



Volleyball

Earls Court



London 2012 Olympic Games
Official spectator guide



Plan your travel

Getting to Earls Court

Great news! You can use the Games Travelcard sent to you with your ticket for free travel on public transport in London zones 1-9 on the day of your event, including to and from the venue. The recommended station is:

Earls Court — around 15-minute walk to the venue
London will be very busy so you should leave plenty of time to get to the venue and be prepared for crowds. Plan and book your journey at london2012.com/travel and check it before you set off as things may change. You'll also find plenty of walking and cycling routes on the website.

Been to Earls Court before? This venue will be operating differently during the Games so please follow the signs and directions from staff.

There is no spectator parking at or near the venue, except for pre-booked Blue Badge spaces.

For days when you're not going to a London 2012 sports event or ceremony, beat the queues for travel tickets and buy a Visitor Oyster card before you leave home at tfl.gov.uk/visitorshop

Accessible travel

If you've already reserved Blue Badge parking, you'll receive details in the post soon. For more information, go to london2012.com/bluebadge

Earls Court station has step-free access, with staff assistance available. An accessible shuttle service will run from the station to a drop-off point near the venue.

Inside the venue you can use our free Games Mobility service, which loans out mobility vehicles on a first come, first served basis. Audio description and guiding are also available. Find out more at london2012.com/accessibility

BARCODE



- 1 **Check the London 2012 website for the latest information** before you travel
- 2 **Remember your tickets!** Everyone needs a ticket for entry
- 3 **Aim to arrive at the venue up to two hours before** your session starts
- 4 The transport system and venue will be very busy so **leave plenty of time to travel and be prepared to wait**
- 5 You'll need to go through airport-style security when you arrive so make sure you've **read the list of items that aren't allowed inside the venue** at london2012.com/security
- 6 **Your bag must fit under your seat or on your lap.** If you can manage without one, even better – it will help speed up security checks
- 7 There's a **wide variety of healthy and tasty food** inside the venue
- 8 You can **pay by Visa (debit, credit or prepaid) or cash (£) only**
- 9 **Check the weather forecast and come prepared,** whether that means bringing a sun hat or rain jacket – we are in the UK after all!
- 10 You may have to wait to enter the seating area before your session or to exit the venue afterwards – **why not explore the spectator zones while you wait?**

Top tips

Welcome

This guide includes handy tips to help you get to your event and make the most of your Olympic experience. So have a good read – and don't forget to bring it on the day!

Arriving at the venue

Aim to be at Earls Court up to two hours before your session starts. When you get there, you'll be asked to go through airport-style security screening. With thousands of visitors arriving at the same time, there may be a queue.

One soft-sided bag is allowed per person, for example, a medium-sized handbag or small backpack (maximum 25 litres). If you can manage without one, even better – it will help speed up security checks.

We want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Games, so there are some things you can't bring into the venue. Go to london2012.com/security for the full list, which includes water and other liquids.

After you've gone through security, please make your way to the level shown on your ticket and explore everything there is to see and do in the spectator zone.

Unless your session is the first of the day, you'll only be able to enter the seating area after all spectators from the previous session have left.

There's no readmission to the venue.

Leaving the venue

It will take a while to exit the venue after your session. If you're not in a hurry, stick around and see more of the spectator zones.

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| | Earls Court | | London Underground |
| | Recommended station for spectators | | London Overground |
| | Event area during the Olympic Games | | Station with step-free access and staff assistance |
| | Venue entrance or exit | | Cycle parking |
| | Spectator access route | | Accessible shuttle bus pick-up/drop-off |
| | National Rail | | Ticket box office |
- 1 National Rail platforms are step-free.



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Few sports on the Olympic programme offer such fast, furious and exhilarating action as Volleyball.

Sports info

Medal events	2
Athletes per team	12
Athletes per team on court	6
Total athletes	288 (144 men's teams, 144 women's teams)

Session timetable

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Date	Sat 28 Jul	Sun 29 Jul	Mon 30 Jul	Tue 31 Jul	Wed 1 Aug	Thu 2 Aug	Fri 3 Aug	Sat 4 Aug	Sun 5 Aug	Mon 6 Aug	Tue 7 Aug	Wed 8 Aug	Thu 9 Aug	Fri 10 Aug	Sat 11 Aug	Sun 12 Aug
Morning	09:30-13:00	09:30-13:00	09:30-13:00	09:30-13:00	09:30-13:00	09:30-13:00	09:30-13:00	09:30-13:00	09:30-13:00	09:30-13:00					11:30-13:00	09:30-11:00
Afternoon	14:45-18:15	14:45-18:15	14:45-18:15	14:45-18:15	14:45-18:15	14:45-18:15	14:45-18:15	14:45-18:15	14:45-18:15	14:45-18:15	13:00-16:30	14:00-17:30	15:00-16:30	15:00-16:30		13:00-15:10
Evening	20:00-23:30	20:00-23:30	20:00-23:30	20:00-23:30	20:00-23:30	20:00-23:30	20:00-23:30	20:00-23:30	20:00-23:30	20:00-23:30	19:00-22:30	19:30-23:00	21:00-21:00	19:30-21:00	18:30-20:40	

Sessions where gold medals will be decided and/or awarded are highlighted in bold

The history

In 1895, William G Morgan devised a game he called 'mintonette', which he designed as a gentle alternative to basketball for older members of his YMCA gym. A century later, Volleyball is anything but gentle – in the men's game, the ball can reach speeds in excess of 130km/h.

Volleyball made its Olympic debut at the Tokyo 1964 Games, with competitions for both men and women. At Beijing 2008, the gold medals were won by the USA (men) and Brazil (women).

Jargon buster

The player who sets the ball for the attacker, usually on the second of the team's three permitted shots, is called a 'setter'.

The basics

The object of the sport is to land the ball in the opposition's half of the court. After the serve, each team is allowed three touches of the ball before it must cross over the net to the opposition (in addition to a legal block). Matches are the best of five sets, with 25 points needed to win a set (or 15 in the fifth and deciding set) and by two clear points.

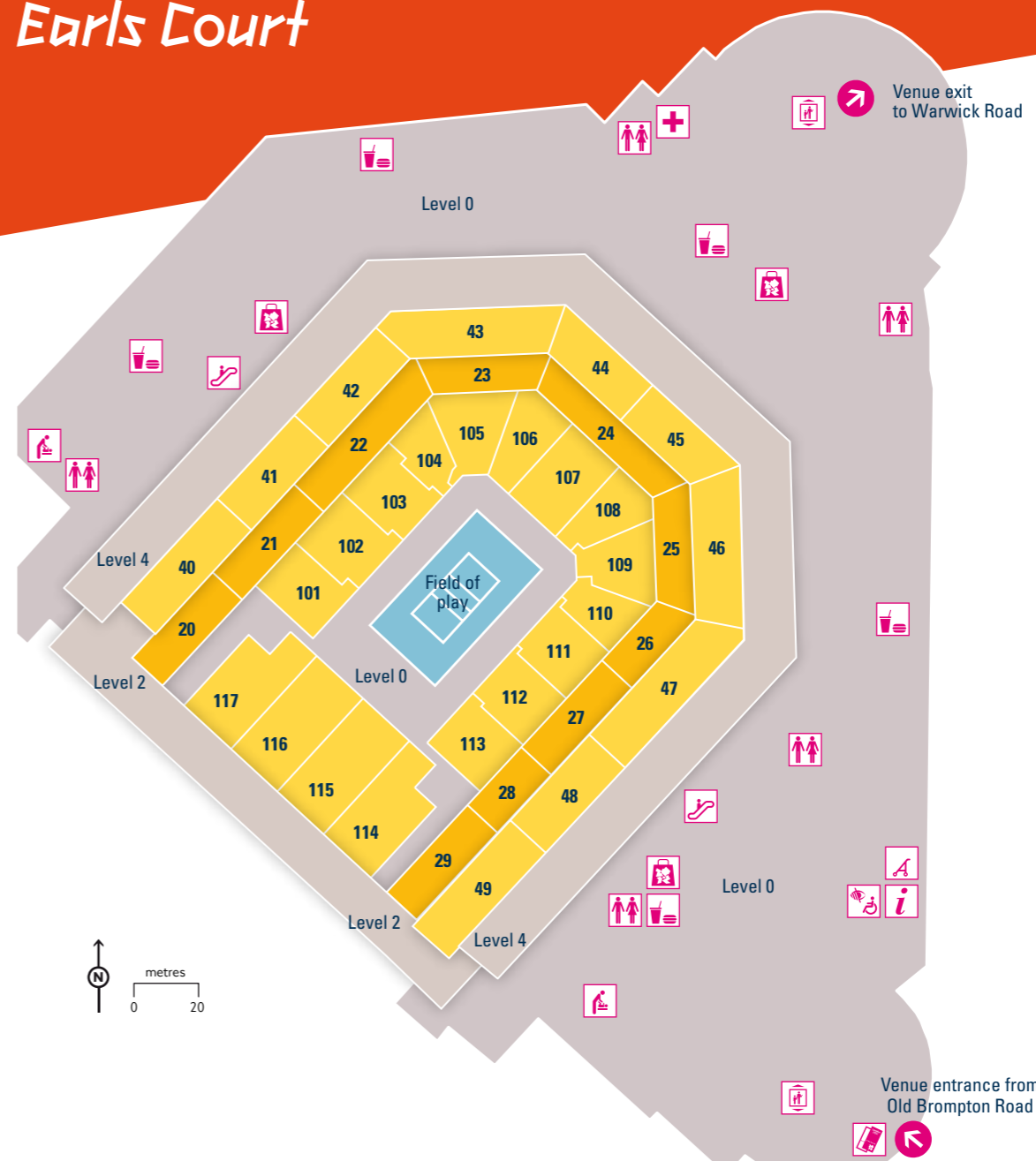
At London 2012, the 12 teams in each event are divided into two pools of six, and each team must play every other team in its pool. The eight best teams from this phase then qualify for the knockout phase, with the winners of the semi-finals eventually going head-to-head for the gold.

Find out more about Volleyball – pick up an official London 2012 daily or souvenir programme at the event.

Did you know?

Cuba won the women's Volleyball competition at three consecutive Olympic Games, from Barcelona 1992 to Sydney 2000.

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- Venue entrance or exit
 - 101** Seating block
 - Toilets and accessible toilets
 - Baby changing facilities
 - Information and lost and found
 - Ticket resolution office
 - Games Mobility
 - Lift
 - Escalators
 - Spectator medical
 - Pushchair and wheelchair storage
 - London 2012 Shop
 - Food and drink
 - Spectator zone
- Food and drink, information, ticket resolution, spectator medical and toilets are available on level 2.
– Food and drink and toilets are available on level 4.
– Accessible toilets are available on all levels.

Inside the venue

Please do your bit for the environment – take your rubbish home or help us recycle it by following the coloured icons on the bins, and on food and drink packaging.

Smoking is not permitted, except in designated areas.

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Out and about

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