

SOUTH WEST VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Draft paper to be discussed at the SW Executive Meeting on September 29th 1984.

1. Introduction

The difficulty with all reports and all development plans is - that they are generally out of date by the time that they are published. Allowing for these problems this is an attempt to give a picture of volleyball in the SW and the pattern of development that the SW Association hopes to pursue in coming years.

2. Administration - The Current Situation

- (a) The SW Association is the largest of the EVA Regions with 83 affiliated clubs spread across the counties as follows (1983/84 figures)

Avon	13
Cornwall	1
Devon	7
Dorset	22
Gloucestershire	12
Somerset	2
Wiltshire	7
Jersey	9
Guernsey	3
S Wales	7

- (b) The SW Executive Committee takes the responsibility of co-ordinating the volleyball development across the region. It has elected officers as follows to carry out this work.

Chairman	Coaching Secretary
Secretary	Officials Secretary
Treasurer	Junior Development Officer
Competitions Secretary	Centre for Excellence Director

These officers are joined at the regular meetings by three Executive Committee members who are allocated roles as necessary and each recognised area has the right to send a representative.

- (c) Local Associations exist in a number of areas - their development has taken place as a result of the hard work of local volunteers with assistance where required by the regional association :-

<u>Area</u>	<u>No of leagues</u>	<u>No of teams</u>	<u>Approx No of players.</u>
Avon	2	14	150
Woodspring (SAvon)	1	10	100
N. Devon	2	12	130
Cornwall	1	5	50
Weymouth	3	22	200
Poole	2	20	200
Swindon	1	9	80
N. Glos	1	12	150
Guernsey	8	50	300
Jersey			

- n.b. These figures will often not include players and teams that play in regional/national league.

In the area above some clubs and players may not be affiliated to the National Association. It also lists other clubs

Association. We also realise that there will be large numbers of other clubs and players involved in competitions - both schools and adult of which we no or little knowledge.

Recommendations - Administration

1. Effort to be made to increase our knowledge of pockets of volleyball not currently known to the Association (through general publicity and occasional surveys).
2. Efforts to be made to bring more clubs into the association by affiliation (this to be done by better publicity of the benefits available and increased incentives in the way of grant for "official and recognised" associations where all clubs affiliate).
3. The change in the EVA Affiliation structure should provide us with a more accurate record of total number of players now that registration of players is free.
4. Encouragement should be given to the development of new associations whenever conditions are suitable (in terms of personnel, local interest and facilities)
5. Encouragement should be given to setting up of County Associations to provide a sub structure as follows
 ----- County Association
 Regional Associations ----- County Associations ----- Town / District / Local Associations.
 These county and local association to be encouraged to apply for EVA "Area Status"
6. Evaluation given each year to the progress made in (5) so that the constitution and the role of the Regional Association be re;examined.
7. Extend the use of the newsletter as a means of communication by encouraging clubs and players to contribute with articles and extending its circulation to non affiliates by Recreation Officers, Libraries etc.

3. Competition - Current Situation

(a) National League. At present we have the SW represented in each National League (each league has 10 teams) as follows :-

Mens Division 1	3	Ladies Division 1	1
Mens Division 2	2	Ladies Division 2 (SW)	5
Mens Division 3 (S)	3		
Mens Division 4 (SW)	6		

(b) Regional League . There are 3 leagues with the number of teams in each as follows :-

Mens Qualifying	6
Mens Open	9
Ladies Open	6

(c) Local league = see earlier list.

(d) Regional Championships (Tournaments) are organised as follows :-

- SW Inter League Championship
- SW Ladies Development Tournament
- SW U 16 Championships (Boys and Girls sections)
- SW U 20 " (Men and Ladies ")
- SW Senior Championships (men and ladies 2 day event)

(e) Other - a number of clubs run open or invitation tournaments involving anything from 4 teams to 130 teams - these are established part of the calendar. Some of the larger of these tournaments are :- (approx no teams in brackets)

Easter	Invo (Speedwell) Bristol	(20)
July	:Whitefield (Bath)	(130)
August	Weymouth Beach Tournament	(10)
September	Priory (Weston super Mare)	(80)
September	Brittania (Poole)	(30)
November	Guernsey Open	(30)

Competitions - Recommendations

1. Provide high coaching standards to enable the regions teams to take high places in the National League.
2. Encourage local league teams to join the regional competition structure
 - (a) firstly by participation in regional development.
 - (b) by joining regional league.
3. To encourage the development of more friendly club tournaments by provision of equipment, publicity and expertise.
4. To increase the number of participants and in particular of :-
 - (a) young players
 - (b) ladies.

4. Coaching - Current Situation

The Associations courses are staffed by 5 staff coaches and 3 teachers Award tutors. in 1983/84 they carried out :-

- 4 Teachers Award Course
- 2 Preliminary Coaches Award Course
- 1 Advanced Coaches Award Course.

A Centre of Excellence supported by Sports Council funds runs in Bristol with 1 Director and 18 players.

Coaching - Recommendations

1. Develop a series of player improvement courses in local areas.
2. Extend the work of the Centre of Excellence to a wider audience as a Centre for Advanced Coaching.
3. Develop a need for coaching courses by encouraging players to become coaches.
4. Provide a network of well planned and co-ordinated coaching courses.
5. Work with colleges and LEAS to develop Teachers Award Courses.
6. Selection and training of suitable coaches for positions as Teacher Award Tutors and Staff Coaches.
7. Development of a Regional Coaching Seminar.
8. Encourage local areas to appoint Coaching Secretaries.

5. Officials. Current Situation

The region has 1 Staff Official who in 1983/84 ran introductory refereeing courses and 5 grade 3 Award Courses around the region :-

level of qualification in the region are :-

- 1 International Referee
- 2 Grade 1 Referees
- 3 Grade 2 Referees

In addition over 200 candidates have taken the grade 3 exam

Officials - Recommendations

- 1. Encourage players to become referees
- 2. Provide an increased range of well planned and co-ordinated courses.
- 3. Select a train suitable referees for positions as Staff Officials.
- 4. Development of a Regional Referees Seminar.
- 5. Encourage local areas to appoint Officials Secretaries.

6. Junior Development ; Current Situation

A number of areas have schools associations. The SW Association organises regional competitions at U16 and U20 level - they are poorly supported.

Recommendations

- 1. Encourage areas to appoint Junior Development Officers to co-ordinate the work.
- 2. Publicise the regional competitions more thoroughly to increase entries. Examine ways of extending their popularity.
- 3. Set up Junior Development programmes in selected areas to involve, schools youth groups, teachers, youth leaders, the unemployed etc.
- 4. Provide higher levels of coaching for junior players through courses and through county and regional squads.

7. Other Areas

The Association will also need to lay emphasis on such matters as :-

(a) Publicity - particularly in the media.

(b) Major events - international matches, top club events need to be planned.

(c) Recreational Volleyball - such as Beach Volleyball and Family Volleyball

(d) Ladies Volleyball - continual development is needed.

Footnote

I would like to thank the local secretaries for providing valuable information for this the first part of the development plan. I had hoped to have completed the second and more important part for this meeting but time did not allow. I need your help to write the second part - the detailed plans and costings that are needed to put these recommendations into a development plan. I look forward to hearing your comments.

Ron Richards. September 1984.