



Start of Season 2020-21 Newsletter

It has been a frustrating 6 months since we had to cancel training in mid-March and I know you have been desperate to return to training and eventually competition – well the wait is almost over with club sessions due to restart at the end of September, however, as I'm sure you are getting used to in other environments, it will be volleyball with modifications, which will be our 'new normal' for the foreseeable future.

There are a few things you need to know and **must** sort out before you will be able to attend training, they are detailed below, along with other news and information.

Return to Indoor Volleyball – COVID Guidelines

In order for us to restart our indoor volleyball activity the club has been required to carry out a risk assessment in relation to the COVID 19 pandemic, issue guidance to players, coaches and officials on the mitigating measures, which are to be taken and to ensure everyone understands the guidelines and what is expected of them. This guidance is based on the [Volleyball England 'Return to Indoor Volleyball'](#) action plan, which complies with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport [Return to recreational team sport framework](#)

Member's guidance is available [here](#), is on the members Facebook page, will be e-mailed to everyone separately and will be discussed at the AGM. It is important that you read and understand this guidance and that parents make sure their children have read and understand the information. When joining the club this season you will need to sign to say you have read, understand, and will follow the guidance.

Memberships 2020-21

Members registration is now open in [members zone](#) of the new website (yes we have a new one!). It is really important that you complete your registration as quickly as possible – **No one will be allowed to train unless their registration is completed** as it is part of our COVID Guidelines for track and trace purposes. Registrations will also need to be completed at least 2 days before your 1st training session.

All details regarding fees, club policies etc. can be found in our new [Members Handbook 2020-21 season](#). You will see that we have had to increase some fees this season after holding them last season.

AGM and pre-season information meeting

The club AGM and pre-season information meeting will take place virtually on:

Thursday 17th September 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Join via this link <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/255302701>

We urge all members and parents of juniors to join the meeting to find out more about **your** club, to vote or stand for office, to ask questions and to gain insight into what could be a challenging season. You will also get the chance to see our new match and training kit designs.

AGM Agenda:

- Officer reports and Development plan overview
- Election of Officers – Chairperson, Treasurer, Vice- Chair, Welfare Officer, Junior Development Officer, 3 x Co-Opted members. Please see [here](#) for current holders of these positions and the job role/responsibilities. Anyone wishing to stand for these positions should contact the Acting secretary at least 24hrs prior to the AGM to inform them of the fact.
- In addition, the following roles are vacant - Club Secretary, Fundraising Officer, Marketing Officer and Social and Events Secretary. Full details of these roles can be found [here](#) and we would encourage members/parents to look at the roles and consider if they may be able to stand for one of the positions.

Following the AGM:

- Important information on our COVID return to play plans (we are hoping to restart indoor training during the week 21st or 28th September. TBC soon)
- Club survey feedback
- The clubs rebrand and new kit designs revealed
- Q and A

New season New Look!

The club will have a new look this season – with a new logo, website, kit designs and an addition to the name! We are still Wessex Volleyball Club but will be using 'Dragons' as our nickname. You can check out the new Website [here](#) and will have seen the new logo on this page – if you want to see the new match kit and training kit designs, hear about the new club shop and find out what connects Dragons and Wessex then join us at the AGM and all will be revealed!

Keep Informed

If you haven't already joined please request membership of the club members Facebook page, as that is one of the main ways we will be keeping members updated - [Wessex Members Facebook Page](#) . We also will be using info@wessexvolleyball.com to contact you, so please check your junk folders just in case!

The minutes of all club meetings can be found on the website [Club Minutes](#)

Regards

Wessex Volleyball Club Board

Chair: Dave Gunter

Vice-Chair: Dan Hunter

Treasurer: Peter Lambert

Welfare Officer: Michelle Honeybun

Junior Development Officer: Annetta Minard

Co-Opted Members: Anthony Roberts, Colin Angel, Wayne Tinsley-Veale