

Stonelaw High School – Club Development Award

South Lanarkshire Schools S1 Volleyball Festivals.



Stonelaw High School has hosted S1 Volleyball Festivals for the past 5 years. All schools within reach of Stonelaw are invited to attend. As well as schools from South Lanarkshire, Mearns Castle from East Renfrewshire, St. Maurices High and Taylor High from North Lanarkshire are usually in attendance.

We host one after school Festival per month from October through to

March. Normally we have approximately 80-100 pupils in attendance. Attendance this year has been particularly poor because of the problems the schools have been faced with regarding Volleyball Posts being fitted. Hopefully South Lanarkshire Council will work to having this matter resolved in the very near future.

Schools who have not been able to attend this year are Uddingston, Calderglen, Duncanrig and Carluke, mainly because volleyball is not being taught because they have no net facilities.

In October, each game is 2 v 2, teams rotating round to play as many games as possible. The main aim is to promote participation and enjoyment. By December we move on to 3 v 3, half Badminton court. February sees the games more structured on a league basis, this time on a full sized 3 v 3 court. Finally, in March we have a proper tournament where the schools play for trophies, plus gold, silver & bronze medals. Stonelaw is fortunate to receive a grant from the SVA towards hosting the festivals and this allows us to buy additional nets, antennae, score boards, as well as medals for the winners.

This year, Finals Evening took place on March 9th. with Stonelaw beating St Maurices in the Girls final. Stonelaw beat Mearns Castle in the Boys final. Hopefully we now have a lot more youngsters playing volleyball and looking forward to the National Festival at the Magnum centre in April.

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