



## BVA Plate 2026 Rules and Guidance

### Player Eligibility

- Players must be registered to the club they are playing with on VolleyZone.
  - Each team must submit a complete teamsheet before the tournament starts. Only players listed on the teamsheet are eligible to participate in the tournament. Only one teamsheet is required so please fill in one for your very first match for each tournament.
  - All players must meet BVA eligibility criteria. As this tournament has no divisions, the BVA top division NVL eligibility rules apply across all competitions. In the Men's, Women's, and Mixed Plate competitions, a maximum of 2 NVL players (Division 2 or higher) may be on court at any one time. In the Mixed Plate, no more than 1 of these players may be male.
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### Match Format

- The tournament will follow a round-robin format. Each team plays every other team once in their pool.
  - Matches will be timed according to the schedule and played in a single set format, subject to time limits.
  - The 1st and 2nd placed in each pool will progress to the finals stage.
  - No timeouts allowed.
  - Every refereeing team must provide a first and second referee, along with two line judges and a scorer.
  - Scoreboards and a simple scoresheet will be provided by the organiser which must be returned to the organiser by the winning team immediately after the match as concluded. Line-up sheets will not be required, and substitutions do not need to be recorded. All other BVA rules apply.
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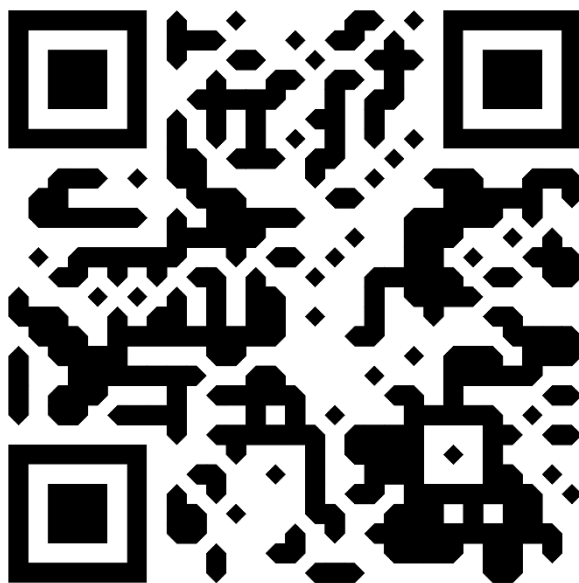
## During the matches

- A hooter or bell will signal the beginning and end of the official match time. The schedules allow for a 3-minute transition (ie. an 18-minute slot allows for 15 minutes of gameplay followed by a 3-minute changeover).
  - Teams need to be aware of the fast changeover. When the hooter or bell sounds that begins a match, referees are expected to whistle for the first serve and play needs to start immediately. Therefore, both playing teams must be on court ready to serve and play, while the referring team is expected to be ready to referee. One point will be awarded to the opposing team for every minute that a team is not ready to play.
  - If a rally is in progress when the hooter or bell sounds, play continues until the rally concludes.
  - The team ahead at the conclusion of that point is declared the winner.
  - If the teams are tied when the hooter or bell sounds, one additional point will be played to determine the winner.
  - A win requires at least a 1-point margin, no ties are allowed in any match.
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## Scoring & Standings

- Each match win earns 1 point in the standings.
- Tiebreakers will be resolved in the following order:
  - Point quotient
  - Head-to-head

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## Things to bring

<b>Players/team</b>	<b>Referees and scorers</b>
Volleyballs Ball pump/pressure gauge Water bottles Medical bags and ice packs Teamsheet (online or print out is fine, complete before your first match)	Whistle Cards Pens/pencils for scoring
<b>Competitions team</b>	<b>Other</b>
Print out of scoresheets, rules, and court numbers, risk assessment Hooter and bell Screens/laptop for tournament Stationary (tape, paper) Scoreboard set 1 Line judge flags set 1 Prizes Speakers for music	Scoreboard set 2 – Carol Line judge flags set 2 – Carol Net height measure - James

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## Housekeeping

- Wifi password: Arborfield WAP
  - Venue opening time: 8am
  - Showers will be open
  - Parking available
  - Water fountain is available but slow and not very bottle friendly. I recommend bringing bigger bottles already filled!
  - Sainsburys is nearby for shopping if needed
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## Volunteer assignments

### Saturday 8am Juniors

Job	Owner
Set up scorer's table - requires chairs, table, scoreboard, scoresheets, line-up sheets, copy of rules, schedule.	Mavericks/Newbury/Carmel/James
Set up net to junior height with post padding and antennae	Mavericks/Newbury/Carmel/James
Set up spectator seating and player's bench	Mavericks/Newbury/Carmel/James
Clean up	Everyone!

### Saturday 11.30am Mixed

Job	Owner
Set up scorer's table - requires chairs, table, scoreboard, scoresheets, line-up sheets, copy of rules, schedule.	Basingstoke
Set up net to mixed height with post padding and antennae	Spikeopaths
Pin useful information to walls by courtside	Farnborough
VZ score entry during tournament	Carmel/James
Set up net to women's height with post padding and antennae	Oxford
Clean up	Everyone!

### Sunday 8am Women's

Job	Owner
Set up scorer's table - requires chairs, table, scoreboard, scoresheets, line-up sheets, copy of rules, schedule.	Spikeopaths
Pin useful information to walls by courtside	Reading Aces
VZ score entry during tournament	Carmel/James
Clean up	Everyone!

### Sunday 12.30pm Men's

Job	Owner
Set up scorer's table - requires chairs, table, scoreboard, scoresheets, line-up sheets, copy of rules, schedule.	Reading Aces
Set up net to men's height with post padding and antennae	Oxford
Pin useful information to walls by courtside	Farnborough
VZ score entry during tournament	Carmel/James
Pack down and clean up	Everyone!

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## Saturday 11.30am Mixed Schedule

Time	Court 1 (Pool 1)	Ref	Court 2 (Pool 2)	Ref
11:30	Team Briefing			
11:40	Warm-up			
12:00	Newbury vs Reading Aces	Basingstoke	Wycombe vs Mavericks	Spikeopaths
12:25	Basingstoke vs Oxford Sharks	Newbury	Spikeopaths vs OUVC	Farnborough
12:50	Globetrotters vs Oxford Sharks	Reading Aces	Farnborough vs OUVC	Mavericks
13:15	Basingstoke vs Newbury	Globetrotters	Spikeopaths vs Wycombe	OUVC
13:40	Globetrotters vs Reading Aces	Oxford Sharks	Farnborough vs Mavericks	Wycombe
14:05	Oxford Sharks vs Newbury	Basingstoke	OUVC vs Wycombe	Spikeopaths
14:30	Globetrotters vs Newbury	Reading Aces	Farnborough vs Wycombe	Mavericks
14:55	Reading Aces vs Basingstoke	Oxford Sharks	Mavericks vs Spikeopaths	OUVC
15:20	Reading Aces vs Oxford Sharks	Globetrotters	Mavericks vs OUVC	Farnborough
15:45	Globetrotters vs Basingstoke	Newbury	Farnborough vs Spikeopaths	Wycombe
16:10	SF: P1-1 vs P2-2	P1 bottom	SF: P1-2 vs P2-1	P2 bottom
16:35	Final	Loser SF1	3rd/4th	Loser SF2

## Sunday 8am Women's Schedule

### Pre-pools

Time	Event
08:15	Team Briefing
08:25	Warm-up

### Pool A Court 1

Time	Match	Ref
08:45	Wycombe Eagles 1 vs Newbury	Reading Aces
09:03	OUVC vs Reading Aces	Flamingos
09:21	Oxford Flamingos vs Newbury	OUVC
09:39	Wycombe Eagles 1 vs OUVC	Newbury
09:57	Oxford Flamingos vs Reading Aces	Wycombe
10:15	Newbury vs OUVC	Flamingos
10:33	Oxford Flamingos vs OUVC	Reading Aces
10:51	Reading Aces vs Wycombe	Newbury
11:09	Oxford Flamingos vs Wycombe	OUVC
11:27	Reading Aces vs Newbury	Wycombe

### Pool B Court 2

Time	Match	Ref
08:45	Spikeopaths vs Didcot Red Kites	Farnborough
09:15	Farnborough Sirens vs Spikeopaths	Maidenhead
09:45	Maidenhead vs Didcot Red Kites	Farnborough
10:15	Spikeopaths vs Maidenhead	Didcot
10:45	Didcot Red Kites vs Farnborough	Spikeopaths
11:15	Maidenhead vs Farnborough	Didcot

### Knockouts

Time	Court 1	Ref	Court 2	Ref
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11:55	SF: P1-1 vs P2-2	P1 5th	SF: P1-2 vs P2-1	P2 4th
12:10	Final	P1 3rd	3rd/4th	P2 3rd

## Sunday 12.30pm Men's Schedule

Time	Court 1 (Pool 1)	Ref	Court 2 (Pool 2)	Ref
12:30	Team Briefing			
12:40	Warm-up			
13:00	Newbury vs Didcot	Farnborough	OUVC vs Mavericks	Reading
13:18	Bullox vs Farnborough	Vollox	Basingstoke vs Reading	Mavericks
13:36	Vollox vs Didcot	Bullox	Spikeopaths vs Mavericks	OUVC
13:54	Newbury vs Bullox	Farnborough	OUVC vs Basingstoke	Spikeopaths
14:12	Vollox vs Farnborough	Newbury	Spikeopaths vs Reading	Basingstoke
14:30	Didcot vs Bullox	Vollox	Mavericks vs Basingstoke	Reading
14:48	Vollox vs Bullox	Didcot	Spikeopaths vs Basingstoke	OUVC
15:06	Farnborough vs Newbury	Bullox	Reading vs OUVC	Mavericks
15:24	Vollox vs Newbury	Didcot	Spikeopaths vs OUVC	Basingstoke
15:42	Farnborough vs Didcot	Newbury	Reading vs Mavericks	Spikeopaths
<b>GROUP PHOTO</b>				
16:10	SF: P1-1 vs P2-2	P1 5th	SF: P1-2 vs P2-1	P2 5th
16:25	Final	P1 3rd	3rd/4th	P2 3rd