



SIDEOUT

FEBRUARY 2021



WELCOME

Welcome to the first SideOut of 2021. With Christmas and New Year having been left far behind, we are well on our way through the summer.

We've had some amazing beach tournaments take place with a high level of participation. We look forward to what the rest of the year will bring!

WHAT'S ON NEXT MONTH

**Senior Men's/Women's Squad
Training Camp and Exhibition
Game pre Opening Ceremony
19-21 March**

**New Zealand Secondary School
Indoor Volleyball
Championships
22-26 March
Central Energy Trust Arena,
Palmerston North**

**Development Camps
North and South Island
22-23 April**



CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MESSAGE

TONI-MAREE

Such a strong start to the year with Secondary School Sport census data confirming a phenomenal 26% increase in young people playing volleyball taking volleyball to the 4th largest secondary school sport in New Zealand. A huge congratulations and thank you to all of those who have contributed to these numbers. We don't get those numbers without hundreds of volunteers who commit themselves to enabling volleyball to happen. Our sincere gratitude to all of those people.

Association Communications

The Annual Report for 2020 has been finalised and can be found on our website under Board.

<https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/about/volleyball-nz-board>

The VNZ events and programmes calendar has been updated on our website. Here you can find all events and venues for 2021. Development camps and other VNZ programmes have also been included.

Local Ref Course

A reminder we have the local ref course online, and with the school season around the corner this is a great learning tool for secondary school students who are going to be asked to referee matches over the next few months. Please click on the link below to register.

<https://volleyball-new-zealand.teachable.com/p/local-referee-course>

A reminder that most Friday's 'Association Comms' comes from VNZ to Association contacts. If you believe you don't get this information and you should, please let us know. This information will then be transferred to our website where it can be read by the community.

EVENTS

National Volleyball League 2021

The new National Volleyball League (NVL) will be launched in July and be held over 2 full weekends. Four Men's and Women's teams representing the 4 zones across NZL and will vie for the title of New Zealand National Volleyball League Champions. New Zealand's best athletes will play against each other in a compact competitive event. Games will be livestreamed and will run back to back, all at the same venue using the international portable court which will create an awesome live atmosphere.

North Island Indoor Development Camp

April 22 & 23, The Peak, Hamilton

South Island Indoor Development Camp

April 22 & 23, Location TBC

Exhibition Tournament

Match Senior Men's and Senior Women's Squads

March 21 Time: 4-6pm, Central Energy Trust Arena, Palmerston North

Introducing new National Partnership Manager: Katie!

Kia ora Koutou Katoa, ko Air New Zealand te waka. ko Te Aroha te maunga, ko Waikato te awa, ko Horne te iwi, Ko Katie tooku ingoa. Kia ora Volleyball New Zealand Community, I am Katie Horne, newly appointed National Partnership Manager. I hail from the mighty Waikato growing up in the small rural community of Morrinsville, where my whanau has grown to include 3 daughters, 3 animals, a husband and a family business. I am a passionate people developer and leader who strongly advocates for systemic change in sport and recreation that will positively impact the quality of experiences for all participants. My ability to influence and support change through strong relationships established within the sport and secondary school sector through my role as Sport Waikato's Regional Coaching Advisor Youth, I see as a key strength to build growth, strength and capability of volleyball across New Zealand. I believe strongly in listening to understand while building strong relationships that will support me in learning and searching for opportunities to co-design and collaborate on a better way to engage, retain and increase participation of volleyball at all levels. I am excited to join the Volleyball New Zealand team, and am looking forward to supporting the associations with the fast past growth of the game, ensuring that there are sustainable systems and structures in place to ensure long term retention and growth in all areas of the game. My favorite quote presently is "Leaders think and talk about the solutions. Followers think and talk about their problems" – Brian Tracy, leadership does not need to come with a title, and I look forward to connecting with the leaders of the Volleyball New Zealand Community and continuing to build on a sustainable future.



2021 G.J. GARDNER HOMES NZ BEACH TOUR

Volleyball New Zealand and BeachedAz Events are excited to once again have G.J. Gardner Homes as the Principal & Naming Rights Partner of the G.J. Gardner Homes NZ Beach Tour. G.J. Gardner Homes are New Zealand's most trusted home builder and we are very grateful to continue the partnership with them for a second summer as we build and develop Beach Volleyball across New Zealand. Thank you!

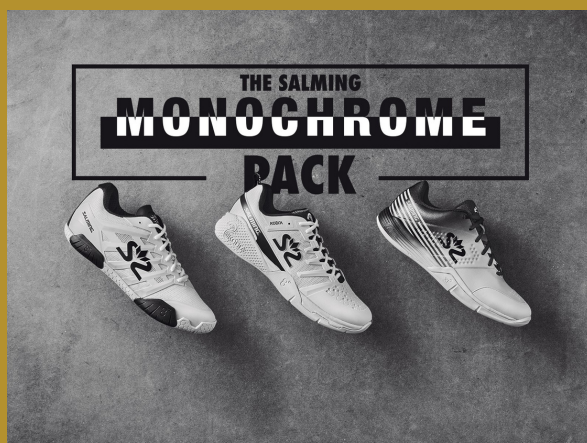
The 2021 Tour will consist of 5 stops visiting 4 regions spread across 3 months. The Tour will conclude in March with a planned double header at Mount Maunganui where we again plan to have a grandstand and create 2 weekends of action to finish the season off. This will also be crucial for our Beach Ferns and Beach Blacks as they continue preparations for their Continental Cup Finals and the chance to qualify for Tokyo 2021



SALMING: OFFICIAL FOOTWEAR PARTNER

Our official footwear partner, Salming, has an online shop function set up. Check it out at www.salming.nz

For the next month to celebrate the new partnership with Salming, Volleyball NZ members will receive 20% off any shoes brought through Salming by using the **promo code VNZ20**. Get in quick as the offer expires 31 March 2021.



EVENTS UPDATE

Club Champs 2021

Club Champs 2021 will be held from the 6th-9th October in Wellington. The venue is the ASB Sports Centre, Kilbirnie.

Key dates for upcoming events

March

- 12-14 Mauao Super Slam, Main Beach Mt Maunganui
- 19-21 Senior Men's/Women's Squad Training Camp, Palmerston North
- 22-23 New Zealand Secondary School Indoor Championships
Central Energy Trust Arena, Palmerston North

April

- 22-23 Development Camps
North Island, The Peak Hamilton
South Island (location TBC)

June

- 5-7 Provincial Volleyball Championships, ASB Sports Centre Wellington
- 18-20 AVC Beach Volleyball Continental Cup Semi-Finals and Finals (TBC)
Xiamen, China

October

- 6-9 Club Champs, ASB Sports Centre Wellington
- 30-31 AGM/Forum (location TBC)

November

- 23-26 North Island Juniors, Pullman Arena Auckland
- 23-26 South Island Juniors, Saxton Stadium Nelson

Full calendar available on our website

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

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