



**National
League**

U16

League

Information

Booklet

2022–2023 Season

U16 Competition 2022-2023

1. Age Groups

U16 Championship: turned 16 years of age on or after June 1st 2022

2. Registration

- 2.1 Club Affiliation (free for clubs with only junior sections in national leagues) must be completed online at [JUST GO](#) and paid in full before teams begin round 1. All players must hold an u18 Volleyball Ireland membership (€15). This membership number should be recorded on scoresheets at each game. Any team playing an illegal or unregistered player will lose the points for the match(es) in which the player was involved. A team entry fee must also be paid prior to competition starting (€25 per team)

3. Playing Rules

- 3.1 All matches will be played in accordance with the FIVB rules of the game as adapted by the VI, subject to the following exception:

Cross courts may be used when two pools have four teams in total on the day of play. Therefore, teams may agree and communicate to all coaches and players a suitably marked out serving line which may be slightly inside the court boundary lines

- 3.2 Teams are allowed to name a maximum of 14 players for each match that include two liberos. All names and licence numbers should be recorded on the scoresheet.

4. Net Height

U16 Girls	2.24m	U16 Boys	2.35m
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5. Matches

- 5.1 All matches will be played on a league basis with the exception of the girls' cross regional (East versus West) final day.
- 5.2 All matches are the best of 3 sets -25, 25, 15
- 5.4 Each set must have a two point margin

5.5 Teams are allocated 3 league points for a win, 1 league point for a loss, 0 league points for a forfeit.

5.6 **League placement will be determined by:**

(1) League points

(2) Set difference

(3) Sets for

(4) Set difference based on Matches played against each other only

(5) Point difference*

(6) Points for*

(7) Point difference based on Matches played against each other only*

(Points score in all matches)

5.7 Home venues are allocated on the fixture list

6. **Players**

6.1 All players playing in the u16 youth leagues can also simultaneously play in the National Leagues on multiple teams

Players can NOT play on different teams within the same league

7.0 **U16 Competition structure**

In the Girls Competition, VLY will host East and West leagues. Teams will play all other teams within their region once. Teams will be placed into a pool with one other team. On match days one pool will play against another pool (Teams in Pool A VS teams in Pool B). Therefore, if there are two teams in each pool there will be four matches to complete: For example:

Pool A: Team 1, Team 2 Pool B: Team 3, Team 4

Matches: Pool A are the home teams and Pool B are the away teams.

Team 1 vs Team 3, Team 2 vs Team 4,

Team 1 vs Team 4, Team 2 vs Team 3

The two home teams (Team 1 and Team 2) will find a mutually agreeable time and date to play each other during the season.

If there are two teams in one pool (Team 1 and Team 2) and only one in the other pool (Team 3), Team 1 and Team 2 may use this opportunity to play their 'same pool team' that day and provide all teams with two games.

U16 girls will host cross regional matches once regional games are complete to determine national league placings

U16 boys is a national league and winners crowned after all teams play each other twice

8 Uniform

8.1 All teams must be neatly dressed in uniform tops numbered front and back.

9 Results

9.1 Winner of each game must contact the VLY office info@volleyballireland.com and the competition coordinator - Conor cdo@volleyballireland.com 0870997659 with the results on the day of the match. A picture of the scoresheet should be sent to Conor immediately after the game by the host team.

10 Protests and Disputes

10.1 Any protest should be submitted, in writing, by the team coach to the competition coordinator Conor Flood, cdo@volleyballireland.com.

This will be reviewed and ruled on by the youth advisory group within 3 working days.

Youth Advisory Group 2022/23- Conor Flood, Amanda Burgio, Jennifer Moret, Matt Hanlon, Kieran Moran, Michelle Tanner, Martin O'Connor and Julio Rico.

11 Hall and Referees Costs

11.1 Home teams will cover hall expenses.

All teams will share referee expenses

12 Referees

12.1 All matches MUST be refereed by capable 1st referee.

A 2nd referee is optional but very much preferred if the club(s) can accommodate this. VLY see this as opportunity to train in new referees and provide match experience. 1st referees would preferably be a VLY qualified referee Grade 3 or above.

13 Changes to Fixtures

13.1 Teams unable to meet a fixture must notify:

- (a) all the teams involved
- (b) the officials
- (c) the coordinator (Conor Flood)

13.2 All parties concerned must agree an alternative date for the fixture. In the event of agreement not being reached, points will be awarded against the team wishing to have the fixture changed.

14 Misconduct

14.1 Teams shall be held responsible for any misconduct or damage caused by their player(s), coaches or supporters

15 Miscellaneous

15.1 The youth advisory group decision is final in any matters arising, which have not been covered in these rules.