

**International Youth Volleyball
Tournament
London Games 2025
London, England
18-20 April 2025**
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Sports Venues

Burnt Oak Leisure

Watling Ave, Edgware, UK

Unitas

76 Montrose Ave, Edgware HA8 0DT

Saracens High School

Corner Mead, London
NW9 4AS

Copthall Leisure Center

Champions Way, London NW4 1PX

ST James High School

Great Strand, London
NW9 5PE

Copthall School

44 Pursket Rd, London
NW7 2EP

Regulations Volleyball

The Londonium Games will be played according to the official rules of the United World Games and the Federation of International Volleyball FIVB. Except for the following rule specifically mentioned in the following points:

Most Important Rule - FAIR PLAY

It should be needless to say but we expect fair play from all teams! Please respect your opponents as well as your teammates and the decisions of the referees.

1. Age Groups

Male:

Categories	Cutoff Date	Field Size Number of Players
U 18	Born 01.01.2007 and younger	9 x 9 m 6 vs. 6
U 16	Born 01.01.2009 and younger	9 x 9 m 6 vs. 6

Female:

Categories	Cutoff Date	Field Size Number of Players
U 18	Born 01.01.2007 and younger	9 x 9 m 6 vs. 6
U 16	Born 01.01.2009 and younger	9 x 9 m 6 vs. 6

Exception permits:

Due to different deadlines of the various national volleyball Federations, exceptions may be issued in accordance with our statutory exception rule. As per this rule, a maximum **of 2 players per team** is allowed to exceed the respective age limit by up to but **no more than 6 months**. These players must be **announced** to the Organizing Committee and marked on the corresponding Squad List accordingly.

2. Squad list & ID checks

For **each participating team a squad list has to be submitted** to the Organizing Committee (via email to office@londongames.com), which will be checked, signed and handed out to the respective team representatives upon checking in in London. The coaches are requested to carry the signed squad list, as well as **player's licences or IDs of all athletes with them to all games**. Upon request, every player must be able to verify his or her identity by showing a valid photo ID card. In case of a suspected violation of deadlines or the use of an ineligible player, squad list and ID have to be checked in coordination with the referee/venue supervisor. A **violation results in an automatic disqualification** for the concerned team (0:21, 0:21).

Generally it is allowed for athletes to play in 2 separate teams, as long as they are not entering the same competition, yet they also have to appear on the respective squad lists of both teams (a player of the U16 tournament may for example also be a member of a team participating in the U18 competition and compete for both teams, provided the tournament schedule allows it). Should clubs enter one and the same competition with more than one team, they are forbidden to move players between these teams, athletes may only appear on the squad list of ONE team per competition.

3. Squad Size and Substitutions

There is **no limit to the number of substitutes allowed on the bench.**

The number of possible substitutions per set correlates with the number of players and substitutes as well. Thus, depending on the respective competitions, either 6, 4 or 3 changes can be made. Players can only be re-exchanged with those substitutes they have been replaced with in the first place.

4. Match Duration and allocation of points

In the group phase 2 sets will be played up to 21 points, with at least 2 points difference. For organisational and time/tournament scheduling reasons, we only play up to 21 instead of 25 points and games in the group phase consist of just 2 sets.

In order to come to a ranking after the preliminary rounds, points will be allocated as follows:

Set won	1 Point
Set lost	0 Points

In the group phase 2 sets will be played, in the knock out phase the team which first wins 2 sets triumphs.

KO Stage

In the Knockout stage the mode changes to "Best of 3". In the case of a 1:1 after the first two sets, the third set will be played to 15 points (with 2 points difference). In the 3rd set the sides will be changed after the first team has reached 8 points.

Walk over (W.O.)

A team that fails to present itself on the court without any reported valid reason (decision if valid is made by the tournament committee) automatically loses the match 0:2 (0:21, 0:21). In case of disqualification all the matches played so far will be null and void. Delayed teams will be waited for a **maximum of 10 minutes**. No exception will be made.

With nonappearance of a team the remaining teams in the group continue playing as planned in her qualifying round phase, except the group is changed afterwards by the tournament management.

5. Ranking & Play-off rules

After the preliminary round a table reflects the order of the teams. For the ranking of the teams the following criteria will be taken into account:

- a) the number of points (=number of sets won)
- b) every disciplinary panel adjudication/walk over leads to a notation (DSQ). Teams with a lower number of notations are prioritized if point equality exists.
- c) In case of equal points, (equal set ratio) the higher point difference is taken into account.(won points minus lost points). In case of equality, a direct duel will make the final decision.

In case best ranked 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th (etc.) have to be determined, the ranking of said teams will be made by the following criteria:

- Total number of points/Number of games

- Point difference (won points minus lost points)
- Higher number of won points
- Decision by drawing lots (computerized random generator)

6. Time out

One Time Out per set is permitted, but there will be no technical time outs.

7. Height of the net

U16 girls	2.24 Meters
U18 girls	2.24 Meters
U16 boys	2.43 Meters
U18 boys	2.43 Meters

8. Libero

It is permitted to play with **two liberos**.

9. Rules at the sports venues

Entering the sports halls is only allowed with indoor sport shoes. It is not allowed to bring any food or drinks into the sports halls.

Exception: PET bottles

Smoking is prohibited in all sport halls!

10. Subject to changes

The organizing committee is entitled to change the order of matches, the grouping, the times of the matches or the place of the match. The responsible team officials or coaches will be informed in time.

11. Insurance & Disclaimer

The participants are not insured through the organizers. It is up to the coach of each team to make sure that his/her players and all the participants of the team are insured during the event. The organizers do not assume any kind of liability in case of illness, accidents or loss/theft of personal belongings.

With their participation the athletes accept the disclaimer of warranty for any kind of damage. No claims can be asserted against the organizing committee, the event sponsors, the city of London regarding damage or injuries.

Every athlete has to make sure that they are fully physically capable of participating without any medical objections.

For all players: Do not leave any valuable things and/or expensive clothing and/or shoes in the locker rooms.

12. Disciplinary remark

Severe offenses and brutal fouls will result in an automatic ban for the next game. In addition, the tournament board will speak out a further suspension according to the severity of the offense. In case of a sending-off because of a brawl or insulting the referee, the concerned player will be disqualified for the whole remainder of the tournament. Furthermore the tournament board reserves the right to suspend entire teams from the tournament, if they act disrespectful towards referees, officials or opponents, or misbehave themselves.

13. Final remark

The organizers of the London Games are at the understanding that each participant and team leader know all the items as mentioned in these regulations.

IMPORTANT: In emergencies and during the night-time the emergency number 111 or 999 must be called. Please also note that if an injured athlete has to be transported to the hospital with an ambulance, a coach of the affected team must always go with them.