



Volleyball Australia Newsletter – 2006/9

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Chief Executive Officer's Introduction

What a momentous month for Volleyball in Australia! Australia continues its success in Beach Volleyball with Alice Rohkamper (NSW) and Becchara Palmer (SA) being crowned the U19 World Champions.

It is not quiet on the Indoor front either with athletes preparing for the Men's World Championships in Japan in November and we look forward to you cheering on the Aussies at International matches in Melbourne, Bendigo & Canberra, as part of their preparation. I encourage you to also keep your eye firmly fixed on the AVF website and a specific World Champs page over the next month so that you get the latest from our team.

The AVF also welcomes Graham Rose as the National Elite Development Manager with a focus on building the pathways for athletes to the National team. I encourage all those interested in that area to contact him on nedm@avf.org.au.

Continue to check out the AVF website – www.avf.org.au for the latest on what's happening in Australian volleyball, here and overseas.

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Australia's World Champions



Australia wins gold

Alice Rohkamper and Becchara Palmer win Australia's first ever podium placement at an U19 World Championship beach volleyball event.

Australia (Alice Rohkamper (NSW) / Becchara Palmer (SASI) d Netherlands (Van Iersel / Remmers) 2:1 (17:21, 21:19, 15:11)

Australia creates history as it takes the gold medal at the 2006 SWATCH-FIVB U19 World Championships, beach volleyball at Horseshoe Bay in Bermuda by defeating European Junior champions the Netherlands in 3 close sets.

The Aussie team of Alice Rohkamper & Becchara Palmer played their hearts out and fought back from the jaws of defeat in the second set down one set to nil and 16:14 in the 2nd, to clinch victory in the 3rd set in a sensational performance despite an official's controversy lasting some 10 minutes during the third set.

In stormy winds that had real zip to it, due to the onset of Hurricane Florence the Aussies served up a storm. Alice Rohkamper said 'We came here to Bermuda to win. We have planned for this over many months and had a solid four week preparation tour in Europe, so we came into the event with a real strong confidence and team belief.'

The general ball control of the Aussie team in setting allowed them to create consecutive side out plays in a row and point scoring opportunities in defence transition, by using their line shot to great effective.

SPORT DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Aussie World Champion Becchara Palmer said 'I was so proud to stand on the podium and here our Australian anthem played with our nations flag blowing in the Bermudian sky'.

Overall the team is extremely happy and pleased with their performance clearly stating that 'This is a fantastic day for Australian Volleyball'.

Currently the Australian team and coaching staff are in Bermuda awaiting Tropical Storm Florence to pass the island and look forward to arriving safely in Australia as soon as possible to enjoy the success with family, friends and the rest of the Australian Volleyball Community.

2006 SWATCH-FIVB U-19 World Championships

Bermuda 2006
06.09.2006 - 10.09.2006

Gold medal match Final 1st Place

9-Sep Van Iersel-Remmers NED [4]
Rohkamper-Palmer AUS [6] 1-2 (21-17, 19-21, 11-15) 1:09

Bronze Medal match

Final 3rd Place

9-Sep Engelhardt-Büthe GER [16]
Goricane-Sciarini SUI [8] **2-0** (21-12, 21-17)
0:38

Semi-finals

9-Sep Rohkamper-Palmer AUS [6]
Goricane-Sciarini SUI [8] **2-1** (21-15, 19-21, 15-13) 0:54

9-Sep Engelhardt-Büthe GER [16] **Van Iersel-Remmers NED [4] 0-2** (13-21, 15-21) 0:42

Round 2

8-Sep Kolocova-Slukova CZE [3]
Rohkamper-Palmer AUS [6] 1-2 (19-21, 21-13, 13-15) 0:48

Round 1

8-Sep Rohkamper-Palmer AUS [6]
Purtscheller-Gasser AUT [11] **2-1** (19-21, 21-17, 15-8) 1:04



ASC Coaching & Officiating Conference

The ASC held its annual Coaching & Officiating Conference in September for NSO coaching and officiating directors and there were certainly some beneficial outcomes from a Volleyball perspective. The release of an on-line Introductory General Principles of Coaching education program, which can be accessed by the public free of charge (at least initially), will be of significant value as it will allow the current Coach Education Review to incorporate this as part of the Level 1 Coach Training Program curriculum. This will in turn enable the face-to-face course to focus more on volleyball-specific concepts. This on-line education program will be available from next month. It is expected that similar on-line programs for the General Principles of Officiating will be available towards the end of next year, although no firm dates have been established at this time.

A similar program may be developed for Level 2 General Principles of Coaching, however this will be determined by a review group that has been selected by the ASC to consider the relevance of the existing program and how it should be changed to make it more suitable to the current sector. The AVF has been asked to be one of four NSOs to participate in the review process and be represented on the review group.

Also coming out of the workshop, developments in the area of assessor training will be of use to the current Presenters and Assessors project underway for both coaches and referees.

AASC Playing For Life Resource Kit

As a development of the Active After-school Communities (AASC) 'Playing For Life' resource kit used by deliverers of AASC programs the ASC has selected the 15 most popular AASC sports and asked that they develop companion resources that identify how to deliver a sport-specific program using the activities in the resource kit and the possible creation of additional activities for inclusion in the resource kit. Volleyball is one of these 15 sports.

Following the receipt of feedback from Member States regarding suitable activities for inclusion in a Volleyball-specific program, a draft program was developed and has been used by the ASC as a model for the other 14 sports to follow. It is expected that the 15 companion manuals will be added to the resource kit from the start of next year.

However, even once developed, it will still be the recommendation of the AVF that affiliates deliver the activities identified in the AVF AASC Volleyball Program that has been in circulation for the past two years as opposed to the new AASC resource kit companion manual as the AVF document still represents activities that are more common to people associated with the sport. The resource kit companion manual will be ideal for people with no background in the sport and may give them the confidence to become involved.

FIVB Releases Web-Based Educational Resource

The FIVB is pleased to announce the launch of a new educational tool on its website that will benefit coaches, players, volleyball players and fans worldwide. The new tool is the result of thousands of hours of preparation and offers high-quality streaming video to illustrate many different playing techniques and strategies for the sport. The video clips offered as technical evaluations of volleyball skills have been selected from the world's best teams that participated in last year's editions of the FIVB's major annual events, the World League for men and World Grand Prix for women. The tool will be enhanced in the future to include footage and evaluations from this year's World Championships in Japan.

The FIVB technical training site will also serve as a powerful educational tool for both instructors and young players at the grass-roots level. The content on the site can be downloaded directly or viewed in real time on the web as streaming video.

This resource has been linked to the AVF website on its Coach Education 'Coaching Resources' page located at:

<http://www.avf.org.au/index.php?id=58>

"We are delighted to have launched this tool now shortly before the World Championships and the finals of the World League and the World Grand Prix. This is the result of a close partnership between the FIVB Technical Commission's President Professor Hiroshi Toyoda and Secretary Mr Peter Murphy and Dr Berthold Fröhner and Dr Bernd Zimmermann from the IAT Institute in Leipzig, Germany over the past two years. The simplicity on the web belies the thousands of man-hours invested in preparation, including scouting a large selection of video clips and preparing the final content for the web. We are determined to improve this tool continuously and to serve our member National Federations and Volleyball fans," said Helgi Thorsteinsson, FIVB Technical & Development Director.

AVF Club Development Newsletter

The latest edition of this newsletter was circulated earlier this month and can be viewed at:

<http://www.avf.org.au/index.php?id=211>

This edition included:

- 'Where To Play' section on the AVF website;
- Advertising for Volunteers with Sportspeople;
- Funding Opportunity: 2006/07 Sport Leadership Grants for Women;
- Funding Opportunity: Sportscover Sponsorship Fund;
- Funding Opportunity: Foster's Community Grants;
- Funding Opportunity: Office of Children & Youth Affairs (OCYA) 2006-07 Grants Program;
- Funding Opportunity: Aim for the Stars Grants;
- The latest edition of ASC Club Development E-News;
- Club Initiatives - Establishing a New Club by the Brisbane Volleyball Club
- Your Questions answered;
- New Online Sports Community - Double Drummer
- The opportunity to win a share of \$1000 worth of volleyball equipment from Madison Sport

Clubs and associations wishing to enter the next Madison Sport prize draw are reminded that they have until the end of November to submit their entries.

Congratulations to USC Lion Volleyball Club (SA), winners of August's Madison Sport prize draw. Other winners in August were:

- Central Australian Volleyball Assn. (NT)
- ECU Chequers Volleyball Club (WA)
- East Brisbane Volleyball Club (QLD)
- Brisbane Volleyball Club (QLD)

National Time Out Referees Newsletter

The latest edition of this newsletter was circulated in late August. Anyone wishing to read the latest developments in refereeing is invited to view the newsletter at:

<http://www.avf.org.au/index.php?id=210>.

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National Junior Program

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The month of September was another busy month for the National Junior Program with the hosting of the China Junior Men's Team and the outgoing tours to Iran and Thailand for the Junior Men's and Women's Asian Championships. The National Youth Girl's team will also be travelling to New Zealand for their first competitive outing against the New Zealand Junior Women's team to contest the "Jenny Kirk" Junior Trans Tasman series.

'87 National Junior Men's Team

As preparation for the team's tour to Iran for the 13th Asian Junior Men's Volleyball Championships the National Junior Men's team contested a five match friendly series with their Chinese counterparts in Canberra – September 2 – 9.

Though China took out the series 5 – nil the series was still a relatively close one. Australian Head Coach, Dan Ilott, was pleased with the performance of his charge considering four of the usual starting six players were unavailable for the series and the Asian Championships that followed.

Series results:

03/09 AUS lost to CHN 0 – 3 (17-25, 22–25, 21–25)
04/09 AUS lost to CHN 1 – 3 (21-25, 19–25, 25–18, 17-25)
05/09 AUS lost to CHN 1 – 3 (21-25, 19–25, 25–22, 16-25)
07/09 AUS lost to CHN 1 – 3 (20-25, 19–25, 28–26, 16-25)
08/09 AUS lost to CHN 0 – 3 (19-25, 16–25, 22–25)

Plagued by entry visa issues leading up to their departure, the Australian Junior Men's Team left Australia on September 10th for Iran following the completion of the series to contest the 13th Asian Junior Men's Volleyball Championships and hopefully qualify for the 2007 World Championships.

Australian touring delegation:

- Benjamin BELL (AIS/QLD)*
- John DEKKER (AIS/QLD)
- Niels LANGFORD (ACT)
- Fred MARSH (AIS/ACT)**
- Travis PASSIER (AIS/QLD)*
- Michael SNART (WA)*
- Greg SUKOCHEV (SA)

- Josh THORPE (TIS/TAS)
- William THWAITE (AIS/QLD)
- Adam WHITE (AIS/QLD)*
- Igor YUDIN (AIS/VIC)
- Aidan ZINGEL (AIS/NSW)*

* 89 National Youth Boy's athletes
** Debuting for Australia

- Head Coach: Dan ILOTT (VIC)
- Assistant Coach: Roger DARKINS (SA)
- Coach: Steve BENSON (VIC)
- Referee: Peter LUCAS (ACT)

Given the number of teams entered in the competition, the top 4 seeded teams (based on the final rankings of the previous championships in Qatar 2004) gained automatic entry to the quarter-finals meaning that Australia had to finish on top of their pool if they wanted to progress to the quarterfinals. With this in mind, the Aussie boys went out and defeated Sri Lanka in straight sets before defeating the United Arab Emirates in a close five set encounter two days later.

Pool matches:

- 13/09 AUS def SRI 3 – 0 (25-19, 25–16, 25–20)
- 15/09 AUS def UAE 3 – 2 (23-25, 25–23, 23–25, 25-19, 16-14)

In the quarter-finals, Australia was placed in the same pool as Korea and Japan who were seeded 2nd and 3rd respectively for the tournament. The fourth team India completed the pool by finishing on top of their respective pool at the completion of the first round.

With five athletes from the next age group, 89 National Youth Boys, the quarter-finals were always going to be tough given the overall inexperience of the team. Though the young Aussies played courageously and showed in many patches of play that they were clearly able to compete with their more experienced rivals the team did not have the consistency required to make the difference.

Quarter-final pool matches:

- 16/09 AUS lost to JPN 0 – 3 (20-25, 20–25, 21–25)
- 17/09 AUS lost to KOR 0 – 3 (21-25, 21–25, 17-25)
- 18/09 AUS lost to IND 1 – 3 (15-25, 25-22, 23-25, 21-25)

In the final round of matches that determine Australia's final ranking in the tournament, 5th – 8th. The team faced off against China and Qatar with their result against Korea being carried over.

Final round matches:

- 20/09 AUS lost to CHN 1 - 3 (25-19, 15-25, 17-25, 18-25)
- 21/09 AUS vs QAT 3 - 1 (25-22, 21-25, 26-24, 25-23)

Australia completed their campaign at the 13th Asian Junior Men's Volleyball Championships in Tehran, Iran with a fighting win over Qatar to finish in 7th place from a field of 16 teams.

The team returned to Australia on Saturday, 23rd September, ready to compete for their respective clubs in the 2006 Australian Volleyball League.

For detailed matched reports from the tour please go to the www.avf.org.au and head to the "News Archive" section.

88 National Junior Women's Team

In light of the recent developments in Thailand with the military coup, the scheduled tour to Thailand for the 88 NJW to contest the 13th Asian Junior Women's Volleyball Championships was under a cloud of uncertainty, but has gone ahead.

The following travelling team has been selected and includes recently crowned U19 Beach Volleyball World Champions, Alice Rohkamper and Becchara Palmer:

- Melinda CROSS (SASI/SA)
- Eliza DEAN (NSW)
- Angharad EVANS (NSW)
- Petrice FATCHEN (VIC)
- Elisha GALIC (NSW)
- Kylie GARLICK (QLD)
- Leigh McLENNAN (QLD)**
- Beccharra PALMER (SASI/SA)**
- Alice ROHKAMPER (NSW)
- Hannah ROSS (SASI/SA)**
- Rhiannon TOOKER (QLD)
- Victoria WRIGHT (SASI/SA)

** Debuting for Australia

- Head Coach: Dan HIGGINS (VIC)
- Assistant Coach: Gary ROBERTS (VIC)
- Coach: Jessica VREULINK (VIC)
- Physiotherapist: Colin FAULKNER (VIC)
- Referee: Liz POLLOCK (VIC)

Like the Junior Men these championships will see some of Asia's best Under 19 female athletes battling it out to be crowned Asian Champions and the right to represent the Asian Volleyball Confederation at the World Championships next year.

The Team finished in 6th place at last year's Asian Youth Championships in the Philippines.

90 National Youth Girl's Team

On Tuesday, September 20th, the Australian Youth Girl's Team departed Australia from Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne for a five match test series against the New Zealand Junior Women's Team for the "Jenny Kirk" Junior Trans Tasman Cup.

For the Team, this will be the first time in which they will wear the Green and Gold for Australian against a much more experience New Zealand Junior side that has played together for the past two years. Though it will be a challenge, the series will a great learning experience for the Team ahead of next year's 6th Asian Youth Girl's Volleyball Championships in Thailand.

Congratulations, once again to the following athletes and officials who have selected for this tour:

- Katie BARTOLI (NSW)
- Ebony CAMILLE (VIC)
- Loren CORY (QLD)
- Holly COWELL (WA)
- Abby GARCIA (TAS)
- Tracey HASSELERHARM (WA)
- Danielle HORN (VIC)
- Grace LEO (QLD)
- Courtney MARTIN (QLD)
- Hannah MARTIN (VIC)
- Lena SKIPPER (VIC)
- Johanna YOUNG (VIC)

- Head Coach: Jenny BECKER (QLD)
- Assistant Coach: Allan YOUNG (QLD)
- Coach: Karl LIM (VIC)

Full match reports and for the above tours and series will be posted on the AVF website as soon as they are made available from the touring teams.

Upcoming Competitions in 2006

- Sep 20 - 26 "Jenny Kirk" Junior Trans Tasman Series – New Zealand
- Sep 29 – Oct 10 13th Asian Jnr. Women's Championship – Thailand
- Dec 8 – 15 Training & Selection Camp – Bendigo, Victoria

AIS/AVF Beach Volleyball, National Centre of Excellence

2006 SWATCH-FIVB U19 & U21 Beach Volleyball World Championship



In the Women's event, Alice Rokamper and Becchara Palmer win 1st place

In the Men's event, Samuel Boehm (SASI) / Trent Irwin (QAS) finished in 9th place, being

McHugh / Peacock - FINAL PLACING 25th

U21 Women's results (Alice Rohkamper and Becchara Palmer) – Finishes 9th place overall

Match #3 V POLAND I (Urban / Witar) 0:2 (14, 13)

Match #4 V NETHERLANDS 1 (Van Iersel / Wessilink) 0:2 (17, 16)

U21 Men's results (Sam Boehm and Brad Tutton) – Finishes 19th place overall

Match #2 V POLAND III (Orman / Manciniak)

Match #3 V BRAZIL I (Bruno / Pedro)

SWATCH-FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Cook and Sanderson continue on World Tour

Natalie Cook (AIS/QAS) & Nicole Sanderson (AIS/QAS) continued their climb back to the top of the FIVB rankings with a 13th place. A controlled performance in Round 1 brought victory on Czech's Kapalova/Petrova, 21-17 and 21-16. Round 2 brought a match-up against Brazilians Renata/Talita who won comfortably 21-13 and 21-13. Their next game brought them up against 11th-seed Kuhn/Schwer of Switzerland, who had previously knocked them out of the competition at the Klagenfurt Grand Slam. This time the result was reversed with a 16-21, 21-17 and 15-13 victory. The 12th-seeded Aussies then faced fourth-seed from China, Xue Chen/Zhang Xi, who held a 2-0 record against them on this year's tour. The result went in favour of the Chinese 21-19 and 21-15.

The girls have continued onto Brazil where they have been joined by National Women's Coach - Carlos (Alemao) Galletti for a training camp followed by the next World Tour event on the calendar in Vitoria, Brazil 27-30 September.

For the latest results on-line:
www.fivb.ch/EN/BeachVolleyball/index.asp

2008 Beijing Olympics - 686 Days to go!! (as at 22 September 2006)

Opening ceremony - 8 August, 2008

Closing ceremony - 24 August, 2008

Beach volleyball competition dates – 9 – 20 August, 2008

Birthdays

October

October 5 - Allister Lyne

Injuries

Update

No major issues with injuries at this point.

Next Competition Opportunities:

World Tour

September 27 – 30 – Vitoria, Brazil – Open – women

September 28 – October 1 – Vitoria, Brazil – Open – men

October 25 – 28 – Acapulco, Mexico – Open - men

November 2 -5 – Phuket – Open - women

Coming Events:

2007 World Championships – Switzerland [Men & Women] 19-24 June 2007

2008 Beijing Olympics

AIS/Australian Senior Men's Team

AIS Junior Team and the 2006 Australian Volleyball League (AVL) Season Update

The majority of the AIS junior team have just returned from Iran where they competed in the 2006 Asian Junior Championships. They have gone straight into training for the 2006 AVL season. Many of the players who were part of the premiership winning team have now headed off overseas on professional playing contracts including Igor Yudin to Poland, Nigel Panagopka, Jarryd Christensen & Shane Alexander to Denmark and Phil DeSalvo to Germany. AIS athlete Aden Tutton (Mt Lofty), has also gone to Denmark to play.

The team for 2006 has many new faces, including Aidan Zingel and Fred Marsh but will also combine well with the experience of the likes of Will Thwaite, John Dekker and Travis Passier. The team played together at the start of the year in the ACT State League competition remaining undefeated for the entire season, so they will definitely be a force not be taken lightly. With an average height of 201cm, the team will have a serious height advantage over the majority of the other teams. It is an exciting time for the athletes as some have never played in the National League and look forward to facing their senior competitors for the first time. The team started the season with their first clash in Sydney (30 Sept – 2nd Oct) against Sydney Lions, UQ and UTS.

The AVL can also look forward to seeing two of our senior team Olympians participate for the first time since their departure overseas on professional playing contracts. Setter Matthew Young, and middle blocker David Ferguson, who are both currently undergoing injury rehabilitation will take part in this year's competition before joining their pro clubs later in the year. Matt will be playing a few games with the AIS team and David has joined the Canberra Heat. It will bring a wealth of experience to both teams and will also provide stronger competition to the entire league. Keep an eye out for these two during the season.

Australian Senior Team Tri-nations Clash AUSTRALIA/CANADA/ARGENTINA

Prior to the Australian team competing at the 2006 Men's Volleyball World Championships, the team will compete in a friendly tri-nation series against other World Championship contenders, Argentina and Canada.



Argentina arrives in Australia on the 5th November in Victoria where they will play 2 matches against Australia on the 6th & 7th. The teams will go head to head on;

- **Monday Nov 6 @ 7.30pm, Dandenong Basketball Stadium &**
- **Tuesday, Nov 7 @ 8pm in Bendigo at the Schweppes Centre**

Further details and ticketing information about the games in Victoria can be found on the Volleyball Victoria website at <http://www.volleyballvictoria.com.au/index.php>

Both teams will then travel to the Nation's Capital, where they will meet with the Canadian National Team to compete in the tri nations clash which will be held from the **9-11 Nov at the AIS Arena in Canberra.**

- **Game 1 - ARGENTINA vs CANADA 6.30pm Thursday 9 Nov 06**
- **Game 2 - AUSTRALIA vs ARGENTINA 6.30pm Friday 10 Nov 06**
- **Game 3 - AUSTRALIA vs CANADA 6.30pm Saturday 11 Nov 06**

See the best Volleyball action in Australia for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Tickets – General Admission \$10 / Children Under 12 Free. Tickets available at the door and more information about pre purchased tickets will become available very soon.

Venue: AIS Arena, Leverrier Cres, Bruce, ACT 2617



2006 Men's World Championships Update

[Download the Tournament Poster](#) (PDF Version)

Please distribute the poster at local venues and let your friends and family know about the event. We would love the local community to get behind the series and cheer the Aussies to victory prior to their World Championship campaign.

For further details about the series please contact Kim Neilson on 02 6214 1176 or via email at kim.neilson@ausport.gov.au

Professional Playing Contracts

In 2006, the VTAM program for the first time ever has placed 14 senior team athletes on professional playing contacts overseas. First time professional athletes, Shane Alexander, Phil DeSalvo and Jarryd Christensen were all excited by the prospect for playing in a league in Europe, fulfilling one of their sporting dreams of playing professionally. We wish them all the best and look forward to their improvement upon their return to Australia. With the growing depth and experience within the national program, team selection is becoming an ever increasing difficult task for the coaching staff but they are delighted in the progression of the program over the past four year which only had 4 four professional athletes in 2002.

Athletes with Professional Playing Contracts

First Name	Surname	Country
Brett	Alderman	Turkey
Shane	Alexander	Denmark
Luke	Campbell	Montenegro
Paul	Carroll	USA
Jarryd	Christensen	Demark
Phillip	DeSalvo	Germany
Andrew	Earl	TBA
Andrew	Grant	Poland
Ben	Hardy	Belgium
Dan	Howard	Italy
Nigel	Panagopka	Denmark
Nathan	Roberts	Germany
Aden	Tutton	Denmark
Igor	Yudin	Poland

The final team of 12 athletes for the 2006 World Championships team will be selected and announced just prior to the tri nation series against Argentina and Canada. As already mentioned, immense competition exists for the 12 positions which are being hotly contested by all national team athletes. There are a few minor injury concerns for the team however Head Coach, Russell Borgeaud is confident that the team selected will be fit and ready for the tough first round of matches against heavy weights, Germany, France, Cuba, Brazil & Greece.

Australia will face extremely tough competition with top 10 ranked nations in the world (Brazil (1) France (6), Greece (9)) in their pool. The Aussies will have to win three of their five matches to guarantee them a spot in the second round. Australia has never made it past the second round however with recent successes, the team is positive they will provide a good display of volleyball and hope to gain a better placing than the 19th which they were placed in 2002.



First Round - Pool B - Fukuoka

DATE	TIME	TEAMS
Nov 17 (Fri)	18:00	Australia  vs Germany 
Nov 18 (Sat)	16:00	Australia  vs France 
Nov 19 (Sun)	14:00	Australia  vs Cuba 
Nov 21 (Tue)	16:00	Australia  vs Brazil 
Nov 22 (Wed)	18:00	Australia  vs Greece 

More information can be found on Australia's World Championships campaign on the AIS/VTAM webpage at <http://www.avf.org.au/index.php?id=204> or on the official site at www.2006vball.jp

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2006/07 Vodafone Beach Volleyball Tour

The following dates have been confirmed for the 2006/07 Vodafone Beach Volleyball Tour:

- Rd 1 17-19 November, 2006 Manly, NSW
- Rd 2 15-17 December, 2006 Port Macquarie, NSW
- Rd 3 12-14 January, 2007 Glenelg, SA
- Rd 4 20-21 January, 2007 St.Kilda, VIC (NEW 1 set tournament)
- Rd 5 2-4 February, 2007 Perth, WA
- Rd 6 16-18 February, 2007 Surfers Paradise, QLD (Australian Championships)

For the 2006/07 season there will NOT be pre-Tour qualifiers in the various States rather the Qualifier, for 4 spots, will be held on the Friday (Saturday in St Kilda) before each Tour event.

The Main Draw, commencing on Saturday (Sunday in St Kilda) will feature 16 teams, determined from;

- 8 teams from 2005/06 season
- 2 International wildcards
- 2 wildcards
- 4 from Qualifier event

Entries:

☞ All entries for Top eight (8) need to be received at the AVF office by 5pm, Tuesday October 17, 2006.

☞ All entries for qualifying events need to be received at the AVF office by 5pm on the Friday preceding each Qualifying event, along with payment.

☞ All requests for National wildcards close at 5pm on Monday October 23, 2006 (for rounds 1 & 2) and 5pm on Friday December 8, 2006 (for rounds 3, 4 & 5).

☞ All requests for International wildcards close at 5pm on Friday October 20, 2006 (for rounds 1 & 2) and 5pm on Friday November 17, 2006 (for rounds 3, 4 & 5)

Stay tuned to www.beachvolleyballtour.com.au for more information as it comes to hand.

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Volleyball on TV

This summer will again see the AVL finals on SBS.

- 24 December 11am Women's Bronze medal
- 31 December 11am Men's Bronze medal
- 14 January 11am Women's Gold medal
- 21 January 11am Men's Gold medal

The Vodafone Beach Volleyball Tour will again be telecast on Network Ten.

- 24 December 4-5pm Round 1 (Manly)
 - 31 December 4-5pm Round 2 (Port Macquarie)
 - 21 January 4-5pm Round 3 (Glenelg)
 - 18 February, 4-5pm Round 4 (St Kilda) - (Highlights)
 - 25 February 4-5pm Round 5 (Perth) Surfers Paradise (Australian Champs)
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