

REPORT

2010 SECONDARY SCHOOLS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eight schools participated at this year's Sports Division's Secondary Schools Volleyball Championships, with the Dominica State College (DSC), Pierre Charles Secondary School (PCSS), North East Comprehensive School (NECS), Isaiah Thomas Secondary School (ITSS) having both male and female teams. The Dominica Grammar School (DGS) and Castle Bruce School (CBSS) only registered male teams and the Convent High School (CHS) and the Portsmouth Secondary School (PSS) female teams only.

We were very disappointed that the number of participating schools did not increase since a volunteer Volleyball Coach from Japan, Mr. Yosuke Uno, was assisting the Sports Division in developing Volleyball at most Secondary Schools in Dominica. Some schools that received the services of Mr. Uno throughout 2009, like the Goodwill Secondary School, St. Martin's Secondary School, Wesley High School and the St. Mary's Academy, still did not participate in the 2010 competition. We will continue our motivational efforts and hope that next year all schools will participate in the tournament.



THE TOURNAMENT



The 2010 Championship began on the 13th of January 2010 at the Benjamin Park in Portsmouth with a short Opening, which was followed by two first round games. Both female and male categories were played on round robin basis in 2 Zones of 3 teams with a home and away match to determine the semi finalists. This was possible, as for the first time matches were played at 7 different venues: the PCSS Court, ITSS Court, CHS Court, Weirs Hard Court in Marigot, Benjamin Park Portsmouth and the DGS Grounds, where DGS and College played their home games.

After the round robin, DSC topped Zone A in both the female and male categories. In Zone B the girls of PSS and the boys of NECS placed first. These 4 teams enjoyed home advantage in the semi finals and had to play the runners up of the other Zones. Runners up PCSS Girls and ITSS Boys showed great team spirit and improved from game to game. Both teams went on to play very well in the semi-finals only losing by little margins.

The final games took place on Friday night 19th February at the Benjamin Park in Portsmouth. For the first time the Sports Division organized a Final under lights in agreement with the involved schools - and it was a success and we recommend this for future championships.





The girls final between DSC and PSS commenced at 5:30 PM and the excitement in the game attracted a numerous crowd; After being 2 sets down, the Portsmouth Secondary School came back to win over the Dominica State College with 3 to 2 sets (23-25; 16-25; 25-18; 25-14; 15-11) - It was a great promotion for School Volleyball.



In the male category NECS could not stop the power of the Dominica State College - DSC won 3 to 0 (25-22; 25-21; 28-26).

All the finalists performed very well showing off their skills, talents and defensive plays.



After the games Mr. Trevor Shillingford, the Sports Coordinator, handed over the Trophy to the 2010 Volleyball Champion Teams.



The Sports Division congratulates:



Dominica State College



Portsmouth Secondary School

for winning the male and female Championships respectively and also the other Schools that took part in the competition. Thanks go out to the officials, scorers and others who in one way or another helped to make this event run smoothly and successful.

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