



Time Out E-Newsletter

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The Official Newsletter of the Australian Volleyball Referees Commission

Introduction from the Chair

Hi everyone and welcome to the resurrection of the "Time Out" newsletter of the Australian Volleyball Referees Commission. It has been a long dry spell without a process to inform all officials and the Volleyball community of the work that is constantly being undertaken by referees and administrators on behalf of refereeing in Australia. Whilst information relating to officiating has been updated quite regularly during 2003 on the Australian Volleyball Federation (AVF) website, I am very pleased to see we now have a vehicle to deliver this information to you. The year has quickly passed by and you will see by the links provided within this newsletter our members have been busy around Australia and the Asian zone. I ask you to please read the items that are of interest to you and if you have any comments or items you feel would improve this media then do not hesitate to provide your feedback.

Dean Turner, Chairman, Australian Volleyball Referees Commission

Australian Volleyball League 2003

This year's Australian Volleyball League has already been running for eight weeks and the AVRC Executive and AVF would like to thank all referees who have provided their valuable services to date in officiating matches in Australia's premier Volleyball competition. As the League continues to progress towards the finals to be held in Melbourne on December 6th and 7th, the continued involvement of all referees is greatly appreciated. If you are a National referee who has not been involved in this year's League, but would be interested in participating, please contact the AVF office at your convenience and discuss your availability with Tim Shannahan, AVF Sport Development Manager.

Australian Beach Volleyball Tour 2003-2004

The first round of this year's Australian Beach Volleyball Tour will take place at Manly Beach, Sydney, this weekend, with qualifying matches to commence on Friday. While the majority of appointments for this year's Tour have now been made, the final round, which doubles as the Australian Championships, still has a couple of

unfilled refereeing positions. If you would be interested in participating at Australia's premier Beach Volleyball event scheduled for the Gold Coast from Saturday, January 24th to Monday, January 26th (Australia Day), then please contact Tim Shannahan, AVF Sport Development Manager. A per diem, as well as travel and accommodation expenses, will be paid to referees selected to attend.

AVRC Membership 2004

All referees with an AVRC accreditation of National A, National AA or National AAA, as well as all International referees are reminded that you are required to be members of the AVRC and to pay an annual subscription of \$30. This payment is a prerequisite for ongoing registration with the FIVB as a national referee and referees should be aware that you must be registered with the FIVB as a national referee for three years before you can be considered to attend an FIVB international candidate course. Also, from January 2004, payment of per diems by the AVF to referees in recognition of their contribution to national events will not be processed until a referee is a current member of the AVRC.

Membership for the 2004 calendar year should be completed as soon as possible. Those individuals that obtained their membership at this year's Australian Junior Volleyball Championships are covered through to the end of 2004 due to the change in the membership period to the calendar year. In the past the membership period had been the financial year.

To obtain your 2004 AVRC Membership complete the relevant form and send it with the \$30 membership fee to the AVF. If you would rather complete your membership electronically, please contact Tim Shannahan, AVF Sport Development Manager, to obtain the details of the AVRC bank account. If you are a National referee for both Volleyball and Beach Volleyball, you will need to submit both forms, but pay only one membership fee.

Volleyball form:

<http://www.isport.com.au/volleyball/avffoffic/AA/2003/2003VolleyballMembershipForm.pdf>

Beach Volleyball form:

<http://www.isport.com.au/volleyball/avffoffic/AA/2003/2003BeachMembershipForm.pdf>

Referee Education Roadshow 2004

The AVF is currently in the process of obtaining approval from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) for revised National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS) Level 1 training programs for both Volleyball and Beach Volleyball and a Level 2 training program for Volleyball, as well as a new Level 2 Beach Volleyball training program. Consideration is also being given to the development and implementation of Level 3 training programs for both Volleyball and Beach Volleyball. To comply with an ASC requirement and also further reduce confusion that seems to exist regarding current processes associated with existing NOAS training programs, the AVRC Executive and AVF intend to conduct a national roadshow in the first quarter of 2004. Each AVRC State Representative will be asked to put together a list of weekends that suit the relevant individuals in the state who are involved in the education of referees to attend a workshop to gain an understanding of the processes and materials associated with these training programs. If you wish to

participate in the workshop in your state, please contact your AVRC State Representative or State Volleyball Organisation.

Revision Of Referee Education Pathways

Earlier in the year the AVRC and AVF reviewed the current processes in place for referee education and development and decided that while these did not need to be changed significantly, it was necessary to provide documentation that clearly outlined these processes and reduced the confusion that existed. To view an overview of the pathway that is in place for each of the discipline go to the following links:

Volleyball:

<http://www.isport.com.au/volleyball/avffoffic/AA/2003/VolleyballOverview.pdf>

Beach Volleyball:

<http://www.isport.com.au/volleyball/avffoffic/AA/2003/BeachVolleyballOverview.pdf>

This review also identified that the existing FIVB R-4 form for evaluating referee performance was not suitable to be used in assessing Australian domestic referees with AVRC gradings of National AA and below. The problem with the FIVB R-4 form was that it was designed to provide a grading, whereas a determination of competency was preferable in assessing developing referees. On this basis new evaluation forms were developed – the AVRC-1 form for Volleyball:

(<http://www.isport.com.au/volleyball/avffoffic/AA/2003/AVRC1.pdf>)

and the AVRC-2 form for Beach Volleyball:

(<http://www.isport.com.au/volleyball/avffoffic/AA/2003/AVRC2.pdf>).

To view more information about referee education processes go to the Referee Accreditation page on the AVF website at:

<http://www.isport.com.au/volleyball/avffoffic/AA/2003/AccreditationPage.html>

International Reports 2003

In 2003 many of Australia's international referees participated in a number of international Volleyball and Beach Volleyball events. The reports submitted by many of these referees following their return to Australia have been placed on the AVF website. If you are interested in reading these reports, they can be located at:

<http://www.isport.com.au/volleyball/avffoffic/AA/2003/ReportsPage.html>

The reports that are currently on display and their direct web link are:

Jim Lester's report from the 4th Asian Youth Boys' Volleyball Championships held in Visakhapatnam, India from April 8th to 13th.

<http://www.isport.com.au/volleyball/avffoffic/AA/2003/JimLester2003.pdf>

David Smith's report from the 4th Asian Youth Girls' Volleyball Championships held in Sisaket, Thailand from April 20th-27th, the 1st Pacific Century Insurance Challenge Cup in Kowloon, Hong Kong from September 5th to 7th and the Suzuki Cup 12th Asian Women's Volleyball Championships in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam from september 17th to 27th.

<http://www.isport.com.au/volleyball/avffoffic/AA/2003/DavidSmith2003.pdf>

Cameron Olson's report from the Samsung Anycall Cup 12th Asian Men's Volleyball Championship held in Tianjin, China from September 5th to 12th.

<http://www.isport.com.au/volleyball/avffoffic/AA/2003/CameronOlson2003.pdf>

Stephen Guigni's report from the Swatch-FIVB China Women's Beach Volleyball World Tour Open held in Lianyungang, China from August 13th to 17th and the World Under 18 Beach Volleyball Championships at Pattaya Beach, Thailand from August 27th to 31st.

<http://www.isport.com.au/volleyball/avffoffic/AA/2003/StephenGuigni2003.pdf>

John Bennett's report from two legs of the Swatch-FIVB Women's Beach Volleyball World Tour held in Osaka, Japan from August 6th to 10th and in Lianyungang, China from August 13th to 17th respectively.

<http://www.isport.com.au/volleyball/avffoffic/AA/2003/JohnBennett2003.pdf>

FIVB International Beach Volleyball Referee Candidate Course

National AAA Beach Volleyball referee **Damien Searle** had decided that he would leave Australia in 2003 for an overseas experience based predominantly in Europe. Deemed by the AVRC Executive to be ready to make the step up to International referee it was decided to take advantage of Damien's presence in Europe and have him attend an FIVB International Beach Volleyball Referee Candidate Course scheduled for Lausanne, Switzerland from August 11th to 18th. With a mark of 92% on his written exam and a 'Good' rating on his preactical exam Damien successfully completed the course. The report that Damien submitted to the AVRC following the course can be viewed at:

<http://www.isport.com.au/volleyball/avffoffic/AA/2003/DamienSearle2003.pdf>

FIVB International Volleyball Referee Instructor Candidate Course

The FIVB Development Centre in Thailand will be holding an FIVB International Volleyball Referee Instructor Candidate Course in Bangkok from December 17th to 22nd, 2003. Australian International referees David Smith and Ray Harris both applied to attend this course and have both been accepted by the FIVB as suitable candidates. All the best to both of you while in Thailand later this year.

FIVB Refereeing Courses 2004

FIVB Refereeing courses for 2004 are yet to be finalised. However, a tentative schedule can now be viewed on the FIVB website at:

http://www.fivb.ch/EN/Programmes/Courses/Courses_Refereeing.asp

Australian Sports Commission National Officiating Scholarship

In September the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) announced that it would now be offering annual scholarships to national sporting organisations to aid the development of officials who have the potential to progress to the very top of their sport. On this basis the AVRC Executive decided that the most appropriate manner

for this opportunity to be utilised within Volleyball was to support referees who have attained the accreditation status of National AAA and are deemed to be ready to gain International accreditation. Of the current National AAA referees, Andrew Davison (Beach Volleyball) and Phong Nyugen (Volleyball) both decided to apply for this scholarship in 2004. The ASC will notify the AVF of the success of the submitted application to have a scholarship in early December.

Coaching & Officiating 2003

Towards the end of this month, from Thursday, November 27th to Saturday, November 29th the ASC conference 'Coaching & Officiating 2003' will take place in Canberra. Anyone interested in obtaining more information about this conference or is considering attending should view the conference website at: <http://www.ausport.gov.au/events/coachofficial03>