

## Newsletter #1

July 2024

### A message from the host association, Volleyball Horsham

Volleyball Horsham and Volleyball Victoria are working hard to encourage as many junior teams as possible to experience the excitement of what we hope will become the pinnacle event on the volleyball calendar for junior members. We are hoping the entire volleyball community will get behind this pilot event. For those that haven't been to Horsham before, our annual tournament is most popular and is played in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Everyone has fun when they come to visit, and Volleyball Horsham is working hard to create the same environment for this event.

### Competition Dates

The Junior Country Championships will be held in Horsham, from 27 – 29 September 2024. This event coincides with the AFL Grand Final long weekend.

### Competition Venues

Volleyball Horsham will centre the event around the [Horsham Basketball Stadium](#) and [St Brigid's College Stadium](#). Both are within a five minute walk of each other.

### Team Entries

Invitations to participate in the 2024 Junior Victorian Country Championships have now been issued. The event is open to any VV Affiliated associations, Academy or School programs outside a radius of 40km from the Melbourne CBD.

The age divisions are Under 19, Under 17 and Under 15 Boys and Girls as of 31 December 2024. The Organising Committee encourages Associations to enter multiple teams under your Associations' banner if you are able to.

### Team Entry Fees

- Early Bird Team Entry – closes 9 August 2024 - \$400 per team + \$100 bond per team
- Standard Team Entry – 10 – 31 August 2024 - \$600 per team + \$100 bond per team

\*note: all fees are GST inclusive

### Entry Process

Entry process is via the Volleyball Victoria website.

[Click here for the 2024 Junior Country Championships team entry application form.](#)

## Key Dates

- 9 August 2024 – Early Bird entries close
- 31 August 2024 – Standard Entries close
- 7 September 2024 – Invoice payments due and Team Withdrawal deadline
- 13 September 2024 – Close of player registrations and deadline for team information
- 20 September 2024 – Fixture released via the VV website

## Tournament Regulations

Please be advised there are a whole new set of regulations for this event, and they are available on the [Volleyball Victoria website](#). The regulations for this event have been modelled on the Senior Country Championships to give you some uniformity in their understanding of how the event will be delivered.

## Referee Nominations

Associations are encouraged to nominate their up and coming non-playing young referees to officiate at this event. If you aren't in this position, then it is ok to nominate your team's coach, team manager or player conditional of having their Level 1 Accreditation.

## Opening Ceremony

In line with National Schools Cup and National Juniors the plan is to hold an opening ceremony on day one of the competition. We are encouraging all associations/schools/academies to design their own banner which the respective captains will lead their teams out at this ceremony.

## Banner Competition

We also encourage associations/schools/academies to get creative with their banner design with the winner in line to receive a \$250 voucher from Australian Volleyball Warehouse.



### Accommodation

Teams are encouraged to secure accommodation as early as possible. [Horsham Visitor Information Centre](#) offers a free booking service and will chase around to find the sort of accommodation that you require.



Horsham Visitor Information Centre can be contacted free on  
**1800 633 218.**

### AFL Grand Final Viewing

Rest assured for those whose team may make the grand final we will ensure that there will be a social space created for you all to watch your team in action.



### Enquiries

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