WELCOME...

Welcome to the second AVSC newsletter for 2008. We hope your teams are coming together and that training is well underway. Make sure you let us know if any of your school or contact person details change so that you don’t miss out on any important AVSC information.

Next week our Men’s National team is competing in Japan in their final attempt to qualify for the Beijing 2008 Olympics. Be sure to follow the action online at [www.avf.org.au](http://www.avf.org.au) – follow the links to High Performance, then the Men’s National Team.

Keep your students updated on how our national team achieves in Japan – it’s so exciting to see Australia on the international volleyball stage. Is there a future Australian player at your school!? 

25TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO COMPETITION

On behalf of the AVSC Event Commission, I thank all those who took the time to submit fantastic logos all of which could have easily been the winner. After a much deliberation the competition judging panel decided on a bright and fresh logo that was designed by Madeleine Mullane from Santa Sabina College in Strathfield, NSW.

Madeleine has created a brilliant logo that we are proud to have as our 25th AVSC Anniversary Logo. You will see this logo on the next AVSC newsletter and soon on all other event material throughout the year.

VENUES

The 2008 AVSC will be conducted at two venues as in 2007. The Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) in Albert Park will remain the primary venue, with the additional 13 courts in action at the State Volleyball Centre (SVC) on Stud Rd in Dandenong. SVC is the home of Volleyball in Victoria and we look forward to returning this fantastic venue in 2008.

SHUTTLE BUS

The very popular shuttle bus between Noble Park train station and SVC will operate again this year. The shuttle service will attract a small fee for a return trip, to cover the expense this premium event service.

When the final draw is published teams know when they are due to compete at Dandenong, teams must contact the Tournament Office to book the shuttle. Shuttle drivers will confirm each booking before permitting entry onto the bus. Schools will receive an invoice at the conclusion of the event for all confirmed passengers only.

The proposed charge is $1 per person for a return journey.
AVSC 2008 ENTRY FEES

The confirmed entry fees for 2008 are as follows:

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<td>Local (Melbourne &amp; International)</td>
<td>$805</td>
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The fee zones 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

AVSC KEY DATES

On the last page of this newsletter you will find a list of key dates for this year. This includes nomination open and closing dates, entry fee payment dates etc. Make sure you keep tabs on where you are at in relation to this timeline.

A GREEN AVSC

This year Volleyball Australia and the AVSC Events Commission will be digging deep to preserve the environment, by following measures to reduce the impact on the environment of an event such as the AVSC.

We are currently working with an organisation, *Climate Friendly*, to calculate the “carbon footprint” generated from energy consumed in the delivery of the AVSC. Along with reducing and recycling products associated with the event, we will be offering all participants an option to offset their own carbon emissions generated through travel, accommodation, general consumption and participation at this year’s event.

Stay tuned for more exciting information on this ground-breaking initiative on a special section of the AVSC website [www.avf.org.au/AVSC](http://www.avf.org.au/AVSC)

CEREMONIES

The 2008 AVSC Opening Ceremony will be held on Sunday 7th December. This will be the biggest ever opening ceremony with exciting guest speakers to celebrate our 25th Anniversary of the event.

As in previous years, students are invited to attend the finals matches of the Men’s AVL on Sunday afternoon to see Australia’s best male volleyballers in action. More information on the times of these matches will be published on the AVL website [www.avf.org.au/AVL](http://www.avf.org.au/AVL) in coming months.

Immediately following the Opening Ceremony, the coaches Technical Meeting will take place in an adjacent hall. Entertainment will again be provided for students to enjoy with the remaining team officials, until the conclusion of the Technical Meeting is in progress.

The Closing Ceremony will take place at MSAC after the finals matches on Friday 12th December.
AVSC LOGO – CONDITIONS OF USE

The AVSC tournament logo (both the normal AVSC logo and the 25th Anniversary logos) are protected and certain restrictions apply to their use.

The AVSCEC would like to confirm the following restrictions on the use of the tournament logo. The Australian Volleyball Warehouse (AVW) is the official merchandise provider for Volleyball Australia and AVW has rights in association with the tournament logo. It is worth noting that the hire of AVSC venues is also subject to restrictions surrounding their own retail outlets and apparel sales.

Therefore, the following guidelines are important for a variety of reasons and the Commission trusts that schools will follow the guidelines for use based on this information.

- The use of the AVSC logo on school materials relating to the 2007 event including newsletters, emails, posters etc is permitted.
- The use of the AVSC logo on apparel is not permitted. Apparel includes but is not limited to t-shirts, sweaters, backpacks, tracksuits and drink bottles.

Participants seen in competition venues wearing any items of apparel displaying the official AVSC logo which was not supplied by Australian Volleyball Warehouse are contravening these guidelines and will be asked to remove that item.

COACHES CORNER

In each newsletter this year we are going to tackle a few coaching questions and issues for coaching for the National Schools Cup level. Christian Stapff, Volleyball Australia’s Sport and Development Manager will be sharing his expertise and this month he has written an article that focuses on getting the most out of the 6 months leading up to this year’s event.

Click HERE to view Christian’s article.

If you have any specific questions you would assistance with or are interested in obtaining coach accreditation, please send them through to avsc@avf.org.au

Referee Course Dates

WA
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@volleballsa.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

Don’t forget to lock these dates into your volleyball calendar.

If you aspire to compete in the Honours Division in Melbourne, you need to qualify through your State Schools Cup. Even if you are not seeking to enter the Honours division, State events are still excellent for pre-AVSC preparation. 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 – Seniors 1-3 August, Juniors 17-19 October

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……

• Contact your State Volleyball Association to book students into an approved 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. One of the biggest issues for schools at the end of the year is making sure they have enough qualified referees, try to get this underway now to avoid last minute stress.

• If you have not already secured accommodation to stay for AVSC 2008, don’t delay any longer. Melbourne is always very busy with events in December so get in early to secure your accommodation.

• Now that you are familiar with your traveling budget decide on transport options to, from and within Melbourne. The earlier you book these the better price you will get.

• Suggest some fundraising ideas to students, with more then 6 months to go there is plenty of time to raise the money required to participate in AVSC.

• Get the creative minds in your team/squad thinking about a school volleyball banner design. The banner parade is an important part of the Opening Ceremony and banners are displayed throughout the playing venues during the week. The school with the best banner will win a voucher to spend at the Australian Volleyball Warehouse!

• Remind all your players that they need to register with the State Volleyball Association to be eligible to play at AVSC. Speak to your State Association about the different memberships available.
## KEY DATES FOR AVSC 2008

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<td>Monday 25/8/08</td>
<td>Online team nomination opens</td>
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<td>Friday 26/9/08</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 24/10/08</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) (ensure referees nominated have current membership for the duration of the event)</td>
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| Monday 27/10/08| Requests to AVSCEC for exemptions to eligibility criteria close  
Member state associations are provided nomination lists to verify membership within each state/territory  
Nomination Advice & Tax invoice sent to school |
| Monday 3/11/08| Nominations for AVSC long service awards close  
Team entry fee payments due  
Teams withdrawing from the competition from this date forfeit half entry fee |
| Monday 10/11/08| Schools sent Confirmation of Entry documentation and receipt for monies received |
| Friday 21/11/08| Teams withdrawing from competition after this date forfeit entire entry fee  
Confirmation of Entry documentation must be fully completed returned AVF Events Office |
| Friday 28/11/08| Draft tournament draw published on tournament website and emailed to confirmed participants |