

# SUFFOLK VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

## *Chairman's Report 2022-23*

### Summary

Firstly I'd like to thank all the volunteers who help run clubs, teachers and other school / college staff who help provide volleyball opportunities both in Suffolk and further afield, providing additional opportunities for our county's people.

In February Volleyball England's new leadership asked all regions and counties to complete a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats analysis. With Steve Hicks' help we responded as follows:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>STRENGTHS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Not sure if these count as strengths, but it's better than nothing!</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Six volunteer-led established community clubs affiliated to SVA and volunteers running these + Team Suffolk (juniors only)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>These cater for around 250 players (Suffolk population: ~760,000)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <i>Eleven secondary schools plus two post-16 colleges participating in annual 4v4 after-school inter-school competitions catering for around 275 students some of whom are also club members</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Knowledge of suitability for volleyball of over 30 sports halls</i></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>WEAKNESS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Few competitive opportunities for those below regional level</i></li> <li>• <i>Insufficient qualified coaches &amp; referees</i></li> <li>• <i>One club reported in summer that financial struggles may mean reduction in regular training</i></li> <li>• <i>Most clubs and SVA would like more volunteers to help</i></li> <li>• <i>Challenges with venues (particularly for University of Suffolk)</i></li> <li>• <i>No ladies NVL team in 2022-23</i></li> <li>• <i>Lowestoft, population 73,000 unserved. Other groups of towns also unserved.</i></li> <li>• <i>Few opportunities to play outside clubs / schools</i></li> <li>• <i>Only one workplace-based club</i></li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>OPPORTUNITIES</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Significant interest from juniors</i></li> <li>• <i>Hosting tournaments can be a great way to generate funds, particularly in halls with multiple courts</i></li> <li>• <i>Engage with sports coaching companies to provide opportunities to handle demand that clubs cannot deal with and to generate more interest?</i></li> <li>• <i>Could club members be offered reduced subs in return for running tournaments?</i></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>THREATS</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Reduced support from School Games Organisers (SGOs)</i></li> <li>• <i>Rising popularity of women's football &amp; basketball?</i></li> </ul>

Since the above was submitted we saw a significant drop-off in girls participation at VI-form level since sharing the above with VE – only one girls sixth form team participated at the schools U19 event compared with six boys teams (Castle Manor bought their U16s).

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Having moved out of the county I am less in-touch with the state of volleyball across our county. So please do let me know about anything missed here or in the rest of this report that you think I need to hear about!

As well as not living in the county I also find myself devoting less time to volleyball than previously for other reasons. However, areas where I have been active this year include:

- Interacting with new leadership at Volleyball England and with people in similar roles in other regions / counties
  - Steve and I met with the new CEO, Charlie Ford, during his first couple of months with Volleyball England
  - I met with Gillian Harrison and Laura Allcoat regarding partnerships (e.g. with sports centre operators / multi-sports coaching companies) and have been following-up with Everyone Active at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre with whom I already have a good relationship
  - Attended quarterly Regions and Counties Community of Practice meetings
  - Active participation on Regions and Counties Discord server
    - Reminder to SVA Committee members: You can join Steve and I there via <https://discord.gg/BtkxpEnP> - Link valid until 14<sup>th</sup> July – ask me for a new one if you'd like to join us
- [Stowmarket Health, Education and Leisure Facilities project \(SHELF\)](#) – proposals including a new sports hall between Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre and Stowmarket High are due before Mid Suffolk DC's Planning Committee in August; phased completion targeted for first quarter of 2025 calendar year
- Inter-school competitions
  - We helped organise / host more events and had more students participating than ever before – particular thanks to Rob Dovaston for hosting a number of events for schools in the western half of the county
  - Volleyball England [launched](#) Volley 3s & 4s festival packs for junior event organisers. At the heart of the guides sit a number of key principles. These are similar to those we use to guide our schools events. Two key differences:
    - VE recommend success is recognised through praising performance not publishing results or awarding trophies.
      - We no longer have much funding for trophies but do still award the U15s county trophies, announce results and send them to the schools so they can include in newsletters etc.
    - VE recommend Volley3s for 11-14 year olds and Volley4s for 14-16 year-olds
      - We play 4-a-side on doubles badminton court for ages 11-19 as this makes most effective use of the space available and avoids confusing the teachers with different formats for different age groups
- [Opening-up school sports halls funding](#)
- Other funding available in Haverhill

We benefit from the good work of Nigel Sinclair who runs the Eastern Region series, and the Essex and Cambridgeshire Volleyball Associations who allow our teams to compete in their competitions, so I'd like to thank all of those. Additionally, the Eastern Volleyball Federation provides opportunities for our juniors to train alongside those from neighbouring counties and to compete in Inter-Regional competitions. I'd like to thank Alex Chinnery, Rees Warren and

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Frances Balaam for their work in this area.

Suggested focus for 2023-24

- Post-16 gender disparity
- Workforce Development weekend
- Young Officials / Leaders
- Partnerships – continue to work with MSLC – work on partnerships with other operators to enable their staff to deliver Volley2s and other forms of our sport

## Clubs

Suffolk has six Volleyball-England affiliated community clubs.

Newmarket VC won eight and lost eight to fourth in the M2N Division of the NVL having finished 5<sup>th</sup> in M2S in 2021-22. This year's finish was one above Norwich Spikers.

Having been unable to fulfil all their fixtures last season Stowmarket VC have withdrawn from 2023-24 NVL.

I understand Ipswich Ravens plan to focus on social volleyball and training next year rather than competitions.

Ipswich VC returned to competition, entering the Essex Mixed League.

Stowmarket VC's Bring Your Own Grown-Up session is now branded as Volley2s with the requirement to bring a grown-up dropped but still very much encouraged by the pricing structure.

I am not up to date with developments at other clubs and so look forward to hearing how things are going at the AGM.

## Further and Higher Education

Suffolk New College had less competitive success this year but sports hall development should allow more opportunities for their students to practice in the future.

I have had no interaction with University of Suffolk this year.

## Venues

The completion of our project with Suffolk New College is a significant achievement. Big thanks to Steve for the drive and attention to detail to get this completed. As well as allowing 6v6 training court configuration in half the hall, it is also possible to book a single badminton court. This allows smaller groups to play in a cost-effective manner. Details of how to book have been added to our website's [Venues and Equipment page](#).

Equipment is in-place to allow similar opportunities in venues that members of the public can book (Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre, Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre and Stowupland High). We hope that staff at these facilities can be trained to allow members of the public to book these for small-sided volleyball use/

We continue to maintain a [spreadsheet detailing indoor venues](#) throughout the county and the volleyball equipment available at these. So far it focusses on Ipswich. Please let me know the information for any other venues you are aware of.

## Junior Competitions

After a preliminary competition in 2012, volleyball was properly introduced into the Suffolk School Games in 2013 at U15s level with 4-a-side competitions. As there was good participation amongst 2013's U15s, in 2014 a U16 competition was added and this became U17s in 2015. In 2016 outdoor U13s competitions were added to the School Games Festivals. This mix of U13s, U15s and U17s continued until the pandemic.

During the pandemic the Youth Sports Trust, which provides funding for School Games Organisers to help organise Suffolk PE & Sport Network events (SPESN), re-focused with an emphasis on more local participation events rather than competitions that would necessarily lead to county championships. Events resumed in 2021-22.

A bigger programme was planned for 2022-23. This was somewhat affected by industrial action, but we still helped organise / host more events and had more students participating than ever before.

Steve Hicks, Jon Yorke and Rob Dovaston all helped run these events and their support is greatly appreciated.

I have included figures for entries into the inter-school events as an appendix. 421 participants eclipses 2018s total of 289!

## Young Officials

In 2022-23 Steve Hicks and I incorporated Volley2s with the Young Officials Award concepts and used it as a basis for a six-hour day to teach Suffolk New College students how to officiate. It is unlikely that we will repeat with the college but the content is available should anyone wish to deliver in their school, club or via the Suffolk VA.

## Performance

I did not find time to enquire whether young people from Suffolk attended East Development Camps or whether they were selected for Inter-Regional Championships.

## Coaching and Refereeing

We have a long-standing lack of referees and cannot expect this to be filled by people outside our community. Clubs must either make a pact with another club to referee for each other or they have to accept that refereeing is a duty of every player in the team, meaning that every player has to take their turn at some point during the season.

Information we learnt from Berkshire via the Regions and Counties Community of Practice: Officials for matches in Berkshire all arrive at the venue together – this helps them feel part of a team. Could this work in Suffolk?

Similarly, some clubs have more interest from beginner players than we have coaches available to coach them. We can either encourage significantly more players to begin their coaching pathway or we need to engage with sports coaching companies to see if they can offer more volleyball opportunities than we currently do.

Once again, I'd encourage anyone who would like to take a coaching or refereeing course in the next year to contact our treasurer ASAP so that we can budget for supporting them and make sure we don't over-commit.

## Welfare

Repeated from 2018:

The high-profile cases of child abuse within football reminded us that safeguarding is so much more than an administrative, tick-box exercise. Despite being a much smaller community where it can seem like everybody knows everybody, volleyball is not immune and during my time involved running clubs and as part of the SVA committee, I have known of at least four incidents in which trained Welfare Officers were required. Every club must have a Club Welfare Officer with responsibility for this. Here's a Volleyball England article on the topic from April 2017:

<https://www.volleyballengland.org/news/article/5531/don-take-chances-with-safeguarding>

## GDPR

Volleyball England are currently working through teething problems with the replacement of the old VolleyZone with a new VolleyZone system provided by SportLomo. This time last year I had hoped this may make club management and communications with members simpler. However, it seems that the required parts of SportLomo's system to replace our clubs' use of systems like Spond and Teamer have not yet been rolled-out.

Repeated from 2018:

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) can't have escaped the attention of many in 2018. Whilst the Sport and Recreation Alliance and Volleyball England provided guidance on how to ensure organisations are compliant, there was little advice on tools suitable for holding members' information and for contacting them in an appropriate way.

My review of the guidance and how it applies to Ipswich Ravens led me to believe that as we use people's data in ways they would reasonably expect and which have a minimal privacy impact or where there is a compelling justification for the processing then "legitimate interests" is a lawful basis for processing. See <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/lawful-basis-for-processing/legitimate-interests/> for more detail on legitimate interests and what is required in order to use this basis.

Whilst a wealth of information was provided by Volleyball England, the Sport and Recreation Alliance, Sport England Club Matters and the Information Commissioner's Office, what I felt was lacking was a list of systems which could be used to help clubs and the SVA handle members' data in a compliant way. I appealed to Volleyball England and Club Matters for such a list, but Club Matters are unable to provide recommendations. I assume they believe providing such a list would constitute a recommendation.

I have since learnt that the new Ipswich Ravens committee have started using Teamer which looks promising. They appear to make their money when you start taking payments via their system – they then take a small cut. I understand that there are various alternatives, but have not studied the relative merits.

- <https://www.teamer.net/>
- <https://www.teamsnap.com/leagues-and-clubs/features>
- <https://www.sportsengine.com/solutions/team/>
- <http://www.clubbuzz.co.uk/prices>
- Further alternatives are listed here: <https://www.getapp.com/recreation-wellness-software/a/teamer/alternatives/>

## Appendix – Competitions – Historical Stats

### Indoor

For the winners of our indoor competitions, see [www.suffolkvolleyball.org.uk/roll-of-honour](http://www.suffolkvolleyball.org.uk/roll-of-honour)

### ***National League & Cup***

Since the 1980s until 2106 only male teams from Suffolk entered National competitions.

Year	League	Cup	League teams	Cup only
2008-09	2	2	Newmarket, Stowmarket	
2009-10	1	2	Stowmarket	Newmarket
2010-11	0	2		Stowmarket, Newmarket
2011-12	1	2	Newmarket	Stowmarket
2012-13	1	2		
2013-14	1	2		
2014-15	1	2		
2015-16	1	1		
2016-17	3	1	Newmarket Men, Ipswich VC Men, Ipswich VC Ladies	
2017-18	3	1	Newmarket Men, Ipswich VC Ladies, Stowmarket Men	
2018-19	3	1		
2019-20	3	1+		
2020-21	No competitions – COVID-19			
2021-22	3	1+	Newmarket Men, Ipswich VC Ladies, Stowmarket Men	
2022-23	2	1?	Newmarket Men, Stowmarket Men (not cup)	

## Regional Series

Year	Ladies			Mens		
	Av	Unique	Who?	Av	Unique	Who?
2008-09	2?	2	Ips, Stingers	<2	2	Ips, Stow
2009-10	1	1	Ips	1	1	Ips
2010-11	>1	2	Ips (regular), Stingers (1 or more)		2	Ips & Stow (both 1 or more)
2011-12	1.5	2	Ips (regular), Stingers (half)	1	1	Ips (regular)
2012-13	>1	2	Ips (regular), Stingers (some)	1	1	Ips(regular)
2013-14	>1	2?	Ips (regular), Stingers (some?)	1	1	Ips(regular)
2014-15	1.3	2	Ips (regular), Suffolk Three (two)	2.2	3	Bury & Ips (both regular), Stow (one)
2015-16	1	1	Ipswich	2	4 <sup>1</sup>	Ipswich (all), Newmarket (3), Bury (2), Stow (1)
2016-17	1.4	2	Stowmarket (7/8), Ipswich (4/8)	1	2	Ipswich (4/8), Newmarket (4/8) + Diss (3/8)
2017-18	1.9	4	Stowmarket (all), Ipswich (3), Ipswich 2 (1), Lakenheath (3)	0.8	4	Lakenheath (2)
2018-19	0.75	3	Stowmarket (2), Ipswich (2), Lakenheath (2)	0.75	2	Bury (3), Lakenheath (3)
2019-20	Incomplete – COVID-19					
2020-21	No competitions – COVID-19					
2021-22	1.83	3	Bury (6), Ipswich (4), USAF (1)	1.33	2	Bury (6), USAF (2)
2022-23	2.7	3	Team Suffolk (7), Lakenheath Blue (6), Lakenheath Red (6)	1	2	Lakenheath (5), Bury (2)

In 2011-12, Stowmarket joined the Essex League which offers a similar level of competition to the Eastern Region, thus didn't compete in the Regional Series for a few years

USAF teams from Lakenheath / Mildenhall competed in many tournaments up to and including 2013-14. However, they have not been included in the above table. Although not included in the Av. Or Unique columns, Diss are included in the Who? column, as they include players based in Suffolk and training at other clubs.

In 2018-19 Ipswich entered the Essex Ladies league and therefore their participation reduced. Stowmarket Aces participation is significantly reduced.

In 2021-22 a seventh, cup tournament, was run at the end of May. Team Suffolk entered the

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<sup>1</sup> Diss also entered two tournaments, as they're just outside Suffolk, these have not been included

men's and USAF entered both.

## **Suffolk League**

The two-division Suffolk League was last contested in 2007-08. At its peak there were three divisions.

## **Ron Ames Cup**

Whilst the Suffolk League was being contested, the Suffolk Cup and Plate were handicap competitions. When the Suffolk League was replaced with the Suffolk Indoor Series, the handicap system was dropped from the Suffolk Cup.

The Suffolk Cup was named in honour of Ron Ames in 2018. It is our premier indoor competition for Suffolk's elite men's teams. Adult competitions have been run as open competitions with ladies allowed to play alongside men. Ladies-only equivalents were introduced in 2016-17.

## **Open competition**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Which teams?</b>
2008-09	9	Final season of handicap era. Before Suffolk Indoor Series introduced. Five-team Social League and three team Ladies League ran concurrently
2009-10	3	Ipswich, Newmarket, Stowmarket
2010-11	3	Ipswich, Newmarket, Stowmarket
2011-12	3	Ipswich, Newmarket, Stowmarket
2012-13	3	Ipswich, Newmarket, Stowmarket
2013-14	3	Lakenheath, Newmarket, Stowmarket
2014-15	2	Newmarket, Stowmarket
2015-16	2	Newmarket, Stowmarket
2016-17	3	Ipswich, Newmarket, Stowmarket
2017-18	4	Newmarket x 2, Stowmarket, Bury Bobcats
2018-19	3	Newmarket, Stowmarket, Bury Bobcats
2019-20	Incomplete – COVID-19	
2020-21	No competitions – COVID-19	
2021-22	3	Newmarket, Stowmarket, Bury Bobcats
2022-23	4	Newmarket, Stowmarket, Bury Bobcats, Ipswich Ravens but Ravens withdrew

## **Ladies**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Which teams?</b>
2016-17	2	Ipswich, Stowmarket
2017-18 to 2021-22	0	Not contested
2022-23	2	Ipswich Ravens, Bury



## **Suffolk Handicap League**

The Suffolk Handicap League aims to bridge the gap between the county's elite teams competing in the Suffolk Cups and those competing in the Suffolk Indoor Series. Currently, each team plays each other once per season, either home or away.

### **Open competition**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Which teams?</b>
2014-15	4	Bury, Ipswich, Newmarket, Stowmarket
2015-16	4	Bury, Ipswich, Newmarket, Stowmarket
2016-17	4	Bury, Ipswich, Newmarket, Stowmarket
2017-18	4	Bury, Ipswich Ravens, Newmarket, Stowmarket
2018-19	3	Bury, Newmarket, Stowmarket
2019-20	Incomplete – COVID-19	
2020-21	No competitions – COVID-19	
2021-22	3	Newmarket, Stowmarket, Bury Bobcats
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### **Ladies**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Which teams?</b>
2016-17	3	Stowmarket, Ipswich Ravens, SCC Seagulls
2017-18	4	Stowmarket, Ipswich Ravens, SCC Seagulls, Fil Suffolk Smashers
2018-19	Not contested; Ipswich Ravens hosted tournaments instead	
2019-20 to 2021-23	Not contested	

## Suffolk Indoor Series / MaVIS

The Suffolk Handicap Series was a series of tournaments run by Ipswich Volleyball Club on behalf of the Suffolk Volleyball Association. They were held approximately one Sunday per month during the indoor season. Initially a handicap system was used to put teams of mixed abilities on equal footings.

Year	Av Teams per tournament			Which clubs? And notes
	Div 1	Div 2	Combined	
2009-10				Between 4 and 8 teams at each, Plate still running separately, included Haverhill Academicals
2010-11	6	N/A	6	10 teams involved: Essex Uni, Great Yarmouth, Ipswich x3?, Stingers/Stow x2?, Tendring beginners + ?
2011-12	5	N/A	5	7 teams involved: Ipswich x3? Stingers/Stow x2?, ...?
2012-13	4.8	N/A		Ipswich, Stow, Stingers, Tendring
2013-14	5.3	4.5	8.3	Alexanders, Bury, Ipswich, Ravens, Stingers, Stow, Tendring. Separate div 2 for four of six events.
2014-15	5.7	4.4	10.1	Alexanders, Bury, Ipswich, Ravens, Stow, Stingers, Tendring. Separate div 2 for all events.
2015-16	8	5.2	13.2	Separate div 2 for all events. 8, 8+5, 8+6, 7+5, 9+5, 8+5
2016-17	6.7	6.7	13.4	Separate div 2 for all events. 8+4, 7+7, 7+7, 7+6, 6+7, 6+8, 6+8
2017-18	5-6	7		I guess Average 5 or 6 for Div 1 and over 7 for Div 2
2018-19				Oct: 5+5, Nov: 5+5, Jan: 6+7 (but possibly a lot of overlap in two of the teams). Dec, Feb, Mar, Apr: Not known
2019-20	Incomplete – COVID-19			
	Ipswich VC had insufficient volunteers to run this following the pandemic			

Note that some players play in both division one and division two, and not all teams have six players.

Newmarket do not compete in this competition, as they compete in the Cambridgeshire League

## Entry-level tournaments

In 2022-23

- 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Bury hosted, Ravens visited (not sure how many teams)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Ravens x 2 hosted, Stow, Seagulls and Bury 1 team each
- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Seagulls hosted with Ravens and Team Suffolk bringing 1 team each

## Four-a-sides

Each club is welcome to host one or two four-a-side tournaments across the season. These aim to give players an opportunity to play in the smaller-side tournament, where they should get more touches of the ball. They also aim to give new players a first taste of tournament volleyball and to bring players from other clubs to each team's home venue, usually at the time of one of the host club's regular

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training sessions.

## Enter-as-a-team

Year	Num events	Av num teams	Notes
2013-14	2	6.5	Bury (8), Haverhill (5? Could have been 4 or 6)
2014-15	3	6.7	Bury (7? Could have been 6), Haverhill (6), Ravens (7)
2015-16	1	8?	Ravens (8 – Can't remember for sure, but think this is roughly correct) – Only one tournament, so shouldn't see this as a boost over previous years!
2016-17	2	5.5	Ravens (6) + Bury (5)
2017-18	0		Our four-a-side officer has drifted away from volleyball and no replacement was found
2018-19	0		

## Enter-as-a-player

Year	Num events	Av num players	Notes
2013-14	3	25.7	Ravens, Stowmarket, Suffolk (end of season)
2014-15	2	27	Stowmarket, Suffolk (end of season)
2015-16	3	19.3	Stowmarket, Stingers, Suffolk (end of season)
2016-17	3	19.3	Stowmarket (20), Stingers (23), Suffolk (15 - end of season)
2017-18	1		Stowmarket (20ish)
2018-19	2		Stowmarket, Stowmarket

## Outdoor

### **Suffolk Open**

The tournament has two divisions (one for National / Regional / top-level local league men's teams and the other for mixed and recreational teams)

Year	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Total	Notes
2009	6	10	-	16	First event, only one or two teams from outside Suffolk
2010	5	15	-	20	Advertised more widely around region
2011	6	22	-	28	Loads from Norfolk, thanks to Tomasz?
2012	5	16	-	21	Fathers' Day & poor weather in weeks before
2013	6	11	-	17	Not many teams from Norfolk (Tomasz left? Pegasus at a wedding? No Karen Warrington?) Stowmarket's Sundays bring two teams for first time
2014	4	18	-	22	Bury, Haverhill, Ravens enter for first time
2015	7	17	-	24	Two new teams from Diss

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2016	5	9	-	14	June date postponed, rescheduled to end of July
2017	5	11	5	21	Mid-July, Div 3 introduced
2018	5	9	3	17	Mid-July, clashed with Whitefield
2019				16	

## ***Suffolk Enter-as-a-player Beach Series***

Started in 2015, aims to give players regular opportunities to play on sand according to Beach Volleyball rules.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total players</b>	<b>Av per round</b>	<b>Notes</b>
2015	11	7.5	After two of three rounds
2016	10	8	After two of three rounds
2017	5	2.5	Round two abandoned.
2018	0	0	Did not go ahead due to lack of volunteer to take this on
2019	0	0	Did not go ahead due to lack of volunteer to take this on and Copleston Beach Volleyball Court unavailable

## ***Ipswich Ravens Beach Series***

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total players</b>	<b>Av per round</b>	<b>Notes</b>
2016	29	20.5	After two of three rounds
2017	12	3.5	After two of three rounds
2018	0	0	Did not go ahead due to lack of volunteer to take this on
2019	0	0	Did not go ahead due to lack of volunteer to take this on and Copleston Beach Volleyball Court unavailable

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## Schools and Juniors

### 2022-23

A number of county finals were held in addition to below. Castle Manor and Stowmarket hoped to play U14s but industrial action and minibus problems combined to delay. At the time of writing I don't know whether it went ahead.

	U15 East		U16 West		U15 West		U16 East		U19 County		U14 East		U14 West		U13 East		U13 West					
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
Castle Manor Academy			11	6	10	5			9	5								5	12			
County Upper School			3	5	5	4																
King Edward VI					8	0																
Thomas Gainsborough			8	6																		
St Benedict's				4	9	10																
Stowmarket			4	4	4	9									5	6						
Abbeygate VI form									4	0												
Horringer Court																		8	8			
Westley																		8	8			
Claydon	11	4					16	16			7	15			8	8						
Copleston	7	8					8	8														
Farlingaye	8	9					6	9	5	6	4	12										
Holbrook											0	13			8	7						
Kesgrave									7	0												
St Alban's									12	0	0	6										
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>				
																			<b>Total excl. County Finals</b>			
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																			<b>208</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>421</b>	

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## *Historical comparison*

Year		Number of area events or county-wide in age-groups for which area not offered	Players			Notes
			M / Open	F	Total	
<b>2022-23</b>	Affected by teacher strikes	8	208	213	421	U19 was only age-group for which area events not offered
<b>2021-22</b>	First after COVID-19 arrived	7	134	141	275	
<b>2020-21</b>	Pandemic-affected					
<b>2019-20</b>	Pandemic-affected					
<b>2018-19</b>		5	153	136	289	U13 was only age-group for which area events not offered

# SUFFOLK VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

## 2021-22

First season back, still operating with some COVID-19 restrictions

					Total					
					# teams		# players			
Day	Date		Event	Venue	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls		
Thur	09-Dec-21	West & Mid	Year 11	Finborough, near Stowmarket	5	6	22	26		
Tue	18-Jan-22	West & Mid	Year 10 - Compete	Castle Manor, Haverhill	4	2	16	8		
Mon	24-Jan-22	Ips & South	VI form	Suffolk New College, Ipswich	5	5	24	19		
Thur	27-Jan-22	Ips & South	Year 10	Suffolk New College, Ipswich	5	6	24	27		
Thur	10-Mar-22	West & Mid	VI form	County Upper, Bury St Edmunds	6	2	23	10		
Thur	17-Mar-22	Ips & South	Year 8	Copleston, Ipswich	3	7	13	38		
Tue	21-June-22	West & Mid	Year 9	Castle Manor, Haverhill	3	3	12	13		
					Totals		31	31	134	141
					Grand totals		62	275		

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## ***Prior to 2020 Suffolk School Games (Indoors)***

Figures are number of 4-a-side teams

Year	South heat				West heat				County finals				Total	
	U15G	U15B	U16G	U16B	U15G	U15B	U16G	U16B	U15G	U15B	U16G	U16B	U15	U16
2012	-	-	-	-	Mixed: ?		-	-	-	-	-	-		
2013*			-	-	5	-	-	-			-	-		
2014	3?	4	Auto qualify		2	4	Auto qualify		4	4	8	8	13	16
	U15G	U15B	U17G	U17B	U15G	U15B	U17G	U17B	U15G	U15B	U17G	U17B	U15	U17
2015	2	2	2	3	4	5	0	3	4	5	3	3	13	9
2016	5	4			5	7	6	6	6	4	3	4	21	12
2017	7	8	4	6	4	6	5	5					25	20
2018	7	7	5	7	7	5	5	3	6	6	6	6	26	20
2019	?	?	?	?	?	?	5	5	6	6	5	6		

\* In 2013, an open trial was held at Thomas Mills High School in Framlingham for players from the North and High Suffolk Areas. Only pupils from Thomas Mills turned up. Therefore, Thomas Mills were granted places in both the boys and girls county finals.

## ***Prior to 2020 Suffolk School Games Festival (Outdoors)***

Year	U13G	U13B
2016	1	1
2017	5/6	5/6
2018	7	7
2019	8	9



## ***JUVO / Boswells Invitational Tournament***

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total teams</b>	<b>Total players</b>	<b>Notes</b>
2014	2	5	U17 beach pair (Joel & Dom), U17 girls 3v3 (Amelia, Molly, Naomi)
2015*	3	9	U17 beach pair (Joel & brother), U17 girls 3v3 (Amelia, Molly, Naomi), U15 boys 4v4 (Lewis, Ross, Aaron, George)
2016	0	0	
2017	1	4	U15 boys 4v4 (Ashton, Albie, Zozó, Elliot)
2018	-	-	Did not go ahead due to clashes with other events
2019	-	-	No event

\*Joel was over-age but permitted to take part

In 2022 Boswells held a tournament at which at least one team from Stowmarket participated.

## ***Ipswich Ravens Junior Girls 4-a-side Tournaments***

<b>Year</b>	<b>Num tournaments</b>	<b>Av Num Teams</b>
2018	5	5
2019	0	