



SOVT 2026

Tournament Information and Rules

1. Format of the Tournament

Entries will be spread across our usual 7 Divisions as follows:

Women's Division:	5 teams
Men's Division 1:	6 teams
Men's Division 2:	22 teams
Men's Division 3:	30 teams
Mixed Division 1:	4 teams
Mixed Division 2:	36 teams
Mixed Division 3:	44 teams

Trophies will be presented to the winners of each Division. The presentation will take place on the paved area outside Bell's Sports Centre immediately after each final. All teams are expected to play on Sunday when a full schedule of matches will be arranged with teams competing for the 'Divisional Winners' award or 'Best of the Rest' award. Please check that all your games are completed before leaving on Sunday. Referees are always in short supply on Sunday afternoon so please help the running of your Division by offering your services even if your matches are complete.

2. Contact with the Control Room

To contact the Control Room prior to the Tournament or over the weekend call, message or WhatsApp on **07916 909149** or email us on info@sovt.co.uk.

3. Check-in and team registration

There will be no check-in or registration procedure as we feel that it is unnecessary given the detail gathered on entry to the Tournament. However if you have to pull out on the day or leave early then please let the Control Room know. If there are problems in the run-up to the Tournament please contact us on info@sovt.co.uk.

4. Fixtures, Court Allocations and Results

The fixtures for Saturday will be issued in advance of the Tournament. The fixture list will include court numbers and the refereeing team. Results should be returned to the Control Desk at Bells Sports Centre foyer and signed by the winning captain. There will not be a control point on the North Inch. There will also not be a Public Address system.

Sunday's fixtures will be issued as soon as possible after the completion of Saturday's matches and updated during Sunday as matches progress. The fixtures will be available on the SOVT website and we hope to notify the captains via social media as soon as they are available.

5. Commencement of Play

Play begins at 9:30am on Saturday 23rd May and at 9:00am on Sunday 24th May.

6. Tournament Rules

The Tournament Rules are set out in Appendix 1.

7. Camp Site and Car Parking

The entrance to the Car Park and Campsite is located on the corner of Rose Terrace and Barossa Place. The postcode is **PH1 5HG** and the What3Words ref is **quit.point.lines**. The camp site and car park will be available from 4.00pm on Friday. Tents and cars will be charged at £10.00 each for the duration of the Tournament. Payment should be by bank card or contactless payment. Cash will not be accepted.

Campsite Rules are set out in Appendix 2.

Camper Van / Minibus parking is not permitted on the grass of the North Inch. Drivers of these larger vehicles are advised to park at the nearby North Inch Community Campus.

Bell's Sports Centre car parking may be available over the weekend (Friday to Sunday) on a "first come first served" basis. There is, however, no guarantee of spaces being available. This year a significant number of car parking spaces have been removed because of the works taking place within Bell's Sports Centre. Parking charges apply on Friday and Saturday. The various parking rules covering parking within marked bays etc. will apply whether it is a charging period or not.

8. First Aid

Trained first aiders will be in attendance throughout the weekend when play is in progress. They will be located in the foyer area of Bell's Sports Centre.

9. Toilets and Showers

Toilets in the foyer area of the Sports Centre will be open and available for participants for the duration of the Tournament. Please ensure that you leave the toilets in a clean condition. There is also an accessible toilet within the foyer area of the Sports Centre.

Every effort will be made to keep the toilets clean and appropriately supplied. We have experienced vandalism in the toilets on previous occasions and participants are requested to do what they can to prevent any damage from anyone attending the Tournament.

All showers are in the adjoining premises of Perthshire Rugby Club with access from the adjacent pedestrian path (check for appropriate signage). The showers in the Rugby Club will be segregated as last year in the two designated areas with a locked door separating the two areas. Access will be by different corridors.

Showers will be open on:

Friday:	6:00pm to 7:30pm
Saturday:	8:00am to 9:30 am and 4:00pm to 7:30pm
Sunday:	8:00am to 9:30 am and 12:00noon to 6:00pm

Cleaning staff will be on duty over the weekend. We are aware in the past that the showers have been, at times too hot or too cold, but we hope that this may be resolved by the time of the Tournament.

10. Security

Security staff will be on patrol over Friday and Saturday nights.

11. Catering

This year there will be two hot food outlets on site.

12. Litter / Recycling

Help us to maintain our excellent record for leaving the North Inch free of litter after the SOVT weekend. This has been previously recognised by Perth and Kinross Council and the public. Use the designated litter bins and black bags provided to keep your area clean. Take your rubbish to the skips on the North Inch and where there are separate containers for recyclables, please use them. You should clear up your court areas and camp site and consider taking your litter home. The longest part of the clear-up operation is clearing the campsite of tents or gazebos, bits of trees, the remains of pit fires, and in particular bottle tops stuck into the ground which become a hazard for children and dogs.

13. Alcohol

Local bylaws prohibit the consumption of alcohol on the North Inch at all times.

14. Photographs/Video

Please note that photographs and video will be taken throughout the Tournament for SOVT use.

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Appendix 1 - Tournament Rules

1. Teams must be on court immediately following the preceding game.
2. If a team is not on court with six players within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the previous game, they will forfeit the match by two sets to nil. If neither team is on court within the time stipulated above, they will both be deemed to have lost two sets to nil. The Tournament Director will determine whether the circumstances of this rule apply. Fixtures can go ahead without 6 players providing **both** teams agree.
3. All games will be decided over the best of three sets, with all sets being scored on rally points. The first two sets will be won at 25 points and by two clear points. The third set will be won at 15 points and by two clear points. In the event of the tournament running behind schedule the Tournament Director will be able to change the scoring system.
4. Three points (match points) will be awarded for winning a match and one point will be awarded to the losing team. In the event of teams being tied on match points, final placing will be determined by sets won, then overall points won.
5. The winning team is responsible for ensuring that the correct score reaches the Control Desk.
6. Teams must provide five match officials. Failure to provide the requisite number or to referee to an appropriate standard may, at the discretion of the Tournament Director, result in a deduction of one match point from the refereeing team or their disqualification.
7. All teams must provide their own volleyballs and whistles.

8. No player shall be permitted to play for more than one team over the weekend. Failure to abide by this rule may result in disqualification of the player(s) and/or team(s) concerned, at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
9. Teams competing in the Mixed Divisions must always have a minimum of three women on court at all times.
10. In the event of any dispute arising regarding the rules of the Tournament, the matter will be referred to the Tournament Director and his decision will be final.

Appendix 2 - Campsite Rules

1. Tents shall be pitched outwith the 6.0m strip to allow access for emergency vehicles. There should always be 3.0m separation between tents.
2. On discovering a fire, contact Emergency Services. If possible, security staff should also be alerted.
3. In the event of a fire, Rose Terrace (the street closest to the camp site) has been designated as the assembly point.
4. At the assembly point each team will be responsible for ensuring that all participants using the camping facilities are accounted for.
5. All Calor Gas containers must be stored away from the sleeping accommodation.
6. No fires will be permitted on the campsite.
7. No cooking shall take place in tents.
8. All litter should be placed in the black bags provided and on leaving the camp site the black bags should be taken to the on-site skips.
9. Nothing should be left behind on leaving the camp site which requires disposal by the organisers.
10. When tents are left unattended, they should be secured as far as possible to deter or minimise the chances of theft.
11. All on-site vehicles must be parked in the adjoining car parking area. No vehicle will be permitted on the campsite, and this includes unloading and loading camping gear.
12. In order not to disturb local residents and other campers, every effort should be made to avoid unnecessary noise after 11:00pm.
13. Tents should not be left on the camp site after 5:00pm on Sunday. You must contact the organisers if you wish to stay later than that.