



# SIDEOUT

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## INTRODUCING!

### THE WELCOME

Volleyball New Zealand is excited to roll out our first monthly newsletter, keep reading to get updates on everything volleyball from our leads!

Volleyball New Zealand is considering wrapping in a broader membership model and will be researching this over the next few months. If you are interested in contributing to this project, please contact the office on [info@volleyballnz.org.nz](mailto:info@volleyballnz.org.nz) or the VNZ phone 0212304862.

CLUB SEASON IS  
OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY!

## WHAT'S ON THIS YEAR

New Zealand Indoor & Beach  
Training and Selection Camps

Club Champs - October 2-5  
Auckland

North Island Juniors  
November 26-29 Bay of Plenty

South Island Juniors  
November 26-28 Christchurch

Development Camps October,  
December and January

# BEACH VOLLEYBALL

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## 2019 World Championships

There have been 2 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships held recently!

## Under 21 World Championships

The Under 21 World Champs were held in Udon Thani, Thailand in June and NZL was represented by the Women's team of Katie Sadlier and Libby Houghton in the top 32 team main draw.

Katie and Libby were placed in a pool with Czech Republic, Peru and Paraguay. The girls played well in tough conditions (temperatures above 40 degrees) but were unable to record a win, which placed them 25th!



**Current World Tour Events**  
Some of New Zealand's top beach volleyball teams are competing around the world right now!

Francesca Kirwan and Olivia MacDonald are currently based in Italy and playing local events and World Tour events in Italy (1 Star) and Portugal (4 Star).

Tom Hartles and Alani Nicklin have been training in California and competing in Canadian National Tour events and the FIVB Edmonton 3 Star!

Next up for both teams is a 1 star in Slovenia.





## Beach Volleyball California Tour

NZ Development teams played 4 events on the California coast as a taster for life as a beach volleyball athlete. They included Long Beach, Pacific Palisades, Manhattan Beach and Santa Monica. The competition was tough for the New Zealanders but there were some excellent results with podium finishes from some of the teams. The athletes were rewarded with a training session from Tyler Hildebrand, Director of coaching for USA Volleyball Beach National Team programme.

## Senior Men's Tour to Tahiti

The Senior men were invited to Tahiti as guests of Tahiti Volleyball. The series ended 2-2 after 4 very exciting matches that could have gone either way, it was a great experience for all involved. Games were close but some big plays from their French based players at key moments made the difference. Tahiti went on to win the 2019 Pacific Games.



## COACHING OPPORTUNITIES

ROB TARR

VNZ's development and performance lead, Rob Tarr who has competed on an international level for the U.S. is now offering great opportunities for both players & coaches to receive specialist coaching!

Local Sessions will be communicated through your Association and VNZ's Facebook.

**"DEVELOPING YOURSELF IS ALL ABOUT FINDING OPPORTUNITIES AND TURNING THEM INTO PIVOTAL LEARNINGS TO GROW YOUR GAME."**

### Programme Offerings Include:

- Specialist Serve & Receive Coaching
- Student Coach Qualification
- VNZ National Coaching Qualification (GROW)

If interested please contact VNZ & see the poster version of this section [here!](#)



Rob Tarr representing the U.S. Men's Volleyball Team

# INTERN SPOTLIGHT

AMANDA ISADA

VNZ is excited to show off our interns this month as we're saying good-bye to Sabrina, our winter intern and hello to Alistair and Kieran, our two-year-long interns!

Sabrina came to us all the way from Des Moines, Iowa, USA where she studies Management and Public Relations at Drake University. Since May, she has helped by overseeing the Provincial Volleyball Championships in Wellington, helping create and manage sustainable project & communications plans for future events and learning the ins-and-outs of sports event management. We're sad to see her go but can't wait to see what she'll accomplish in the States!



Volleyball New Zealand is also happy to partner with the University of Bath in Somerset, UK to receive our two new year-long interns, Alistair and Kieran!

Alistair is from Southampton, England and studies Sports and Social Sciences while at University. Ali is most excited for the ability to put everything he has learned into practice and hopefully learn more along the way during his time with VNZ!

Kieran is from Leicester, England and studies Sports and Social Sciences while at University too. He's most excited about having the opportunity to work in a professional environment and have the chance to travel around New Zealand as part of the job!

Alistair and Kieran have hit the ground running, already working on new coaching programs, tournament planning for the year to come and general sports admin work to be done around the office. If you see them out and about at events this year be sure to say hi and welcome them to the VNZ community!



# UNDER 23 WOMEN TRAVEL TO VIETNAM

INTERNATIONAL

Over 2,000 volleyball fans gathered for the Opening Ceremony of 3rd Asian Women's U23 Volleyball Championship in Ha Noi, Vietnam.

The Volley Ferns lost to Vietnam in the first round but came back to win against the Maldives in the second. With that win they carried on to the top 8! Unfortunately losing to both China and Chinese Taipei. In the 7th/8th Place playoff, they narrowly lost out to Hong Kong 3-2 meaning they ended the tournament in a respectable 8th Place.

These ladies are wonderful representations of New Zealand, [click here](#) to see them perform their haka during a gala dinner!



## 2019 National Tertiary Volleyball Championships

Seven men's and women's teams from across New Zealand competed in Christchurch in a highly contested event which showcased the ever improving standard of volleyball at this level. Congratulations to Women's winners Otago University, 2nd placed University of Auckland and 3rd placed Waikato University.

In the Men's division, Canterbury University came out on top over 2nd placed University of Auckland and 3rd placed Waikato University.

## USA Volleyball High Performance Champs Fort Lauderdale

Five teams headed off to Fort Lauderdale to the HP Indoor Champs and had to manage a number of challenges. This included a broken water main with no water in the hotel or at the venue. So hotel accommodation was moved and the first day's games abandoned and rescheduled. But once everything came back on track, the teams were able to get back to concentrating on the volleyball. Competition was tough over there with the standard continuing to grow. Three teams had wins to finish and the two teams that lost had 5 set games.





# TIME OUT

TONI-MAREE CARNIE  
VOLLEYBALL NZ CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The last few months have been (and still are) a whirlwind of Tours and Events. With 186 athletes playing beach or indoor, from the beaches of California through to the USA High performance champs in Florida, then an invite from Tahiti Volleyball for our senior men and the U23's and senior women playing at their respective Asian champs all touring June through to August.

Numbers continue to grow at the Volleyball Provincial Champs with more and more athletes representing their province. There were 69 teams and 12 regions represented from across New Zealand.



# TIME OUT CONT.

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The opportunities for our athletes reflect growth in the global game and the continuing push volleyball is making in the secondary school space in New Zealand. Volleyball currently sits as the 2nd fastest growing secondary school sport.

Volleyball also fits well in the goals of the current government and Sport New Zealand. Well being is the current focus and well being is intrinsically linked to physical activity.

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Bill Johnstone playing in the New Zealand  
Provincial Championships



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