INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the fourth AVSC Newsletter for 2007.

The AVSC website www.avf.org.au/AVSC is updated as news and information comes to hand.

Each school’s nominated Primary Contact receives this newsletter directly by email. 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.

AVSC ANTICIPATION

Why would you want to be a part of the AVSC in 2007?
Well this tournament is the largest National Secondary Schools sporting event in the Southern Hemisphere!
Now in its 24th year the event has been a training ground for the likes of Natalie Cook, Kerri Pottharst, Tamsin Barnett and Ben Hardy.

The AVSC has an impact on hundreds of school communities across Australia. It provides thousands of students with a dream to aim for each year and the legacy of participation is the camaraderie built and friendships formed.

This year we are hoping to provide even more for participants including coaching sessions with national players and coaches and non volleyball competitions. The week is a fantastic celebration of our sport and we look forward to seeing you there.

ONLINE ENTRY

On Monday 20th August the AVSC Online nomination system will be operational. There is a link from the AVSC website to the online registration page. This system is very user friendly and helps to streamline the entry process.

All schools intending to nominate for this year’s event, contact Renae Maycock to obtain your 2007 Username & Password to the online registration system.

At the Registration page you will be asked this username and password.

You will then have access to register your school details, teams information and nominate players and officials.

If you have any problems at all with the online registration process please contact Renae on: (02) 9439 4221 who will be able to go through it with you.

AVSC TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Everyone should now have reviewed the 2007 AVSC Tournament Regulations. These were published on the AVF website on Monday 23rd July. Please ensure that all contacts within your school responsible for teams competing in the 2007 event receive a copy of these regulations and are familiar with them.

If you have any questions regarding the Tournament Regulations please write to Tournament Director Michelle Slack-Smith at: events@avf.org.au

To download the regulations visit: www.avf.org.au/AVSC

ENTRY FEES

Entry fees as advised in Newsletter 3 have been amended following the recent confirmation of the AVSC being played at the State Volleyball Centre, Dandenong. The fees also incorporate the 2006/2007 CPI increase.

The confirmed 2007 AVSC Entry Fees are below:

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See over for definitions of the Fee Zones ……
**FEE ZONES DEFINED**

The zones for fees are defined as follows:

- **Local**: Melbourne (within 40kms radius of Melbourne GPO) and International.
- **Intermediate**: Vic country (further than 40kms from Melbourne GPO), Tasmania, SA, NSW and ACT.
- **Distant**: WA, QLD and NT.

**BANNER, IDOL AND JUMPING COMPETITIONS**

The **Banner Competition** adds colour and interest to the Opening Ceremony and is a great way for schools to express themes representing their schools participation in the event.

Students can prepare a banner and be in the running to win a prize for the best banner as judged by officials at the event. Banners *must not exceed 2m high and 3m wide* and must be able to fit through a standard doorway. All School Banners will be displayed in the Show Court Arena all week.

The **AVSC Idol Competition** is again being held, it is a great source of fun and entertainment during the week and a small break from volleyball. The best entrants will be invited to perform at the closing ceremony and some exciting prizes will be awarded. If your school has a great singer, actor or any performers encourage them to start practicing and enter this years competition.

The **Jumping Competition** will be held in the MSAC Foyer on Wednesday and Thursday during AVSC. This is conducted using professional sport science testing equipment. Prizes are available for the best jumper in a each category.

**UNIFORMS**

Uniform compliance is mandatory and adds to the spectacle of the event.

Shirt numbers can be greater than 18 for this event. Numbers must be on the front and back.

Team sponsor logos are permitted as per rule 6.4.4 of the Regulations and Conditions. Please read and adhere to these.

**Libero uniform**: If you plan to use a libero, the libero must wear a jersey of contrasting colour. You may change your libero for each set - in this case, a netball style bib worn over the players playing shirt is an ideal way of designating the libero without changing shirts. A number is NOT needed on the libero shirt or bib.

If you are using different libero players each set then the player’s standard playing top (not their libero top) must comply with the team’s uniform, and be numbered.

**AWARD NOMINATION**

Nominations are now open for individuals and schools who reach the 10,15 or 20 year milestone of involvement with the AVSC. To recognise this outstanding effort, AVSC Awards are given out at the Opening Ceremony. If you, your school or anyone you know meets the involvement criteria, please download the nomination form from the web site and return it to the Events Office. Nominations close on **Friday 26th October 2007**.

**ASADA DRUG TESTING AT AVSC**

Being a national championship, the AVSC is subject to random drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti Doping Agency (ASADA).

You may consider highlighting the possibility of such testing in any parental/guardian consent forms.

If an athlete is randomly selected to be tested, AVF Event Staff will advise the school that a test is going to take place and the time and date. Students are able to select a representative to be present with them during the test.

**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT AVSC??**

Are you interested in seeing the Men’s AVL Finals live, helping to develop our next generation of Australian players and being in the middle of the action at the largest schools sporting event in the Southern Hemisphere?

Volunteers are an integral part of the AVSC. If you are able to help out at this years event between Saturday 8th of December to Saturday 15th December then we would love to hear from you. Please contact Renae on (02) 9439 4221 or email: avsc@avf.org.au Renae will contact you to work out the details and let you know all the benefits.

Our volunteers always find it a rewarding and exciting week and are well looked after. There may be other teachers, parents, friends etc associated with your school who are keen to be a part of AVSC so let them know this opportunity is available.

**OFFICIATING REGULATIONS**

The AVSC Event Commission’s main priority regarding officiating at the event is to ensure basic officiating requirements are met and that it is easy for schools to comply with the regulations.

If you are unsure about the AVSC referee system and your responsibility please visit the website and check out the ‘AVSC Refereeing Requirements Explained’ information form. You will find contact details for the Chief Referee on this form who can answer any further queries.
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
The course 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
The course to enable an individual to become a District Referee will be delivered on 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

For further information please contact Terry Jones.
Email: terryjones@volleyballvictoria.com.au
Phone: (03) 9521 4800

Queensland
Courses to enable an individual to become a District Referee will be delivered on 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.
Email: development@volleyballwa.com.au
Phone: (08) 9228 8522

It should also be noted that most states can provide additional practical assessment opportunities in conjunction with 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.

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 in each state 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.

Good luck with you preparations and get ready to nominate your teams from Monday 20th August!
CRITICAL DATES FOR AVSC 2007

Monday 20/8/07  Online team nomination commences

Friday 28/9/07  International team nominations & payments close.  
(nominations to be accompanied by their National Federation ranking 
where multiple teams are seeking entry into the same division)

Friday 26/10/07  Nomination Closing Date  
(schools must nominate their players and their referees by this time, 
but may amend divisions following state schools cup events) 
(ensure referees nominated have current membership for the duration 
of the event)

Monday 29/10/07  Requests to AVSCEC for exemptions to eligibility criteria close

Member state associations provided nomination lists to verify membership

Nomination Advice & Tax invoice sent to school

Monday 5/11/07  Nominations for AVSC awards close

Team entry fee payments due

Teams withdrawing from the competition from this date forfeit half entry fee

Monday 12/11/07  Participants sent Confirmation of Entry documentation

Friday 23/11/07  Teams withdrawing from competition after this date forfeit entire entry fee

Friday 30/11/07  Draft tournament draw published on tournament website and emailed to 
confirmed participants

The Calm Before the Storm  The Volunteer Army

AVSC Idol Audiences  Opening Ceremony Banner Comp  Champion School 2006