

NZ Junior Indoor 2024-2025 Programme Information

Te Pae Tata/Mission: Unlocking of the ihihi of volleyball for all

Te Pae Tawhiti/Vision: Whanau thriving through volleyball

Nga Uara/Our Values:

- *Manaakitanga – we give, we care, we respect*
- *Mahi Tahi – we listen, we connect, we inspire*
- *He Tangata – we embrace diversity, we promote equity*



Strategic positioning of Junior Indoor Programme

Volleyball New Zealand's Strategic Plan 2022-2030 outlines the goal of providing Junior teams access to consistent opportunities to international competition and development.

Purpose of the Junior programme

The NZ Junior programme helps develop players through internal and international competitions.

These opportunities will allow coaches to develop athletes who will transition into the Volley Blacks and Volley Ferns programmes. Helping to achieve an indoor continental ranking of 10 for the women and 12 for the men

Coaching and Staff

- Junior Indoor Head Coaches
 - Men's – Ben Laing
 - Women's – Andrew Kilham
- Game Development Manager – Johann Timmer
- Administrator: Teresa Highnam
- Performance Manager – Colleen Campbell
- Finance Manager – Melanie Sykes

Eligibility Criteria

- **FIVB Eligibility:** All athletes must hold a NZ Passport and possess NZ Federation of Origin status, having first engaged in competitive Volleyball in New Zealand upon turning 14.
- **Age Criteria:** Determined by the event in the corresponding year (as indicated below).
- **Document Completion:** Athletes must fulfil all required documentation, including but not limited to FIVB, Volleyball NZ, and Drug Free Sport NZ.

NZ Junior Indoor Programme Timeline (International Competitions)

- **2024**
 - Asian Under 20 Champs (For athletes born in 2005 and thereafter)
 - Australian Junior Champs (For athletes born in 2005 and thereafter)
- **2025**
 - Asian Under 20 Champs (For athletes born in 2006 and thereafter)
- **2026**
 - World Under 20 Champs (For athletes born in 2006 and thereafter)
 - If finishing in top 4 from Asian Champs, the previous year
- **2027**
 - Asian Under 20 Champs (For athletes born in 2008 and thereafter)
- **2028**
 - World Under 20 Champs (For athletes born in 2008 and thereafter)

- If finishing in top 4 from Asian Champs, the previous year

Please note: FIVB and subsequently AVC have adjusted the Junior Indoor competition calendar. Starting in 2025, Asian Champs will repeat again to line up with FIVB changes before the competition continues biannually. This is based upon our current knowledge received by AVC and FIVB in January 2024.

2024– 2025 Program Timeline

October

- October 2-5 NZ Club Championships (observation)
- October 7-8 NZ Junior Trials at Bruce Pulman Park
- October 11-12 NZ Junior Trials at Christchurch Netball Centre
- By October 25th Selections made for NZ Junior Squad (estimated 18) and NZ Junior Dev Squad
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November

- November Zoom Call for selected squad members around expectations and development throughout the summer

December - January - February – March

- Dec- March: Access internal training environments. Supported with coach direction

April

- Between April 13-19: Final selection camp to be held (location tbc)
- April Junior Men's and Women's Teams to attend Asian Champs selected

May

- May 31 – June 3 Possible inclusion into IPC

June

- June Training Camp (location/date tbc)

June – July

- June – July Possible Oceania qualifier
Asian Under 20 Championships (Date/Location tbc)
Internal Competition for Junior Development Team

Commitment to the programme

To represent New Zealand is an exceptional opportunity and one that holds the potential to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience! We regard these opportunities with utmost importance, along with your ongoing growth as an athlete. Bearing this in mind, we have engaged in discussions with our coaches, and they strongly recommend that you have the following:

- Access as many quality training environments and competitions as possible (Financially/logistically)
- A viable and transparent conditioning programme that you are following

We acknowledge your existing commitments during this period yet grasping these supplementary competitive experiences will undoubtedly play a pivotal role in your development and enhance your prospects of success leading up to Asian Champs.

When travelling and competing, the athletes will remain in the care and administration of VNZ, coaches and managers, while participating. Volleyball New Zealand will lead all elements of the programme.

Asian Championships/Qualification

A team of 12 will be selected following the April selection camp to represent New Zealand at Asian Under 20 Indoor Volleyball Championships or Oceania Qualification (if needed) in 2025.

We have yet to receive any information from AVC for the 2025 Calendar – we anticipate this to be sent out between November 2024 – January 2025.

Given the format of events for 2024, there may be the need for an Oceania Qualifier that will be held prior to Asian Champs. Although not confirmed, we anticipate the Under 20 Women's Team to have automatic entry to Asian Champs due to their performance in 2024. The Under 20 Men will need to await Oceania entries. We predict the qualifier to take place in May/June and the Under 20 Asian Champs to be held between June – August in 2025.

Any information received will be communicated to the coaches and playing squads accordingly.

Junior Development Team

With a shorter cycle and the absence of an in-camp development opportunity this time around for the programme, we are committed to explore new avenues for our athletes to gain quality competitive experiences. We are looking into opportunities for a Junior Development Team to participate in tertiary championships or a similar tournament internally for 2025.

Timeline:

- Selections following Junior Trials in October
- Training Camp in April (final selections made following)
- Competing in Tertiary Champs or equivalent internal competition

Costs

Volleyball New Zealand wish to support all national athletes where possible. Current estimated costs can be seen below. These costs include but are not limited to venue hire, all coach associated costs, uniform (when travelling), training equipment, VNZ operational costs.

- Trial \$100
- Selection camp \$400 (estimated)
- Training camps \$300 (estimated)
- Estimated Oceania Qualifier \$2500 (estimated)
- Estimated Internal Competition \$1200 (estimated)
- Estimated Asian Champs \$6000 (estimated)

Please note all costs exclude GST

Trials – All athletes will be responsible for their own travel, accommodation, and food

Selection Camps – All athletes will be responsible for their own travel (cost equalized), all athletes will stay in one location with food also provided.

Training Camps – All athletes will be responsible for their own travel (cost equalized), all athletes will look to be billeted with food at own organization.

Events – All costs will be factored in excluding personal expenses and items

Cost equalization

Due to unknown numbers around trials, athletes will be responsible for all associated costs. Cost equalization will however be implemented for selection/training camps.

Uniform

- Trial Uniform:
 - Athletes are required to provide their own trial uniform for the selection process.
 - The trial uniform should meet the specified dress code and be appropriate for the trial sessions.
- Traveling Uniform:
 - Successful athletes who are chosen to represent Volleyball NZ during travel will receive a designated traveling/competition uniform.
 - The cost of the traveling uniform will be the responsibility of the athletes.
 - Athletes will receive this at the earliest opportunity prior to travel

Eligibility

The Junior Programme in 2024/25 for Volleyball New Zealand is for athletes born in 2006 and 2007. Athletes born after 2007 can also trial if they get confirmation from Volleyball New Zealand. To express your interest, please contact Johann at johann@volleyballnz.org.nz with supporting evidence from your regional association

Unavailability for trials

Given this is a shorter cycle than previous campaigns we value the opportunity for athletes to trial/train as a programme. Athletes may wish to attend any trial that is best suited to them.

Athletes who cannot attend trials, will need to email Johann with their reasoning followed by their playing information including but not limited to playing position(s), club/school information, coach contacts, links to observation opportunities.

Registration Link

Please find the registration link on the website

If you have any registration inquiries, please contact Teresa at admin@volleyballnz.org.nz

If you wish to be eligible for selection but are unable to make trial dates, please contact Johann at johann@volleyballnz.org.nz



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