INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the second AVSC Newsletter for 2007.

The AVSC website www.avf.org.au/AVSC will be regularly updated with news and information. Each school has nominated a Primary Contact to receive this newsletter and if additional copies are required, then please send details to avsc@avf.org.au to be added to the Newsletter distribution list. Alternately download a copy of this newsletter from the AVSC website.

WELCOME NEW AVSC EVENTS RENAE MAYCOCK

Renae joins the Volleyball Australia events team in July and will be managing all pre-tournament administration of the 2007 AVSC and attending this year’s tournament as the Administration Manager. Renae is our “new Donna Forbes” and is your one-stop contact for information about participating in this year’s event.

We formally thank TAFE SA and Donna Forbes for their tireless contributions to the many successful AVSC events over the years, through administrative support, volunteer training and supervision. Donna’s meticulous work over the years in running the AVSC Tournament Office enables Renae to commence in her new role with Volleyball Australia, and specifically on the AVSC, with a great deal of confidence and a wonderful administrative legacy.

We look forward to seeing Chris Lemm and his band of TAFE volunteers again at this year’s event.

2006 AVSC BOND REFUNDS

Bond Refund letters were sent out last month identifying the bond paid, any infringements and the amount of the refund. In some instances, invoices were sent for infringements which exceeded the bond paid.

Settlement of fines (in excess of bonds) is required by 1st September 2006.

Schools wishing to enter in 2007 that have outstanding fines from 2006 may enter on a provisional basis only, until finalisation of all outstanding monies.

Any questions regarding the letters sent recently should be addressed to:

Michelle Slack-Smith
2006 AVSC Tournament Director
by phone on 0410 414 373 or email events@avf.org.au.

TRENDS IN AVSC INFRINGEMENTS

Unsupervised students

Of particular concern when processing the 2006 infringements and was the increased number of unsupervised students officiating in matches throughout the competition week (117 occurrences recorded).

Supervision of students is compulsory, not only for this event. The support of a student by an adult when they are undertaking the daunting role as a match referee is so important, it ensures that everyone involved in the match has a positive experience.

Eating in Competition Venues

Congratulations to everyone for their diligence in this regard. Over the past two years, the number of warnings and subsequent infringements has dropped dramatically (only 6 eating fines issued from 2006 event).

Forfeiting Matches

Disappointingly, matches scheduled for Fridays, are increasingly being forfeited on Thursday evening and Friday morning, particularly by Victorian teams. A variety of reasons have been provided including group air travel being cancelled and being reissued by the airline at an earlier time, transport breaking down/flat tyres and being happy to forfeit as “only playing off for last place”. (6 matches forfeited in 2006)

Unfortunately, costs are involved with forfeiture of matches – most prominent is the cost of unused facilities. Secondly, the costs incurred by opposition and duty teams traveling to venues. This year, higher fees will attach to match forfeits. Legitimate instances of hardship requiring forfeiture will of course be considered.
REFEREE ACCREDITATION OPPORTUNITIES

Referee education and accreditation opportunities are still available in the following locations.

Contact your state representative listed below if you have any questions or wish to participate in one of the activities.

ACT
Courses to enable an individual to become a District Referee will be delivered on October 6th in Canberra.

Practical assessments to enable individuals to become a Regional Referee can be arranged through Volleyball ACT by contacting Holly Richardson.

Email: manager@volleyballact.com.au
Phone: (02) 6247 9587

NSW
Courses to enable an individual to become a District Referee will be delivered on July 28th and September 15th in Sydney.

Practical assessments to enable individuals to become a Regional Referee can be arranged through the NSW Volleyball Referees Assn. by contacting Carla Hoorweg.

Email: choorweg@gmail.com

South Australia
Courses and practical assessment opportunities will be provided on a needs basis, so schools are advised that they should contact Simon Phillips at Volleyball SA to make arrangements.

Email: simon.phillips@volleyballsa.com.au
Phone: (08) 8124 9100

Victoria
Courses to enable an individual to become a District Referee will be delivered on September 16th and October 27th-28th.

NB: Dates for regional areas still to be determined.

Practical assessments to enable individuals to become a Regional Referee will be conducted at: Victorian Volleyball Schools Cup – October 13th-14th.

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Queensland
Courses to enable an individual to become a District Referee will be delivered on July 22nd, October 7th and November 4th in Brisbane.

Practical assessments to enable individuals to become a Regional Referee are available at a number of events (incl. Queensland Volleyball Schools Cup events) and weekly competitions and should be arranged in advance through discussions with Teresa Henderson at Volleyball Queensland.

Email: dm@qva.org.au
Phone: (07) 3367 1991

Western Australia
Two courses to enable an individual to become a District Referee have already been delivered in Perth.

Practical assessment opportunities can be arranged by contacting Marta Makuch at Volleyball WA.

It should also be noted that most states can provide additional practical assessment opportunities in addition to those listed above. Many weekly leagues and tournaments will typically have a chief referee who can complete assessments. However, it is important to consider the suitability of some matches, especially in adult competitions, for beginner referees to officiate and be assessed while officiating.

Email: development@volleyballwa.com.au
Phone: (08) 9228 8522

Please contact Tim Shannahan at the AVF Head Office on 02 6247 6633 with enquiries regarding referee education in Tasmania and Northern Territory.

It is strongly advised that the identified person above is contacted well in advance of individuals attending a course or assessment opportunity to ensure that they can be accommodated.

Please contact your state representative if your school would like to conduct additional courses or there are other events in which a referee assessor could attend to assist in student assessments.
## CRITICAL DATES FOR 2007

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<td>Tournament Regulations &amp; Entry Fee information distributed to schools and published on Tournament website</td>
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<td>Monday 20/8/07</td>
<td>Online team nomination commences</td>
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<td>Friday 28/9/07</td>
<td>International team nominations &amp; payments close. (nominations to be accompanied by their National Federation ranking where multiple teams are seeking entry into the same division)</td>
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<td>Friday 26/10/07</td>
<td>Nomination Closing Date (schools must nominate their players and their referees by this time, but may amend divisions following state schools cup events)</td>
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<td>Monday 29/10/07</td>
<td>Requests to AVSCEC for exemptions to eligibility criteria close</td>
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<td>Member state associations provided nomination lists to verify membership</td>
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<td>Nomination Advice &amp; Tax invoice sent to school</td>
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<td>Monday 5/11/07</td>
<td>Distribution of the 2007 Participant Survey</td>
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<td>Nominations for AVSC awards close</td>
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<td>Team entry fee payments due</td>
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<td>Teams withdrawing from the competition from this date forfeit half entry fee</td>
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<td>Monday 12/11/07</td>
<td>Participants sent Confirmation of Entry documentation</td>
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<td>Friday 23/11/07</td>
<td>Teams withdrawing from competition after this date forfeit entire entry fee</td>
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<td>Friday 30/11/07</td>
<td>2007 Participant Survey responses close</td>
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<td>Draft tournament draw published on tournament website and emailed to confirmed participants</td>
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<td>Wednesday 5/12/07</td>
<td>2007 Participant Survey responses presented by AV</td>
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