



Junior Development Program (JDP)

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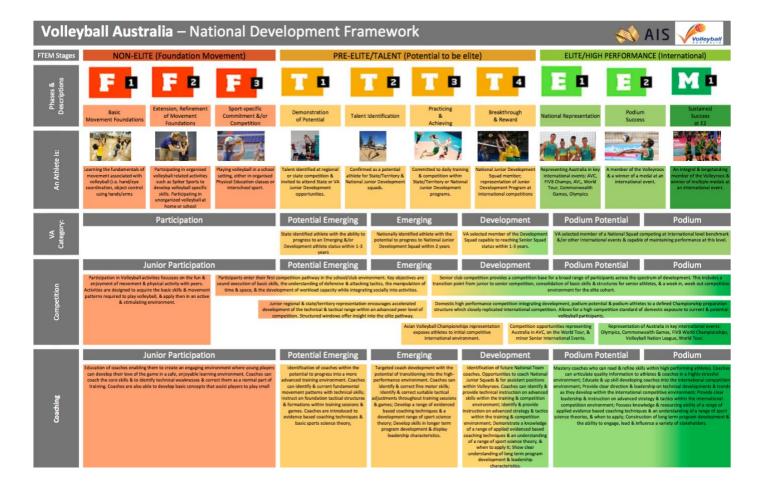
The Junior Development Program (JDP) is a national camps and international tours based program for targeted volleyball and beach volleyball athletes from across Australia under-pinned by State-led talent identification and development programs.



The program continuously produces an experienced pool of international quality players capable of sustaining a professional volleyball career and suitable for selection as a senior Volleyroo. In addition to the identification and development of our future Volleyroos, the Junior Development Program also supports the broader development of volleyball talent and promotion of volleyball as a sport of choice across the country. A complimentary purpose of the Junior Development Program is to provide a structured coach development program to grow the coaching talent in Australia.

Volleyball Australia uses the FTEM (Foundations, Talent, Elite and Mastery) Framework to assist in the reviewing, planning and supporting of athlete pathways within Volleyball. This framework has been developed by the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and has been adapted by Volleyball Australia to enhance our vision and strategic goals for the future. More information on the FTEM Framework can be found on the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) website (https://ais.gov.au/ftem)





Program Purpose

The primary purpose of the Volleyball Australia Junior Development Program is to provide a platform to engage significant numbers of athletes and coaches through enjoyable and positive volleyball experiences. By providing development opportunities, a sufficient pool of athletes and coaches capable to representing Australia and/or having a career in Volleyball or Beach Volleyball is achieved. Secondly, the Junior Development Program intends to further develop athletes through the facilitation of high quality performance in national and international competition.

Program Aims

The aims of the Volleyball Australia Junior Development Program have been established to facilitate the achievement of the program's purpose. These aims include:

- Introducing athletes and coaches to high performance Volleyball and Beach Volleyball disciplines by collaborating with National Teams and the Australian Volleyball Academy to develop technical and tactical frameworks.
- Undertaking extensive talent identification to generate sufficient quantity and quality (not just physical qualities) of athletes to support the future performance requirements of national teams
- Providing continuous improvement opportunities for coach development including cross-skilling of disciplines and genders through National camps, domestic competitions, international development tours, and international representations at peak Junior Championship events.



- Develop and provide an education curriculum for athletes and coaches to engage with during Junior Development Program opportunities.
- Engage with all stakeholders in development common goals and outcomes for athletes and coaches.
- Develop a consistent calendar of events for athletes and coaches as they move through the Junior Development Program.
- Engage with international federations and partners to provide an international network of competitive opportunities, with a focus on the Asian/Oceania region.
- Continuing to grow and retain the number of athletes and coaches involved in the Junior Development Program through positive and engaging experiences.

Program Principles

The principles of the Volleyball Australia Junior Development Program are to:

- Maintain strong relationships with athletes, coaches and all stakeholders in the Junior Development Program.
- Be transparent with all stakeholders with regards to all policies and procedures to the Junior Development Program.
- Develop an integrated culture to allow athletes and coaches to be involved in both disciplines of Volleyball.



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