



Scottish Volleyball Association

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Hello,

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Welcome back to another year of the Junior National League and please find enclosed your entry pack for the 11/12 season.

Having listened to feedback from last season, along with four Youth & Schools Commission meetings, I am pleased to advise you of the positive steps we have taken to improve on last season and ensure that the anomalies of last year were just that and not the norm:

- JNL will be more closely monitored and evaluated with a view to format changes next season
- A free one day pre-season JNL tournament will be provided for all teams entered. The purpose of this tournament is to allow the coaches to network, for the players to make connections and for teams to demonstrate that they can field a squad prior to the season starting proper
- Player Registration and Membership fees have not been increased this season
- Two additional JNL dates have been added to the calendar. This is to combat the chaos caused by the weather last winter, and offers potential opportunities to play any affected rounds
- A strategic decision surrounding the construction of the programme has been made to exclude 5 team rounds unless absolutely no alternative can be sought by the organising committee
- Fixture times and venues must be submitted to the SVA to be posted on the website 14 days in advance as well as to the away teams
- As set out in the rules, fines will be actively pursued to deter any hiccups
- A Libero has been introduced at U16
- Payment for registration can now be made using an online banking/BACS payment
- There will be no movement on the closing date for entries of **Friday 9th September**

You will be aware of personnel changes in the Club and Participation Development Manager role last season, however please be assured that the main objective of the role this coming season is to monitor and evaluate the project and to investigate any potential structural realignment requirements. Any such alterations will be more realistically undertaken once the role resumes full time staff status.

Therefore, please take time to read the JNL rules online, the information in this pack, put the dates in your diary and submit all the relevant administration as detailed below:

- League entry forms must be returned to the SVA no later than **Friday 9th September 2011**
- JNL /Grade IV Referee Course registrations must be returned to the SVA office no later than **Friday 9th September 11**
- Membership and Player Registration must be registered online via the Club Administrator or the enclosed forms completed and returned no later than **Friday 30th September**

Fixture dates for the Junior National League for season 2011-2012 will be as follows:

Junior National League 2011-2012	
Sunday 18 th September 2011	JNL Pre-season Tournament
Sunday 25 th September 2011	JNL & Grade IV Upgrade Referees Course
Sunday 9 th October 2011	Junior National League 1
Sunday 30 th October 2011	Junior National League 2
Sunday 20 th November 2011	Junior National League 3
Sunday 4 th December 2011	Junior National League 4
Sunday 8 th January 2012	Junior National League Additional Date if Required
Sunday 22 nd January 2012	Junior National League 5
Sunday 5 th February 2012	Junior National League 6
Sunday 26 th February 2012	Junior National League 7
Sunday 4 th March 2012	Junior National League Additional Date if Required
Sunday 11 th March 2012	U16 Junior National League Playoffs
Sunday 25 th March 2012	U19 Junior National League Playoffs
Sunday 29 th April 2012	U19 Junior National League Finals

I am looking forward to an exciting season and I hope you are too.

Best wishes

Heather Darling
Club and Participation Development Manager