



Alkmaar, May 17th 2017

Dear coach, trainer, club representative,

We would like to invite you to our **4th International Volleyball Tournament in Alkmaar** (the Netherlands).

We hope you are interested and we look forward to meet and entertain you in Alkmaar in December.

During the last tournament we had 10 teams (from the U.S.A., Germany, Spain, Portugal and the Netherlands) competing over 3 days in front of hundreds of spectators and local media. The final was broadcast live on Internet so family and friends could follow the achievements too.

The previous tournaments were great experiences and we look forward to putting together a great tournament for you again. The players had a great time and learned a lot about volleyball and about each other.

What distinguishes this tournament from others is the social programme we offer. The idea behind the tournament is to give everyone the experience of meeting and interacting with people from around the world besides playing great volleyball matches. The evening/social programme was good fun and made sure that all players from all teams interacted, communicated and shared with each other. Thanks to Facebook some of the players are still in contact. The volunteers and referees liked facilitating this tournament and the side events very much and are highly motivated to make the 4th IVTA an even better tournament.

The IVTA tournament programme



The IVTA is organized by Alvoco and Dinto (the volleyball clubs in the area of Alkmaar, North Holland) and will be held from December 27th until December 31st. We anticipate having 12 teams in the competition (8 from abroad and 4 from the Netherlands). Subscription is open for girls teams between 14 and 16 years (<17, born on or after 1-1-2001).

All teams are welcomed on the 27th of December so they can settle at the sleeping location, get to know each other and share a dinner. In the evening we will start with a presentation by all the teams to each other and a tournament briefing for all the coaches.

The matches will be played on the 28th and 29th and the finals are played on the 30th of December. Each team will play a minimum of 6 games to make it interesting for foreign teams to come to the Netherlands. In the evenings we will organize various **social, cultural** and sports **events**. In previous years this included amongst others a body drum session, a djembe session, a bowling, an Escape room and a disco party to close the tournament. For the 4th tournament we already started with the organization and it will definitely have the final party with DJ again!

Facilities & catering

All matches are played on 3 courts. This year we will have streaming video of all matches so your friends and family can follow your games.

All the players and coaches sleep at a school close to the sports center. Inflatable mattresses are provided to the international teams and they only have to bring their sleeping bag, pillow, towels and warm clothing. Lunch is provided at the central sports location and breakfast and dinner

are catered at the school. We will take any diet or allergies into account.

Sightseeing

Alkmaar is an old city (granted city rights in 1254) with a rich history, canals, typical Dutch architecture, windmills and the world famous cheese market. It is also located very close by some interesting sightseeing places. You could extend your stay and also visit Amsterdam, Bergen (with its beautiful and wide stretched beach), Zaanse Schans (open air folklore museum), Volendam or Enkhuizen (both known for their fishing culture and history). We are more than willing to help you organize this.

Registration

Interested in playing volleyball **below sea level**?

The sooner we know you are interested, the better we can make arrangements and reservations. Therefore, please let us know as soon as possible whether or not you are interested.

We would like your formal registration form confirmed before the 1st of November. The costs will be 150 euro per person and will include the lodging, food, transportation in Alkmaar and all the evening events. A maximum of 2 coaches can join for free.

You can visit the following site to get an impression of the previous years:
Facebook: [International Volleyball Tournament Alkmaar](#)

Feel free to contact us for any questions you may have.
We look forward to welcoming you in December.

Kind regards,
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