



Dubai Open for Volleyball Academies Championship

# INVITATION BOOKLET

Oct. 3 till Dec. 6, 2026 • Dubai / UAE

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THE REGION'S FIRST

# A Season-Long League for Academy Volleyball

Girls and boys, U12 to U19, playing official matches every weekend with referees from the UAE Volleyball Association and the backing of Dubai Sports Council.

60+

TEAMS EXPECTED

250+

PLAYERS

4

AGE GROUPS

2

DIVISIONS PER GROUP



# What is DOVA?



## Season Long Series

A championship-format league running across the season, not a one-weekend event.



## League → Playoffs → Finals

Round-robin league play with the top four in each category qualifying for the Playoffs.



## FIVB Rules, Official Referees

FIVB rules with minor adjustments, under the supervision of the UAE Volleyball Association.



## Built for Development

Competition experience, exposure and a pathway for young talent across the UAE.



# About Us



SINCE

2010

Sports & Entertainment Events across the Region

At Sports Mania we pride ourselves in organising successful events in the fields of entertainment and sports, corporate and internal events, extreme sport activities, team-building exercises, and a wide range of annual championships.

A long, colourful history and a proven track record of public and private sporting events in Lebanon and abroad: corporate and youth championships in several sports, team-building programmes, sports trips and charity sports programmes.



**SAUDI**

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



**MUSCAT**

Sultanate of Oman



**BEIRUT**

Lebanon

# The 2026 – 2027 Season



## TERM ONE

**Oct. 3 – Dec. 6, 2026**

Registration now open



## TERM TWO

**Jan. 9 – June. 6, 2027**

Dates to be announced during Term One



**Register your academy** [dova.sportsmania.me/register](https://dova.sportsmania.me/register)

**CLOSES SEP 22, 2026**

# Road to the Finals

01



Registration closes

September 22, 2026

02



Technical meeting

September 28, 2026  
Dubai Sports Council office

03



First Serve

October 3, 2026

04



Finals weekend

December 5 – 6, 2026

*Matches every Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM*

# Event Info



## CATEGORIES

**U12 · U14 · U16 · U19**

Division 1 & Division 2 in every age group  
(Boys & Girls)



## TEAMS

**60+ expected**

Academies and Clubs from across the UAE



## VENUES

**Al Safa Sports Hall – Jumeirah**

Shabab Al Ahli Club – Red Hall (to be confirmed)



## DATES

**From Oct. 3 till Dec. 6, 2026**

Finals on December 5 & 6



## FORMAT

**Groups / Round Robin**

Top four per category reach the Playoffs



## PRIZES

**Cups, medals & gifts**

Plus a Player of the Match certificate every game

# Age Categories

Boys and girls in every age group · Division 1 and Division 2 depending on teams' playing level.

## U12

BORN  
2014 · 2015

DIVISION 1

DIVISION 2

## U14

BORN  
2012 · 2013

DIVISION 1

DIVISION 2

## U16

BORN  
2010 · 2011

DIVISION 1

DIVISION 2

## U19

BORN  
2006 · 2007 · 2008

DIVISION 1

DIVISION 2

*Divisions are set by the organisers based on teams' level to keep every match competitive.*

# Technical Overview

| Technical Table    | U12                         | U14        | U16        | U19        |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Net height – boys  | 2.00 m                      | 2.15 m     | 2.30 m     | 2.43 m     |
| Net height – girls | 2.00 m                      | 2.15 m     | 2.24 m     | 2.24 m     |
| Players on court   | 6 v 6                       | 6 v 6      | 6 v 6      | 6 v 6      |
| Minimum squad      | 7                           | 7          | 7          | 7          |
| Maximum squad      | 14                          | 14         | 14         | 14         |
| Sets               | 2 out of 3                  | 2 out of 3 | 2 out of 3 | 2 out of 3 |
| Court size         | 18 × 9 m                    | 18 × 9 m   | 18 × 9 m   | 18 × 9 m   |
| Time-outs (20 sec) | 1 time-out per set per team |            |            |            |



# General Rules & Regulations

1

Referees are appointed by the UAE Volleyball Association and are at equal distance from all teams and players. FIVB rules and regulations apply throughout the league.

2

All team jerseys must be identical, including shorts. Players in a different jersey will not be allowed to participate.

3

Each academy provides a list of maximum 15 players per team before the league starts. No player can be added afterwards for any reason, even if fewer than 15 were submitted.

4

Any player not on the registered list is ineligible to play.

5

Match dates, times and full attendance must be respected. A team arriving more than 10 minutes late loses the match; a no-show is a forfeit (15 – 0 loss).

6

Set score 2 – 0: winner 2 points, loser 0. Set score 2 – 1: winner 2 points, loser 1. Absent or late teams receive no points.

7

Ties in the group stage are resolved first by head-to-head points among the tied teams only.

8

A parental waiver is required for every player so pictures and videos can be shared on social media.

# Scoring, Points & Tiebreaks

## SET FORMAT

**U12 · U14 · U16 · U19**

**Best of 3 sets to 15 points**

Deciding set (1 – 1) played to 15

**U19 – FINAL ONLY**

**Best of 3 sets to 25 points**

Deciding set (1 – 1) played to 15

*A set is won by two clear points.*

## MATCH POINTS

| Result        | Winner | Loser |
|---------------|--------|-------|
| 2 – 0         | 2 pts  | 0 pts |
| 2 – 1         | 2 pts  | 1 pt  |
| Absent / late | 2 pts  | 0 pts |

## IF 2 OR MORE TEAMS ARE TIED

1

### Head to Head

Result between the tied teams only

2

### Sets Difference

Sets won minus sets lost across the league

3

### Points Difference

Points scored minus points conceded in all matches



## GOVERNANCE

# Dubai Sports Council & UAE Volleyball Association

The tournament operates under the supervision of the Dubai Sports Council, ensuring compliance with regulations and standards. Referees are appointed by the UAE Volleyball Association, guaranteeing fairness and professionalism on every court.



## TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM by Dubai Sports Council

Identifying and developing young individual talents across the UAE, scouts follow DOVA matches through the season. More to be announced during the season.

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WHERE WE PLAY



# Venues & Match Timings



## Shabab Al Ahli Club

Red Hall – Al Nahda



## Al Safa Sports Hall

Al Wasl – Jumeirah



SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS



10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

# Organizing Partners



## ORGANISER

### Dubai Sports Council

This championship is organised by the Dubai Sports Council, in line with Dubai's vision for long-term youth development.



إتحاد الإمارات العربية المتحدة للكرة الطائرة  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

## TECHNICAL PARTNER

### UAE Volleyball Association

Appoints all referees and supervises the technical regulations of DOVA.



## OPERATIONAL PARTNER

### Sports Mania

Match schedules, team communication, media posts, pictures, stats and interviews.

# Academies & Clubs onboard



Term One brought together 70 teams from 25 academies and clubs across the UAE.

# Every Team Gets Seen

All participating teams get social media exposure on the Sports Mania UAE and DOVA official Instagram and Facebook pages, promoting the event and driving fans to the website and app.



## Head-to-head & pre-match posts

Plus results publications after every match day



## Live scores & standings

Match-week coverage with score updates and team standings



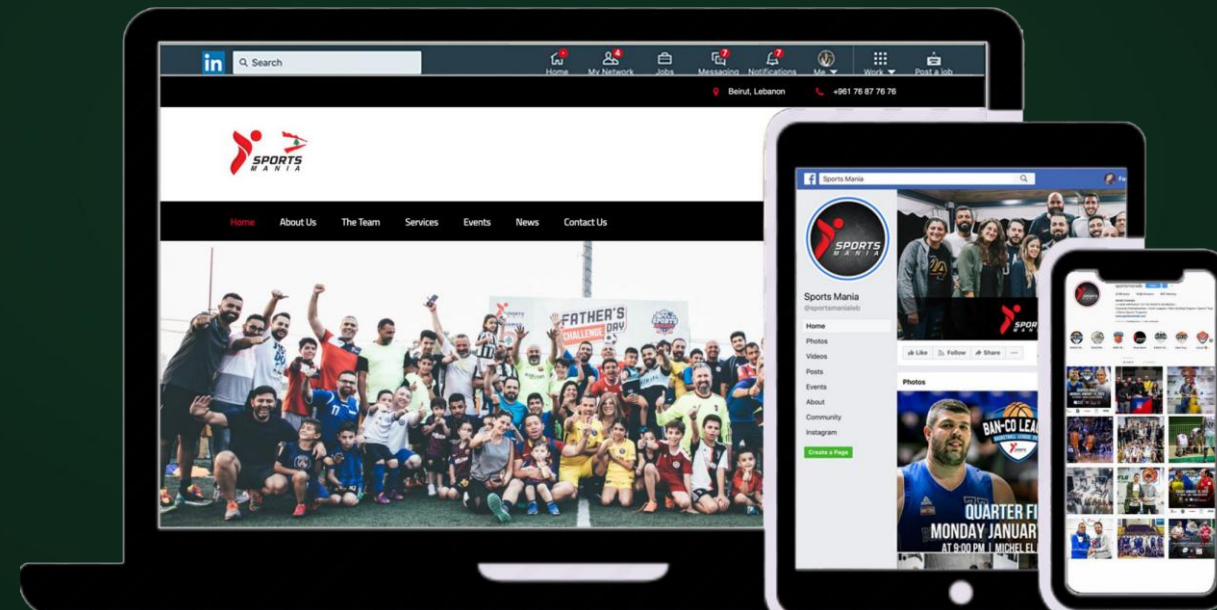
## Every match recorded

Professional cameraman at each game, published on YouTube



## Weekly press coverage

One wrap-up article per week in the newspapers



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# Ambassadors



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**Nikola Alokin  
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AMBASSADOR

**Sami Jassim**



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## WHAT'S INCLUDED

# Participation Fee

**AED 2,250 / Team**

- ✓ Minimum of 4 guaranteed matches per team, based on registrations per category
- ✓ Qualified & experienced referees
- ✓ Court supervisor
- ✓ Insurance coverage
- ✓ Every match recorded and published on YouTube
- ✓ Professional cameraman at each match
- ✓ Social media exposure
- ✓ Medics support for every game
- ✓ "Player of the Match" certificate per match





# Let's talk.

Ready to bring your academy to the court? Reach out and we'll walk you through registration.

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