

HVA COMMITTEE MEETING – THURSDAY 23 JUNE 16
SITTING VOLLEYBALL REPORT

Achievement against Year Two Objectives

| Objective | Target | Comment | RAG |
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| 2.1 - Run a sitting volleyball workshop for teachers from special and mainstream schools to enable them to deliver grassroots SV. | Dec 15 | Workshop scheduled for 6 Oct was cancelled. Work to host one in Mar/Apr 16 stalled. | |
| 2.2 - Develop and deliver a junior SV tournament. | Nov 15 | A Year 7-9 tournament took place at Mountbatten Centre on Tues 24 Nov, with teams from Mary Rose, Baycroft, Noadswood, Glenwood and Lakeside participating. A further event was delivered to 50 juniors by Higher Sports Leaders at Peter Symonds College on 12 Feb 16. | |
| 2.3 - Devise a programme to take sitting volleyball into schools and colleges. | Mar 16 | Free taster sessions offered to schools, colleges and universities. To date, 6 have been delivered (King Richards, Portsmouth Academy for Girls, Mayfield and 3 at Highbury College) to approximately 250 students. | |
| 2.4 - Look to create 1 new SV club. | Jul 16 | Awareness and participation of SV is growing rapidly, particularly in schools, and there is a chance that a new club will emerge in 2016. Work ongoing at Highbury to deliver 6 -8 sessions with a view to creating a new SV Club. | |
| 2.5 - Run 2 sitting volleyball tournaments. | Nov 16 | The first meeting took place 3 Apr 16 at the Harbour School, Tipner. 2 nd meeting fixed for 1 Oct 16. | |

Supporting Narrative

Highlights

The first HVA Sitting Volleyball Mini-League took place on 3 Apr 16 with teams from South Hants, Guernsey and Portsmouth taking part. The second meeting is scheduled for 1 Oct 16 with the same teams again participating but I am delighted that Team GB's Women will also take part as a wild card entry. The work I have undertaken in local schools has resulted in 3 new players joining Portsmouth SC Club and awareness about sitting volleyball is growing across the Hants footprint. I have also delivered a Go Spike Big Weekend event on Southsea Common on 28 May alongside Portsmouth Ladies.

Lowlight

There is still no date for the SV workshop and I have a serious concern that any momentum built from the work conducted in schools/colleges will be lost. The workshop is integral to the overall strategy of making sitting volleyball sustainable across the county. I am sure there is an appetite for schools to attend the workshop but the stumbling block appears to be the cost, which VE has levied at £50 per head.

Next Steps

I am keen to pursue the possibility of creating a new club at Highbury College and the next step is to gain the College's commitment to host 6-8 taster sessions. Portsmouth University has also expressed an interest in hosting a taster session, which I hope will take place in Sep/Oct. I am also due to deliver a SV session in early August at the beach courts in Southsea as part of the Sports Hampshire and IOW 'Workplace Challenge'.