

# LYG Volleyball 2026

## Entry Information & Rules



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### Event Overview

**Dates:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (Boys) & Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026 (Girls).

**Venue:** UEL Sportsdock, 4-6 University Way, London, E16 2RD.

Semi Final & Finals will be held at the Copper Box Arena on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

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### Entry Information

**Squad Entry Deadline:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 10pm

**Squad Size:** Minimum – 6 & Maximum – 15 per gender.

**Competitions:** Male and Female (compete separately).

**Eligibility Criteria:** N/A

#### Age Categories

Age Category	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB
17 and under	01/09/2008	*

*\*Boroughs/Team managers should ensure any participant possesses the required skill level to compete in the U17 age group. LYG will not accept responsibility for any participant of a younger age group being injured if playing up.*

#### Replacements:

Each borough is permitted two replacements per gender, qualifiers, and finals inclusive. No additions will be allowed even if a borough does not have the maximum squad number.

Replacements are where you can bring an undeclared competitor to replace a registered competitor not attending on the day. All replacement details must be provided at registration on the day.

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### Full Rules & Regulations

**VOL 1** The London Youth Games Volleyball competition will run in accordance with the [FIVB rules](#) and the English Volleyball Association.

**VOL 1.1** Should any rules listed below contradict those outlined by the FIVB or English Volleyball Association, these rules will supersede those.



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**VOL 1.2** It will be at the discretion of the event referee and LYG personnel in conversation with the Competition Director as to the application of these rules. Any subsequent decision made by LYG personnel or the Event Referee as a result will be final.

**VOL 1.3** The match referee will be responsible for the conduct of each match, and any appeal against their decision must be properly recorded on the scoresheet before it is signed by the Team Manager after the match.

### VOL 2 Age Category

**VOL 2.1** The following age groups and respective maximum date of births will apply to the London Youth Games Volleyball Competition;

Age Category	Oldest DOB	Youngest DOB
17 and under	01/09/2008	*

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**VOL 2.2** Competitors are not permitted to enter this competition if they are ineligible. No exceptions will be made.

**VOL 2.3** It is the responsibility of competitors/parents/team managers/local authority staff to ensure all competitors details are entered correctly at the time of submission, and that they are eligible to compete for their borough under the [London Youth Games' Games Rules](#), and in accordance with the age groups outlined for the competition.

**VOL 2.3.1** In the instance a competitor is found to be ineligible, they will be disqualified from the competition entirely, and the borough will receive a points penalty as per the Games Rules.

**VOL 3 Squad Size** Boroughs are permitted to bring a minimum of 6 competitors and a maximum of 15 competitors.

**VOL 3.1** Boroughs are permitted to bring all 15 competitors entered to the event on the day, including two liberoes, however only 6 players will be allowed on court per match.

**VOL 3.2** Teams will only be allowed to play with less than 6 players in exceptional circumstances (e.g. injury) and at the discretion of the Competition Director.

### VOL 4 Kit & Equipment

**VOL 4.1** Team should wear uniform shirts or bibs with individual numbers central on the front, with two additional separate-coloured shirts or bibs for the liberos. This is **strongly recommended** for the qualifiers, but it is **required** for the finals.

**VOL 4.2** Net height for the boy's competition will be 2.43 metres.

**VOL 4.3** Net height for the girl's competition will be 2.24 metres.

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**VOL 5 Competition Format** The qualifiers will consist of round robin games, with top 4 teams, per gender progressing to the knockouts.

**VOL 5.1** Matches in the qualifiers will be one set to **25 points**, played with the standard break rules applying.

**VOL 5.2** The semi-finals and the final will be best of 3 sets (the first two to 25, the deciding set if required to 15) both with standard tie break rules applying.

**VOL 5.3** A **5-minute** warm-up **may** be permitted before each match (2 min general warm up, 2 min over the net, 1 min serving). This will be at the discretion of the Tournament Organisers and dependant on number of entries and time in schedule.

**VOL 5.4** Only 2 timeouts are allowed per match/set and a maximum of 6 substitutions are permitted. The players who are substituted can only enter back for the player they were originally substituted for.

**VOL 5.5** No seeding.

**VOL 6 Overall Scoring** Points will be awarded for each game to give a borough's overall score for the event.

**VOL 6.1** The following points will be awarded:

- 3 points awarded for a win.
- 1 point awarded for a loss.
- 21 – 0 score given in the event of a walkover, with no-show team receiving 0 points.

**VOL 6.1.1** Group positions are ranked on;

- Points difference within the sets played in the groups
- Percentage of points difference
- Head-on-head result
- Toss of a coin

**VOL 6.2 Final Positions** Points allocated based on knockout and group placings. All teams achieving same group position are awarded equal points.

**VOL 6.2.1** The teams that finish in the top 4 positions will be invited to play their final match at a separate date as part of London Youth Game's Olympic Park Finals weekend on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

**VOL 6.3 Incomplete competition** if the competition is cancelled or suspended, the following steps will be used to calculate a final result:

- The further completed stage of competition will be used to countback.
- Any teams tied on position will be separated based on the rules above which determine group positions using averages.

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- The minimum competition required to determine a results is a completed stage.

### **VOL 7 Medals & Trophies** Medals and trophies will be awarded as follows:

**VOL 7.1** Overall Borough medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams, per gender.

**VOL 7.2** Trophy awarded to the winning team, per gender.