

Birkirkara Volleyball Club aka BKVC

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Birkirkara Volleyball Club - BKVC is a sports club in Malta, founded on Wednesday 15th July 2009, with its main objective of offering the opportunity for training and playing volleyball, irrespectively of the age and skill level, through competitions and non-competitive tournaments. It is of utmost importance that BKVC members are provided with a friendly and family-like atmosphere by coaches, team-mates and also administrative staff throughout this life experience. Members are greatly encouraged to excel and love this game with dedication, determination, desire and discipline. To achieve the above values, one is trained to respect, be responsible and fully support sportsmanship. Participants are welcome to attend in our sessions to make a change in their lifestyle and learn the Club's R.E.S.P.E.C.T principles. BKVC is thankful for all the help received from Birkirkara Local Council.

BKVC has a senior women competitive team which is competing in the Malta Volleyball Association leagues from when it was founded. The latest achievements for BKVC were: 2014-2015 Runners up in the MVA First Division, 2013-2014 MVA Second Division Champions and Promoted to MVA First Division. Along its way, BKVC started youths' training and also decided, in order to promote active lifestyles, to offer this sport also to interested seniors (both females and males) in an uncompetitive environment. This team, named as Fun Volley, helps members to unwind from sedentary lifestyles by training this fun, energetic and challenging sport.

Being very adventurous, BKVC does not only limit to volleyball, but also exerts itself to supplementary events; educational and fundraising. Several educational events were organised with Birkirkara Local Council, where besides promoting sport and volleyball, the Maltese language and traditions were highlighted. In addition, as fundraising activities, BKVC organises the Volley Jolly dinner as a Christmas celebration, the Figolli baking in the Easter period and the Season Showdown as the End of Season and Awards Night event.

Moreover, with the slogan #BeActive in the European Week of Sport, organised by the European Union and co-ordinated Sport Malta, a sitting volleyball activity was organised by BKVC together with ParaVolley Malta,

and backed by MVA. The main aim of this event was to encourage people of any age and with various physical abilities to try out this new inclusive sport for the local community. This successful activity attracted individuals keen to try out this new sport, with ages from seven to fifty, and with and without volleyball experience. Both Hon. Dr. Michael Farrugia, Minister for the Family and Social Solidarity, as well as Hon. Mr. Chris Agius, Parliamentary Secretary for Research, Innovation, Youth and Sport, showed their support for this activity by attending and speaking to the participants.

This emergent but courageous Club decided to show its genuineness and seriousness by enrolling with the Commissioner of Voluntary Organisations. From the start, this was a dream for this club and the committee's motivation led to successfully achieve the VO Certificate 1192 on Tuesday 15th December 2015. This means that BKVC guaranteed and proved its transparency and accountability and in the end that its objectives will be totally voluntary and not business. Proudly to point out, that Birkirkara Volleyball Club is the first volleyball specific club in Malta that was certified as VO.

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