

WELCOME...

Welcome to the second AVSC newsletter for 2010. It's now 6 months out from the 2010 AVSC, so hopefully by now you are preparing your team appropriately and training has commenced.

AVSC KEY DATES

On the last page of this newsletter (also available on www.avf.org.au/AVSC) you will find a list of key dates for this year. This includes nomination open and closing dates, entry fee payment dates etc. Make sure you keep tabs on where you are at in relation to this time line.

2010 AVSC TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Visit the AVSC website www.avf.org.au/AVSC to download your copy of the Tournament Regulations. Whilst a number of teachers have been the event more than once, the Commission is keen to ensure that even the event's longest serving schools are familiar with the detail associated with the event.

Your co-operation in this regard will ensure that there are no surprises, mis-interpretations or assumptions of the rules when it comes time to begin competition on Monday!

AVSC 2010 ENTRY FEES AND FEE ZONES

The confirmed entry fees for 2010 are as follows:

	Honours (excl GST)	Others (excl GST)
Local (Melbourne & International)	\$890	\$705
Intermediate (Vic country, Tasmania, SA, NSW & ACT)	\$780	\$620
Distant (WA, QLD & NT)	\$535	\$425

Please note: There has been an increase in Entry Fees for 2010 this increase has occurred for a number of reasons: allowing for a dedicated resource to be available throughout the year for the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup to service the increasing number of teams, to improve the delivery of the event and increased venue and other costs.

The fee zones are defined as follows:

- Local** Melbourne (within 50kms radius of Melbourne GPO) and International
- Intermediate** Vic country (further than 50kms from Melbourne GPO), Tasmania, SA, NSW & ACT
- Distant** WA, QLD and NT



UPDATED WILDCARD AND EXEMPTION FORMS

Wildcard Applications need to be submitted if you wish to compete in Honours Division but did not finish in the Top 3 at your State Schools Cup. Request for Exemption are required to be submitted if your team has an International player or a student has changed schools.

Updated Wildcard Application and Request for Exemption forms are available from the AVSC website, www.avf.org.au/avsc. Applications are due by **Monday 25th October**. Late applications will not be considered by the AVSC EC.

SHUTTLE BUS REMINDER

The shuttle bus between Noble Park train station and SVC will again be made available this year. The shuttle service will attract a small fee of \$2 per person each way, or \$4 per person for a return trip. This is to cover the expense of this premium event service. This year shuttle bus bookings **must** be made the day before prior to 6pm and we will be only accepting pre paid bookings.

Teams must contact the Tournament Office to book the shuttle once the final draw is published. Shuttle drivers will confirm each booking before permitting entry onto the bus. If you are not on the bookings list you will not be permitted on the bus!

CEREMONIES

The 2010 AVSC Opening Ceremony will be held on Sunday 5th December. As in previous years, teams are invited to attend the finals matches of the Men's AVL on the weekend of the 4th and 5th of December. Semi-finals will occur on the Saturday, and the finals will take place on Sunday, before the opening ceremony. More information on the times of these matches will be published on the AVL website www.avf.org.au/AVL in coming months.

Immediately following the Opening Ceremony, the Coaches Technical Meeting will take place in an adjacent hall. Entertainment will again be provided until the conclusion of the Technical Meeting, for students and the remaining team officials to enjoy. The Closing Ceremony will take place at MSAC after the finals matches on Friday 10th December.

STATE SCHOOLS CUPS

If you aspire to compete in the Honours Division in Melbourne, you need to qualify through your State Schools Cup. State events are excellent for any teams in any division, particularly for preparation and fine. You will need to contact your State Organisation for entry details and venue information. Dates for each state are below:

WA- 27th-29th August

VIC- 6th- 8th August

QLD - Seniors: 6th- 8th August; Juniors: 15th-17th October

NSW – Series of events with qualification to Honours to be based on results in these Tournaments: 14th May, 30th July, 19th September, 24th October, and 21st November

ACT - 9th-10th September

SA- 17th-19th August



HONOURS REFEREES

Volleyball Australia and the Australian Volleyball Referee Commission have reviewed requirements for refereeing in Honours Division. Applicants no longer apply for AVSC Honours Referee Accreditation and now need to apply to become Regional level referees. Attached are the requirements for Honours assessors to upgrade District referees to Regional level.

If you have any further questions about this please contact John Cheadle on 02 6247 6633 or john.cheadle@avf.org.au.

REFEREE COURSE DATES

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NSW

Check the State Volleyball NSW website for course dates www.nswvolleyball.com
E: nsw.volleyball.referees@gmail.com
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For Referee Education in **NT and TAS** please contact VA Sport Development Manager John Cheadle on 02 6247 6633 or john.cheadle@avf.org.au.

THINGS TO DO...

- Contact your State Volleyball Association to book students into an approved Referee accreditation course. Work with your State Association now, as one of the biggest issues for schools at the end of the year is making sure they have enough qualified referees.
- Secure accommodation for AVSC 2010.
- Organise a budget and start deciding on transport options to, from and within Melbourne.
- With 6 months to go, get the students together and start fundraising now. With so much time, fundraising could easily reduce AVSC costs for the team.
- Start brain storming ideas for your schools' banner for the 2010 banner parade. There will be a prize for the school with the best banner!
- Remind all your players that they need to register with the State Volleyball Association to be eligible to play at the 2010 AVSC. Please contact your appropriate State Association directly.





Regional upgrades for AVSC



Honours Level

At present an honours level exists for the more advanced player/referee's who attend AVSC and are entered in honours division.

These students are assessed by an approved "assessor" in a one off environment as to whether they are competent or not.

Regional Level

Currently to attain regional Level you need to be deemed competent and officiate in the current load of matches

1st ref-5 games & 3 assessed

2nd ref- 5 games & 2 assessed

Scorer- 5 games with 3 sheets submitted

Line Judge- 3 games

NOAS Level 1 course requirements

1.7 Assessor Qualifications

Assessors of the refereeing practice of Level 1 candidates must have a minimum Volleyball Officiating accreditation of State Level accreditation or be approved by the State Officiating representative as having appropriate assessment skills to assess in accordance with this curriculum. It is also recommended that they attend the developed 'Assessor Training Program' identified in 1.8.

Note: It says any other approved by the State Representative; it is a recommendation of the AVRC executive that Teachers & Referee's who meet the following standards are allowed to upgrade District referees to Regional for AVSC.

The recommended Qualifications for AVSC Regional Assessors are

- Current Regional Referee accreditation (minimum)
- Attended minimum of 5 AVSC tournaments in an official capacity.
- Approved by the State AVRC Representative

Requirements for the Player/Referee

Like all other Regional they will be required to complete the same amount of games as stated.

The most likely sources of matches will be State Schools Cup & organised practice matches with other schools and from within their own squads.

Access to assess these officials is significantly easier and can be done within school hours.

Benefits

By implementing these changes it will allow more young referees to advance down the officiating pathway, at current the Honours level is cumbersome and doesn't fit with what VA & AVRC are trying to do with officiating in Australia.

Adopting this new system will not affect officiating at this level or at this event.

Another benefit is growing the pool of assessors which will be a decided advantage in progressing officials not only in schools as many of them have a heavy involvement in Volleyball at many levels.

Penalties

Quality control is the biggest issue here; stiff penalties need to be imposed for people abusing the system.

Penalties for abusing the system could be:

- \$100 fine per subpar referee
- Delisted from assessors pool
- Possibly removed from honours division.



KEY DATES FOR 2010 AVSC

Monday 23rd August 2010	Online Team Nomination Opens
Friday 24th September 2010	International Team Nominations. Nominations to be accompanied by their National Federation ranking where multiple teams are seeking entry into the same division
Friday 22nd October 2010	Nomination Closing Date Schools must nominate their players <u>and</u> their referees by this time, but may amend divisions following state schools cup events. Please ensure referees nominated have current membership for the duration of the event.
Monday 25th October 2010	1) Requests to AVSC EC for exemptions to eligibility criteria close 2) Wildcard Nominations close 3) Member state associations are provided nomination lists to verify membership within each state/territory
Wednesday 27th October 2010	Nomination Advice & Tax invoice sent to school
Monday 1st November 2010	1) Nominations for AVSC long service awards close 2) Wildcard nominations confirmed 3) Teams withdrawing from the competition from this date forfeit <u>half</u> their entry fee
Monday 8th November 2010	1) Team entry fee payments due 2) Schools sent Confirmation of Entry documentation and receipt for monies received
Friday 19th November 2010	1) Teams withdrawing from competition after this date forfeit <u>entire</u> entry fee 2) Confirmation of Entry documentation must be fully completed and returned VA Events Office by this date
Friday 26th November 2010	Draft Tournament draw published on Tournament website and emailed to confirmed participants

