



Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the first VNZ Update for 2022!

What a busy start to the year VNZ has had with IPC Beach Champs, Tertiary Champs, and G.J. Gardner Homes NZBT presented by Tip Top, all being hosted back-to-back on the beautiful beach of Mount Manganui this January. All athletes that participated in these events showed great skill in the hot summer days. Congratulations to all who were involved in these successful events.

With the shift in traffic lights throughout the nation VNZ was sad to make the tough decision to postpone the National Secondary School Beach Champs. We are working with School Sport New Zealand in the search for potential future dates.

Make sure you all tune in for the next stage in the G.J. Gardner Homes NZBT presented by Tip Top this weekend for the quarter finals hosted in Sunny Nelson on the Tahunanui Beach. Good luck to all those involved in the event.



New VNZ Social Media platforms with community focus

Volleyball New Zealand is excited to launch our new Volleyfest NZ Facebook and Instagram page.

Volleyfest is VNZ's Grass based format of the game and has been delivered throughout the country in a range of events including Women only, Whanau festivals, and cross code collaborative events, allowing more kiwis to experience volleyball in a fun, safe and friendly environment.

Our Volleyfest NZ socials are a place to promote and celebrate not just Volleyfest activations, but ALL community focused fun, social volleyball throughout Aotearoa.

So, we want to hear from YOU! If you are hosting activations that are focused on fun, friends, and social

connection, send us a message of Facebook or Instagram and tag @volleyfestnz.

Make sure you follow us to keep up to date with events from around the country!

NZ Secondary Schools – Tournament update

Following confirmation of Sport NZ event guidelines under the Covid-19 Protection Framework linked to the Omicron variant, VNZ remains in discussion with stakeholders regarding the status of the NZSS Volleyball Championships in Palmerston North scheduled for the end of March-April.

VNZ has engaged selected Regional Association representatives for a discussion this week regarding several options for the event and will then canvass schools regarding their views in the current circumstances.

School Sport NZ have scheduled a Board meeting in mid-February to confirm their position on tournament week and VNZ will work quickly following the outcome of that meeting to communicate the status of the event for 2022.

We understand the need for clarity for the community as soon as possible regarding this event and we appreciate all the assistance received so far, and that to come, as we work to confirm the outcome on behalf of the volleyball community.




**DYNASTY NEXT GEN
REGIONAL INDOOR CAMPS**

Four Regional Indoor Camps

- Pioneer Stadium - Christchurch 19-20 April
- ASB Stadium - Wellington 21-22 April
- Bruce Pulman Park - Auckland 26-27 April
- Trust Power Bay Park - Tauranga 29-30 April

Cost \$180



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Registrations are open now

Registrations are now open for the Dynasty Next Gen Regional Indoor Camps.

Each regional camp is hosted over two days, led by Dynasty Next Gen Coaches. These camps are targeted at athletes who are looking to develop and test themselves against the best regionally and nationally, before progressing onto the National Junior Programme trails in September and October.

Camps are open to the following ages:

Girls born 2006/2007

Boys born 2005/2006

Dynasty Next Gen Coaches:

- Ben Laing
- Luis Paulo
- Brianna Booth
- Geodele Van Cauteren
- Johann Timmer

Check out the link below for more information and registration.

<https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/development/next-gen/indoor>

Targeted Communities Activator - Porirua

Volleyball New Zealand is excited to welcome Sam Leota to the Targeted Communities team, Sam is from Porirua and is a key contributor into the Wellington Volleyball Community for a number of years.

Sam's role involves leading the Strength and Adapt initiative, building relationships through the wider Porirua community and focusing on engaging with our Pasifika and Māori community to participate in quality volleyball experiences through a variety of environments that will meet the needs of our community.

Keep a look out for upcoming activations including Volleyfest, Whanau Festivals, Coach & Refereeing support in the Porirua area.

