

NZ U21 Beach 2024-2025 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*
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Strategic positioning of U21 Beach Programme

Volleyball New Zealand's Strategic Plan 2022-2030 outlines the goal of providing continued and consistent opportunities for age group athletes to develop into High Performance players.

Purpose of the U21 programme

The U21 Beach 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.

Who is involved?

- Head Coach: Antonia Harrison
- Game Development Manager: Johann Timmer
- Performance Manager/Wellness: Colleen Campbell
- Administrator: Teresa Highnam

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:** Athletes must not be turning 21 from January 1 - December 31, 2025. Must be born on/after 1st January 2004.
- **Document Completion:** Athletes must fulfil all required documentation, including but not limited to FIVB, Volleyball NZ, and Drug Free Sport NZ.

2024- 2025 Program Timeline

June 2025

- June 18-22nd Asian Under 21 Qualification- Roi Et, Thailand

September 2025

- Sept 16-21st World Championships- Kachreti, Georgia

Please note: FIVB and AVC may adjust competition dates. This is our current understanding of the upcoming events. It is also encouraged that players who have expressed interest in attending U21 are also available to play the New Zealand Beach Tour.

Asian Champs Qualification

A maximum of two teams (4 athletes per gender) will be selected to represent New Zealand at Asian Under 21 Beach Volleyball Championships in 2025.

More information will be circulated once we receive more information from the Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC)

World Championships Qualification

World Championships have just been confirmed to be held between the 16-21 September in Kachreti, Georgia.

World Championships qualification for New Zealand is dependent on Asian Championships results. Current qualification process can be seen below:

The five highest-placing countries at the Asian Under 21 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 21 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.

- Estimated Asian Qualifying competition cost \$4000 - \$6000 World Championships competition cost \$5000 - \$7000 (estimations based off U19 Asian Qualifying and World Champs in 2024)

Please note all costs exclude GST.

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

Unavailability for camps

If an athlete cannot attend camps previous performances and observations will be considered. Priority will be given to performances in key events like NZBT and IPC, as well as participation in regional training opportunities.

If you have any questions regarding the registration inquiries, please contact – Teresa Highnam admin@volleyballnz.org.nz

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