

SHORT VOLLEYBALL & VAI HISTORY

VOLLEYBALL created by WILLIAM G. MORGAN IN 1895 as Mintonette, at YMCA, Holyoke, Mass.)

Volleyball Association of Ireland FOUNDED 1968 – Administers 26 counties

Members of:

- FIVB (International Volleyball Federation) FOUNDED IN 1947 – Currently 220 registered member countries
- CEV (European Volleyball Federation) FOUNDED 1963 - Currently 55 registered member countries
- OCI (Olympic Council of Ireland) FOUNDED 1922

SPORTS UNDER OUR VOLLEYBALL BANNER - 6 a side indoor, 2 a side Beach Volleyball, our adapted game 4 a side SpikeBall and Sitting Volleyball.

GRANTS –

- Cospoir became ISC (Irish Sports Council) in 1999 - Grants have risen from a few thousand pounds (punt) in the 80's to over €200,000 today
- OCI (Olympic Council of Ireland) – Occasional funding of €10,000 – 20,000
- LSP Grants for small projects
- Capital Grants – For equipment to improve Regional centres.

OFFICE – 1st Floor, 141 Thomas Street, Dublin 8 - Rented

STAFF MEMBERS –

Office Manager – Full Time - August to May

National Development Director – Part time all year

Coaching Director – Part time

Club Development Officer – Full time - August to May

Development Officer – Full time - August to May

CEO – Part- time all year

Women in Sport (WIS) Staff – 2 Development Officers – One Full time - August to May, One Part time - August to May

LRDA's (Local Regional Development Agents) – Self-employed

STRATEGIC PLAN – First fully operational plan began at the end of 1999 - Fully implemented and published to run from 2002 – 2007. Current plan is called Strategy 2018.

NATIONAL LEAGUE – Consists of 2 Men’s and 3 Women’s Leagues and Cup competitions.

FULLY AFFILIATED CLUBS – 13

ASSOCIATE AFFILIATED CLUBS – 29 of which 16 are Junior

SCHOOLS COMPETITION – Primary 196 schools, Post Primary 90 schools.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL – Men’s and Women’s teams competed in the CEV Continental Cup in 2014. Irish based competition weekends are spread throughout the summer as well as midweek pop-up recreational events run through facebook.

SPIKEBALL COMPETITION – Several blitzes run across the country that culminate in National Finals.

NATIONAL SQUADS – Men’s, Women’s Senior and Junior Squads are eligible to compete in the SCD of the CEV European Championships every 2 years.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS –

2003 – Special Olympics (We ran 3 venues, supplied adjudicators and referees)

2004 – Women’s Senior Squad Qualifying for the SCD finals in Liechtenstein

2006 – 2008 - Coca Cola sponsored - Bray Beach Volleyball events

2012/2013 –WIS programme featured on RTE’s Winning Streak and Association Cup televised on AerTV

2014 – Men’s and Women’s teams competed in the CEV Continental Cup in 2014

Tutors – Several tutors have qualified through the Coaching Ireland (previously NCTC) course but not all are active in this role.

Coaches – We qualify Teachers, Club players and Students but we still have a lack of active registered coaches and only a handful do further education (CPD) or complete International Qualifications.

REFEREES

We have 1 qualified International referee. Although we qualify referees locally each year, we have too few non-playing referees available for our needs.