Welcome...

Welcome to the first AVSC newsletter for 2008. The year ahead is an exciting one for our sport with the upcoming FIVB World Tour Adelaide Open beach volleyball event in Glenelg, the Beijing 2008 Olympics and it all culminates with the 25th Anniversary of the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup!

The 25th AVSC is set to be a fantastic event, bigger and better then ever before.

As in previous years, the AVSC Newsletter is the primary source of information being sent directly to participating schools. The AVSC website www.avf.org.au/AVSC will also be updated regularly with news, information and copies of this Newsletter. A Primary Contact has been nominated by your school 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.

We thank you for your support in 2007 and look forward to your school’s involvement again in 2008.

Tournament Dates

Registration and training day: Sunday 7th Dec
Opening Ceremony – 6pm Sunday 7th Dec
Finals and closing Ceremony – Friday 12th Dec

25th Anniversary Logo Competition

As part of the celebrations we are running a competition to create the AVSC 25th Anniversary logo. This competition is open to anyone involved whose school will be competing in the 2008 event. First prize for this includes FREE entry for one team to AVSC 2008, a signed Australian team ball and Volleyball Australian certificate.

So find the artist in your team or get the design students on board and get creative.


AVSC 2007 Bond Refunds and Fines

All schools have now been sent their bond refund and advice of any infringements. The Bond reimbursement was a much smoother process this year and we have received a lot of positive feedback. Schools with outstanding fines will not be accepted into AVSC 2008. If you have any questions regarding the Duty Bond Infringement System please contact Michelle Slack-Smith on (02) 9439 4221.

AVSC Events Commission

The AVSC EC meets shortly and will discuss a number of recommendations and requests received via the Tournament Office from participants at last year’s event. The new commission member will be announced and a timeline of key dates published in the next newsletter. More information about entry procedures, the Tournament Regulations, 2008 Entry fees and much more will also be found in the next newsletter.

Online Entry

Last year some teachers experienced problems nominating teams and registering players to teams using the online system. We would like to remind you that entries open in August so you have several months to nominate online. Schools who had difficulty generally left it all to the last minute which exacerbated their issues. We work closely with the program designer to make a number of adjustments and improvements each year, to make it even more user friendly and faster for everyone.
Referee Course Dates

**WA**
5 April, 3 May, 14 June and 9 August.
Contact Marta Makuch: development@volleyballwa.org.au
or call (08) 9228 8522

**ACT**
6-7 September
Contact: development@volleyballact.com.au
or call (02) 6247 9587

**VIC**
Ref courses will be scheduled just prior to Vic Schools Cup
Contact admin@volleballvictoria.com.au
or call (03) 9794 0009

**QLD**
Contact: dm@qva.org.au
or call (07) 3367 1991

**SA**
VSA run courses with schools on demand so you will need to contact them to set up a course for your potential refs.
Schools will need to have booked in a course by the end of term 3.
Contact Simon Philips
simon.phillips@volleyballsa.org.au
or call (08) 8363 1265

**NSW**
At present there are no courses scheduled but keep an eye on the NSW Volleyball website for course dates
www.nswvolleyball.com
Contact: nsw.volleyball.referees@gmail.com or call (02) 9543 0738.

For Referee Education in
**NT and TAS** please contact
AVF Sport Development Manager
Christian Stapff on (02) 6247 6633

State Schools Cups

For all those teams wanting to play in the Honours Division, you must qualify through your State Schools Cup. Even if you are not looking to play Honours the Schools Cup tournament in your state is a great match opportunity and to see where you are at before Nationals. You will need to contact your State Organisation for entry details and venue. Dates for each state are below:

**WA** – 18-21 September
**ACT** – 11-12 September
**VIC** – 10-13 October
**SA** – 17-19 October
**QLD** – TBC
**NSW** – have a series of state school events running from May to November, qualification to Honours will be based on results in these tournaments.

Things to do……

- Advise us if you wish to register a 2nd person to receive the AVSC Newsletter for your school
- Settle any outstanding fees or invoices from the 2007 event in relation to duty fines
- If you have not already secured a place to stay for AVSC 2008, start looking straight away. Melbourne is always very busy with events in December so get in early to secure your accommodation.
- Begin to approach teachers/parents/past students to act as team managers or coaches.
- See if any of your design/art students want to entry the logo competition – you could win free AVSC team entry for one team!
- Contact your State Volleyball Association about participating in their state schools cup events. All opportunities to train together and get some competition is a benefit to the teams’ enjoyment in Melbourne at the end of the year.
- Look at when you can get students through the Referee accreditation course. If you have larger numbers you can work with your State Volleyball Association to run a course at your school or join with another school for greater efficiency.