranged accordingly.**
- Teams must identify the person acting as their main contact for the weekend at registration.

PLAY BEGINS:

- **Matches start at 10.00 am on all 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 right of the notices.

SUNDAY, 28th May 2023

PLAY BEGINS:

- **Matches start at 9.30 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.
- 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



Procedures, Additional Info and Rules

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

Teams who have been delayed should telephone SOVT Control Room (**07341 444312**) 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

LOCAL BYE-LAWS PROHIBIT THE DRINKING OF ALCOHOL 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.

MEALS/CATERING

The Café in Bell's Sports Centre has been closed but a mobile catering van will be located in front of Bell's Sports Centre throughout the weekend.

CHANGING AND SHOWER FACILITIES

Female showers are located in Bell's Sports Centre as normal on Saturday and Sunday. Male showers will be in the adjacent Perth Rugby Club facility (access via the corridor next to the tournament control room). There will be certain times during the weekend when the showers will be unavailable for cleaning purposes.

Shower availability-

Sat 07:30 to 10:30, 12:00 to 13:30, 16:00 to 20:00.

Sun 07:30 to 10:30, 12:00 to 13:30, 15:00 to 17:00.

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 dependents 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.

Trained first aiders and 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.

PARKING

Car parking will be available on the North Inch at a cost of £5 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.

Camper Van/Mini Bus Parking is not permitted on the grass of the North Inch.

Drivers of these larger vehicles are advised to park at the nearby North Inch Community Campus.

Bell's Sports Centre car park may be available over the weekend (Friday to Sunday) on a first come first served basis. There is however no guarantee of space availability and parking charges will apply. As there is another event also taking place in the sports centre, spaces will be at a premium over the weekend.

PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEO

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

VOLLEYBALL MERCHANDISE

There will be no merchandise available for sale at the tournament this year.



Procedures, Additional Info and Rules (continued)

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Teams who have been delayed for any reason should telephone SOVT Control Room (**07341 444312**) 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 27th May 2023
3. Teams must be on court immediately after the preceding game.
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 tournament organisers will determine this.
5. 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.
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 gazebo 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 the 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.

