

Frequently Asked Questions – NZ A Beach Programme

Thursday 12th September, 2024

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*



Q: Do I need to relocate to Tauranga or Auckland to be part of this group?

A: You don't need to relocate; the weekly training sessions are in those areas. You have more opportunities if you are there, but we don't expect players to relocate. This is what our resources can provide as of now.

Q: What happens if I'm not selected?

A: We have limited resources so this is the number of players we can take into the program now. This doesn't mean you should give up. We re-select at the end of year and trial at the end of October every year. Coming to the trial puts you on the short list for any gaps in weekly training. It's also a great way to meet coaches and let them see you more.

Q: If I don't get selected does that mean I can't play international events?

A: You can play international events for NZ even if you aren't selected for NZ A. This is a training group and to give players a further development opportunity

Q: If I get selected do I have to play international tournaments?

A: Yes, you will be required to compete at the Mount Futures as well as 1-2 more overseas.

Q: Do I get money back on missed camp days?

A: No, this year we will be working on a block payment. To be part of the group you will be expected to pay for that block if you make camp or not.

Q: Will there be any financial support for NZ A players?

A: There is funding from NZOC that supports the travel to and from the camp in November. You will be required to submit all receipts to access within the time frame that is required. Apart from this, everything else will be self-funded.

Q: Will all NZA athletes be paired together for the G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour?

A: Yes, coaches will be deciding partnerships with guidance from players. This will be announced after the first camp in November.

Q: Can I be part of age group teams and NZ A?

A: Yes, however we understand there will be a bigger toll on the players if they do this. Make sure you're ready for that commitment. Good communication is needed so players aren't overworked. We want our players to be training three or more times a week. If that is a mix between age group and NZ A or self-guided training, that works. Camp overlaps will be something talked through with NZ A and age group coaches also.