

Association Communications week 15

16 April 2021

Dear Associations and interested parties,

Changes to VNZ Youth Programme

New Zealand captain and current junior national coach Kim Smith is backing changes to Volleyball New Zealand's youth programme, which aims to widen the talent pool and keep players in the sport for longer.

Volleyball New Zealand has spent the past few months redesigning the programme for under-17 and under-18 teams, which attend the Asian Championships every two years.

Youth players have previously been selected at age 14-15 for a two year campaign leading into the Asian Champs. But Volleyball Development Manager Dave Keelty says they want to take a more holistic approach.

Click [here](#) for the full article.

Inter Provincial Championships 2021

The registration link for the 2021 VNZ Inter-Provincial Championships is now available up to May 7. You will receive a confirmation email right after submitting the form (check junk mail if it does not appear in your inbox).

An invoice will be sent to the email address provided in the entry form. Please pay by the date indicated in the invoice.

IPC Webpage: <https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/indoor-volleyball/new-zealand-provincial-volleyball-championship>

Register here: <https://form.123formbuilder.com/5865900/form>

Tournament Manual: <https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/media/attachments/2021/03/31/2021-vnz-ipc-tournament-manual.pdf>

Bond Form: <https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/media/attachments/2021/03/31/2021-bond-form.pdf>

Please submit the **signed bond form** to Josie at vnz2@volleyballnz.org.nz

If you would like to request for a quote, please email Josie.

Take note that all participants should be a registered member of VNZ. Members that already have a profile must log in and reregister for 2021. Athletes that played in NZSSVC 2021 do not have to pay for membership.

Link: <https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/membership/become-a-member>

Please direct your questions regarding membership to Renee at admin@volleyballnz.org.nz

Team list registration will be available 3rd of May. We will send you a reminder for this.

Pasifika Advisory Group

The VNZ Board are creating a Pasifika Advisory Group with the key objective of ensuring a Pasifika voice reflecting local Pasifika community needs across NZ is heard for volleyball in New Zealand. Key functions will include advising on how to help grow Pasifika engagement in volleyball, advising on prioritizing resources to ensure Pasifika thrive through volleyball and bringing knowledge and extra insight to volleyball in NZ to address the needs of Pasifika.

We are looking for diversity in age, gender and geographical location as well as volleyball experiences and involvement from community through to performance. Meetings would be 2 -3 times annually with costs covered for any meetings requiring travel.

Associations are requested to nominate personnel (no more than two per region) with name, contact number and email and to forward this information to the Pasifika community so there is a depth and breadth of representation. Nominations to admin@volleyballnz.org.nz by May 4 2021.

April Indoor Development Camps

The Indoor Development Camps for the April school holidays are coming up for both the North and South Islands. They have proven to be popular as the North Island Camp is already full! The South Island camp located in Nelson still has spots and we ask everyone to please promote this camp. The SI Camp is the 28th-29th of April at the Saxton Stadium in Nelson. More information can be found on our website.

<https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/performance/development-camps>

Funding opportunity reminder

Ara Taiohi, kaitiaki of Youth Week, have opened their Youth Week 2021 grant process. This process will fund events that celebrate and create youth development opportunities for young people and their communities.

Youth Week is a nationwide festival of events organised by young New Zealanders to celebrate the talents, passion and success of local young people.

Ara Taiohi are really aware that the ongoing COVID-19 climate throws a lot of uncertainty into the mix, however they believe that we will navigate this pandemic together *with* young champions and their young people.

We're Stronger Together (is the Youth Week 2021 theme) and Ara Taiohi believe that this is an opportunity to create, design and deliver events through all Level changes. Your young people have done this before - and we know that it's probably going to yo-yo for a while. So as a community, they want to develop their agility and adaptability.

The grant applications will follow the same process and also includes some contingency planning.

More details at <https://arataiohi.org.nz/grants>

Contact: Shannan, Youth Week Director youthweek@arataiohi.org.nz

For the attachments please refer to previous weeks communications (can be found on the website).

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