WELCOME...
Welcome to the first edition of ‘AVSC Monthly’ for 2012, the newsletter that has all the latest, up-to-date information about the Australian Volleyball Schools’ Cup (AVSC).

We will try to keep the ‘AVSC Monthly’ short and to the point, with only the information that you require to prepare for this year’s competition. The AVSC website, www.avf.org.au/AVSC, will also be updated regularly with news, information and copies of all newsletters.

The 2011 AVSC was a fantastic, record-breaking event, the largest AVSC since it began in 1984. There were 466 teams and 136 schools involved from across Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

A primary contact has been nominated by your school to receive this newsletter and if additional copies are required or the primary contact person has changed, then please send these details to Kasia on kasia.stawski@avf.org.au. All future copies of ‘AVSC Monthly’ will be sent via email.

We thank you for your support in 2011 and look forward to your school’s involvement again in 2012.

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AVSC EVENT COMMISSION
The AVSC Event Commission for 2012 is:

Chair: Stephen Doyle
Elected School Representative: David Eldridge
Elected School Representative: Richard James
Elected School Representative: Kerry Styles (elected in 2011)
Schools Sports Australia- Volleyball Rep: Stuart Scott
VA Competition & Events Manager: Cassie Behrens
Ex-Officio- VA CEO: Joan Perry

VENUES
The 2012 AVSC will be held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) in Albert Park, the State Volleyball Centre (SVC) in Dandenong and the State Netball Hockey Centre (SNHC) in Parkville.
TOURNAMENT DATES

Registration: Sunday 9th December 2012
Training Day: Sunday 9th December 2012
Opening Ceremony: Sunday 9th December 2012
Matches Begin (in some Divisions): Sunday 9th December 2012
Finals Day: Friday 14th December 2012
Closing Ceremony: Friday 14th December 2012

MAJOR CHANGES

The AVSC Event Commission recently held a review of the 2011 AVSC. This meeting was extremely productive with some positive steps made to improve the event from this point in time. Several modifications have been made to various aspects of the event. Please take note of the following:

1. **Time-limited matches for all divisional age groups**: For all age groups (U14, U15, U16, U17 and Opens) in Divisions 1, 2 or 3 all matches (up until finals’ day) will be played at 70 minute intervals. This will involve strictly 60 minutes playing time with a 10 minute warm up. Further details will be published in the Tournament Regulations which will be released in March. All Honours matches will remain the same - playing best of 5 sets.

2. **Net Heights**
   Please note the following net height changes highlighted in red:

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3. **Net Touch Rule**: The net touch rule has been reverted to the previous rule whereby players are not allowed to touch any part of the net in the action of playing a ball near the net. Any net touches will incur a point loss. If the ball is in the back court and there is an incidental net touch, the team will not be penalised.

4. **Under 14 Division 1 Gold Medal Match MVP**: Players competing in the U14 Div 1 Gold Medal match will be eligible to receive an MVP award. This will give players an opportunity to be recognized for their hard work and success on the court in this division.
5. **Event Timing Changes:**
There have been a number of time changes to the first day of the event that will be implemented in 2012. This may impact on some team travel arrangements.

**Sunday 9th Dec:**
- **Coaches’ Meeting** – 3:00pm (prior to the Opening Ceremony)
- **Opening Ceremony** – 4:00pm
- **Matches will commence after the Opening Ceremony** – approximately 6:00pm

The five points listed above are the significant changes that will be implemented in 2012. Full details of these changes will be in the Tournament Regulations and Coaches’ Handbook which will be released in March. Please ensure that you read these documents carefully when you receive them. This will hopefully guarantee that you understand all of the changes that have occurred. If there are any questions regarding the above changes please contact Cassie Behrens, cassie.behrens@avf.org.au or Kasia Stawski, kasia.stawski@avf.org.au, or on (02) 6247 6633.

**2011 TEAM PHOTOS AND PLAQUES**
Photoworx has informed Volleyball Australia that team photos ordered at the 2011 AVSC were sent to all schools last week. If your school has still not received team photos please contact Kasia.

Due to Volleyball Australia only just receiving a copy of the team photos last week, there has been a delay in sending out the team photo plaques to all medal winners. All teams that won a medal at last year’s event would have received a blank plaque. We are endeavouring to send out all team photos for the plaques by March. This metal plaque can then be secured to the wooden plaque that teams have already received. We apologise for the delay in sending these out.

**KEY DATES FOR 2012 AVSC**

- **Friday 23rd March**
  - Entry Fees and Tournament Regulations sent to schools

- **Monday 9th July 2012**
  - Online Team Nominations Open

- **Friday 21st September 2012**
  - International Team Nominations Due
    - Nominations to be accompanied by their National Federation ranking where multiple teams are seeking entry into the same division

- **Friday 26th October 2012**
  - Nomination Closing Date
    - Schools must nominate their players and their referees by this time, but may amend divisions following state schools’ cup events. Please ensure referees nominated have current membership for the duration of the event.
      1) Requests to AVSC EC for exemptions to eligibility criteria close
      2) Wildcard Nominations close
**Monday 29th October 2012**

1) Nominations for AVSC Long Service Awards close

**Wednesday 31st October 2012**

2) Wildcard nominations confirmed

3) Teams withdrawing from the competition from this date forfeit half their entry fee

**Friday 2nd November 2012**

Nomination Advice & Tax invoice sent to schools

**Friday 16th November 2012**

1) Team entry fee payments due

2) Schools sent Confirmation of Entry documentation and receipt for monies received

**NOTE:** Entry fees received after this date will incur a $100 late entry fee

**Monday 19th November 2012**

1) Teams withdrawing from competition after this date forfeit their entire entry fee

2) Confirmation of Entry documentation must be fully completed and returned to the VA Events Office by this date

**Friday 30th November 2012**

Draft Tournament draw published on Tournament website and emailed to confirmed coaches