

NZ Junior Beach 2023-2024 Programme Information

Te Pae Tata/Mission: Unlocking of the ihihi of volleyball for all

Te Pae Tawhiti/Vision: Whanau thriving through volleyball

Nga Uara/Our Values:

- *Manaakitanga – we give, we care, we respect*
- *Mahi Tahi – we listen, we connect, we inspire*
- *He Tangata – we embrace diversity, we promote equity*



Strategic positioning of Junior Beach Programme

Volleyball New Zealand's Strategic Plan 2022-2030 outlines the goal of providing Junior teams access to consistent opportunities to international competition and development.

Purpose of the Junior programme

The NZ Junior programme helps develop players through internal and international competitions.

These opportunities will allow coaches to develop athletes who will transition into the NZA and High-Performance Beach Programme. Helping achieve a strategic goal of a Top 16 Result at Olympic Games by 2030

Coaching and Staff

- Junior Beach Coaches
 - Women's – tbc
 - Men's - tbc
- Game Development Manager – Johann Timmer
- Administrator: Teresa Highnam
- Wellness – Lead by Colleen Campbell delivered through coaching staff

Eligibility Criteria

- **FIVB Eligibility:** All athletes must hold a NZ Passport and possess NZ Federation of Origin status, having first engaged in competitive Volleyball in New Zealand upon turning 14.
- **Age Criteria:** Determined by the event in the corresponding year (as indicated below).
- **Document Completion:** Athletes must fulfil all required documentation, including but not limited to FIVB, Volleyball NZ, and Drug Free Sport NZ.

NZ Junior Beach Programme Timeline (International Competitions)

- **2024**
 - Asian Under 19 Champs (For athletes born in 2006 and thereafter)
 - World U19 Champs
- **2025**
 - Asian Under 21 Champs (For athletes born in 2005 and thereafter)
 - World U21 Champs
- **2026**
 - Asian Under 19 Champs (For athletes born in 2008 and thereafter)
 - World U19 Champs
 - Youth Olympics
- **2027**
 - Asian Under 21 Champs (For athletes born in 2007 and thereafter)

- World U21 Champs
- Youth Commonwealth Games (For athletes born in 2009 and thereafter)

Please note: This is our current understanding of events based on previous years

2023 – 2024 Program Timeline

November

- November 17, 2023: Registration Closes for NZ Under 19 Trials
- November 2023: Zoom Call for all athletes to convey programme intentions and expectations – date/time tbc

December

- December 7-8, 2023: South Island Trial – Pioneer Sand Courts
- December 9-10, 2023: Canterbury Volleyball Challenger
- December 14-15, 2023: North Island Trial– Harbour Beach Volleyball Centre
- December 16-17, 2023: Harbour Volleyball Challenger
- December, 2023: NZ U19 Squad Selections announced to athletes to attend Final Selection Trial – Mount Maunganui on January 21-22, 2024 (Estimated 8-10 athletes)

January

- January 16-18, 2024: IPC Beach Champs - Mount Maunganui
- January 19-21, 2024: NZBT Mount Maunganui
- January 21-22, 2024: Final Selection Trial – Mount Maunganui
- January 26-28, 2024: NZBT Auckland -Mairangi Bay
- January 31, 2024: Selections for Asian Champs

February – March

- February 3-4, 2024: NZSSBVC Mount Maunganui
- February - March 2024: Athletes access NZSS Indoor Competitions

April

- April 20-21, 2024: Training Camps if Asian Champs are later in the year – Harbour Beach Volleyball Centre

March - May

Asian Under 19 Beach Volleyball Championships (Date/Location tbc)

June - October

World Under 19 Beach Volleyball Championships (Date/Location tbc)

Key event dates (indicative only in some cases. Full confirmation coming as soon as possible)

- G.J. Gardner Homes NZBT Mount Maunganui: January 19-21st (qualification Friday afternoon)
- G.J. Gardner Homes NZBT Auckland (Mairangi Bay): January 26-28th (qualification Friday afternoon. Auckland anniversary weekend)
- G.J. Gardner Homes NZBT Christchurch (Pioneer): February 9-11th (qualification Friday afternoon)
- G.J. Gardner Homes NZBT Tour Finals (Mount Maunganui): February 16-18th (qualification Friday afternoon)
- World Beach Pro Tour Futures: Either March 7-10th or April 3-7th with date to be confirmed shortly

Commitment to the programme

To represent New Zealand is an exceptional opportunity and one that holds the potential to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience! We regard these opportunities with utmost importance, along with your ongoing growth as an athlete. Bearing this in mind, we have engaged in discussions with our coaches, and they strongly recommend that you have the following:

- Access as many quality training environments and competitions as possible (Financially/logistically)
- A viable and transparent conditioning programme that you are following

We acknowledge your existing commitments during this period yet grasping these supplementary competitive experiences will undoubtedly play a pivotal role in your development and enhance your prospects of success leading up to Asian Champs and subsequent events including G.J. Gardner Homes NZBT, Asian/World Tour

When travelling and competing, the athletes will remain in the care and administration of VNZ, coaches and managers, while participating. Volleyball New Zealand will lead all elements of the programme.

Asian Championships Selection

A maximum of two teams (4 athletes per gender) will be selected to represent New Zealand at Asian Under 19 Beach Volleyball Championships in 2024.

- An Additional Information form and trial registration will need to be completed by November 17
- All athletes will then be required to join a zoom call during November to establish connections and discuss expectations around the selection process.
- Trials will be completed in both North and South Island to allow accessibility. Athletes will be required to attend either trial but not both. It is expected that all trialists play in the abovementioned events following the trial. This allows coaches to observe athletes in competition. Although preferred, athletes do not need to play with someone from the trial in these events.
- Estimated 8-10 athletes will then be invited to a final selection trial held at Mount Maunganui 21-22. Intention is to have two sessions scheduled in the morning and afternoon around the NZBT so athletes can watch the finals. Monday will be finished by midday.
- Any athlete still competing in NZBT on Sunday won't be required to trial on Sunday and workload will be discussed around involvement on Monday
- Final team selections of 4 athletes (2 teams) and 2 non travelling reserves will be made following this final trial
- Once final selections are made, individual training and team plans will be discussed via zoom calls. Non travelling reserves will be included in these
- We are awaiting competition dates from Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) which may impact a few things (but not limited to the following):

- If Asian Champs are scheduled for March – this may impact your involvement in NZSS Indoor Nationals
 - If Asian Champs are scheduled in June – may impact your involvement in IPC
- It is under our expectation that the likely competition dates will fall in April – May based on previous years

World Championships Qualification

The five highest-placing countries at the Asian Under 19 Beach Volleyball Championships will be granted spots in the Main Draw of the World Championships. Each of these spots is limited to one team per country.

If any of the countries that finish in the top 5 at the Asian Championships decline their place in the World Championships, a wildcard entry may be given to the highest-placing country not already qualified. This wildcard serves as an additional opportunity for countries to participate in the World Championships.

Volleyball New Zealand will conduct a separate selection process for the team that will represent New Zealand in the World Under 19 Beach Volleyball Championships. This selection process is not automatically granted to the highest-placing team at the Asian Championships.

Costs

Volleyball New Zealand wish to support all national athletes where possible. Current estimated costs can be seen below. These costs include but are not limited to venue hire, all coach associated costs, uniform (when travelling), training equipment, VNZ operational costs.

- December Trial \$100
- Squad Camps \$100 (estimated)
- Estimated Asian Champs \$6000 (estimated)
- Estimated World Champs \$6000 (estimated)

Please note all costs exclude GST

Trials – All athletes will be responsible for their own travel, accommodation, and food

Camps – All athletes will be responsible for their own travel, accommodation, and food. Athletes may be asked to billet, where possible food will be provided

Events – All costs will be factored in excluding personal expenses and items

Please note: additional trainings/camps may be added and will be covered at the athletes expense.

Cost equalization

Cost equalization will be implemented with preparation camps where possible

Uniform

- **Trial Uniform:**
 - Athletes are required to provide their own trial uniform for the selection process.
 - The trial uniform should meet the specified dress code and be appropriate for the trial sessions.
- **Traveling Uniform:**

- Successful athletes who are chosen to represent Volleyball NZ during travel will receive a designated traveling uniform.
- The cost of the traveling uniform will be the responsibility of the athletes.
- Athletes will receive this at the earliest opportunity prior to travel

Registration Link

Please find the following registration link (for payment) and additional information link. All athletes are required to complete both

<https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/membership>

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FJN25T6>

If you have any registration inquiries, please contact Teresa at admin@volleyballnz.org.nz

If you wish to be eligible for selection but are unable to make trial dates, please contact Johann at johann@volleyballnz.org.nz



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