

Tourney will test new rules

PAISLEY Volleyball Club will host a big tournament at Linwood Sports Centre next weekend.

And players from Scotland, Northern Ireland and Germany will test for the first time in Scotland new rules to be introduced next season to make the game more entertaining.

The competition takes place on Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14 with four male and female teams in two sections.

Paisley men will line up against their twin town rivals Furth, Northern Ireland's international team, Whitburn and Glasgow Gregg.

Their ladies also face Northern Ireland and Furth with County rivals Inverclyde and Taypears providing the other opposition.

The Ulster teams are coming to Linwood after competing in the UK championships in Sheffield.

John Thomson, Paisley's public relations officer, said: "The new rules don't come

into force until next season.

"We are getting a couple of top Scottish referees to try them out with the teams.

"Their aim is to keep rallies going and increase the chance of the serving team winning the point.

"It will lead to more attractive and spectacular games for both players and spectators."

John added: "This will be a really exciting tournament.

"And I would urge as many people as possible to come and watch these top teams in action."

The tournament is sponsored by J Wilson Group of companies and Hitachi Power Tools.

John added: "Both Paisley and Furth have built up a good volleyball relationship in the last four years. Paisley played in Germany in 1989 and 1990."

Renfrew District Council Sports and Leisure Department and Renfrew District Sports Advisory Council are also giving their support.

The prizes will be presented by a Renfrew District Council official.