

Student Sport Ireland Volleyball League & Cup 2023-24



GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Sport Ireland (SSI) and the Volleyball Association of Ireland will be running the SSI Volleyball League for all third level institutions during the 2023-24 academic year and we are delighted to confirm that SSI and VI will also be running cup competition's after Christmas. This league is specifically aimed at increasing participation in the sport of Volleyball in Colleges and Universities.

Only teams from SSI affiliated institutions are eligible to participate in the SSI leagues. A list of SSI member institutions can be found on the SSI website at www.studentsport.ie.

FORMAT

There shall be men's and women's competitions, subject to entries received, SSI will organise the league on a round robin format during the 2023-24 league season. This round robin format will see teams regionally based in groups of 3 or 4 teams and everyone will play each other at least once in the group, with the top two teams qualifying for the knock-out phase. (Format will be confirmed as soon as the entry deadline has passed).

There will be a Tier 1 and Tier 2 Men's and Women's Cup Competitions. Tier 1 Cup will feature the top two teams from each group in the league. The Tier 2 Cup will feature the teams who finish in 3rd and 4th in each group in the league. The cup will be an open draw that will take place at the league finals.

Further details are included in the competition "Rules & Regulations".

Facilities, in terms of courts and booking time are also highlighted in the competition "Rules & Regulations".

FIXTURE DATES

The SSI office shall issue a fixture list in late September based on the entries received. However, the provisional dates for fixtures to be played fit into the third level volleyball calendar as follows –

Round 1	October 11th
Round 2	October 18th
Round 3	October 25th
Round 4(Catch Up)	November 8th
Quarter-Finals	November 15th
Semi-Finals, Finals	November 22nd

CLOSING DATE

The closing date for receipt of entries is Monday, 25th September 2023, after which date no entries will be accepted.

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ENTRIES AND FEES

Entries should be returned via email to noel@studentsport.ie and upon receipt of entry, an invoice will follow and payment can be made then electronically.

The entry fee is €175 per team.

AFFILIATION TO VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND (ROI clubs only)

To partake in the SSI Volleyball League 2023-24, all ROI clubs will be required to be an affiliated member of the Volleyball Association of Ireland. Where a club is already affiliated to the Volleyball Association of Ireland directly, no additional Affiliation Fee will apply as part of the SSI Volleyball League entry process. Where a club is not already affiliated to the Volleyball Association of Ireland directly, a €25 fee will apply.

This fee is payable to SSI at time of entry and will in turn be passed on to the Volleyball Association of Ireland. Once processed, the club will be affiliated to the Volleyball Association of Ireland as an “associated member” for the purposes of the SSI Volleyball League 2023-24 only. This category of affiliation will not give the club full affiliation to the Volleyball Association of Ireland and all the additional benefits that full affiliation provides (e.g. the option of entering other open Volleyball Association of Ireland competitions, voting rights, etc).

ELIGIBILITY


SSI’s Eligibility Guidelines for Domestic Competitions shall strictly apply to all those competing in the SSI Volleyball League. The Eligibility Guidelines document is available for download from SSI’s website at www.studentsport.ie. No “year of grace” exists in the SSI Volleyball leagues. A student must be 18 years or older to compete in Student Sport Ireland national third level sports competitions on the island of Ireland. Please see the “Rules & Regulations (section 5)” for further information on eligibility.


CONTACT DETAILS

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