

**REFEREE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
Monday 22 November 2021 - 6.00pm

Agenda Item		Agenda Topic	Action Required
6:02pm	1.0	<b>OPENING AND PRELIMINARIES</b>	
	1.1	<b>Present:</b> Danielle Francis (DF), Renae Harvey (RH), Greg Hunt (GH), Tayla Tenaglia (TT). <b>Apologies:</b> Derek Scales (DS), Aaron Bailey (AB), Stuart Carr (SC).	
	1.2	Additional Items No Additional Items.	
	2.0	<b>MEETING NOTES FOR APPROVAL</b>	
	2.1	Confirmation of Meeting Notes The Meeting notes from the 21 June 2021 meeting were accepted by RH and seconded by GH as a true reflection of the meeting.	
	2.2	Actions of the previous meeting There were no actions from previous meetings that required reviewing.	
	3.0	<b>VWA &amp; VA UPDATES</b>	
	3.1	VWA Staff and Boards Updates TT provided an update of the recent VWA staff and board member changes. The committee was made aware of the current staff positions available.	
	3.2	VA Education Platform Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TT provided an update and a run through of the Volleyball Australia platform, to be launched on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021.</li> <li>It was noted that there will be significant support required from the referee committee members in educating the VWA members of the new processes and reasoning behind the changes. It was encouraged that the committee members remain optimistic about the changes and express positive attitudes when questioned by the members.</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Going forward, the Referee committee members will also be involved in the updated renewal process: verifying renewal activities and providing opportunities to accrue CDC points.</li> </ul>	
6:30pm	4.0 4.1	<p><b>BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>Referee Workshops in WAVL season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As mentioned in previous meeting notes, DF expressed interest in running Referee workshops for the first 4-6 weeks of the 2022 WAVL competition to improve the quality of refereeing in the competition.</li> <li>It was decided, in the first and second week of competition, workshops will be run in the morning and afternoon at Loftus Recreation Centre (centralized location), covering the basic duty requirements: completing a scoresheet, signals, and lines. It was suggested that it be a requirement that at least 2 people from each WAVL team attend a session.</li> <li>The following weeks, DF will run workshops at designated times throughout the weekend, covering referee topics that may arise from issues during the previous week's games as identified by RH and Tournament Directors.</li> <li>It was suggested by GH to record these workshops so they can be distributed to the public, posted on social media and can be referred to for teaching in the future.</li> </ul> <p>4.2 VWA Referee Shirts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TT informed the committee that VWA has a brand partnership with Joust Sports for VWA branded referee shirts at a discounted price. The committee was asked for suggestions on how to offer this deal to VWA members. DF requested that TT enquire with Volleyball Australia if the VWA branded shirts can be worn during games at National Competitions.</li> <li>It was suggested that VWA provide a 'Referee Shirt Sale' (to then be ordered in a batch) before each competition season, as well as the option to order a shirt when registering for a Level 2 referee course.</li> </ul>	<p>TT to enquire with Volleyball Australia regarding VWA Referee Shirts.</p>

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	4.3	WAVL/WAVJL Survey Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>It was put to the committee by the State Teams department if they would like to distribute an end of WAVL season survey to referees. It was recommended by DF to wait until the implementation of the updated Volleyball Australia platform and courses, and therefore the end of the 2022 season.</li></ul>	
	4.4	WWC Regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>TT updated the committee on the VWA Working With Children Policy and Procedure changes and how this will impact the referees.</li></ul>	
6:55pm	5.0	<b>WA STRATEGIC PLAN AND PLANNING</b>	
	5.1	Current Statistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The committee members reflected on the referee statistics for 2021 and were happy with the numbers. It was suggested that the drop in numbers compared to previous years could be due to covid restrictions – no attendees at Schools Cup, no travel to National Competitions has delayed upgrades to level 3, limited referee development opportunities has impacted motives to referee.</li></ul>	

	<p>5.2 2022+ Strategic Plan – priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TT identified the outcomes in the new VWA Strategic Plan that are relevant to the Referee Committee and the supporting operational strategies.</li> <li>• Mentor program – DF advised caution when choosing mentee's to be a part of the program in order to maintain standards.</li> <li>• Increase the number of referees by 15% - confident that this is achievable with the schools cup and state team players.</li> </ul> <p>5.3 Education Courses 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The referee committee were satisfied with the scheduled Referee Forum and Level 2 course dates.</li> <li>• It was suggested to include a AYVC athletes' specific course for those attending the competition in September, and School based courses for those teams attending Schools Cup.</li> </ul> <p>5.4 Referee Committee Members 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee members discussed suggested committee members for 2022, noting the Referee Committee Terms of Reference requirements. The following suggestions were made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chairperson – Danielle Francis</li> <li>- Senior Indoor Referee – Renae Harvey</li> <li>- Senior Beach Referee – Derek Scales/Greg Hunt</li> <li>- AJVC or AJBVC Referee – Will Dundas</li> <li>- Volleyball Regional Representative – Sam Stewart</li> <li>- Volleyball Club Representative – Oliver Guazzelli</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>5.5 <b>ADDITIONAL BUSINESS ARISING</b></p> <p>Volley Awards – Referee</p> <p>The following changes to the Volley Awards were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change the title of the "Junior Referee Award" to "Emerging Referee Award" and remove the age limitation. Changes to the nominee criteria items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In the last <del>two</del> <b>three</b> years has been a first-time referee at <del>AJVC or AJBVC</del> <b>AYVC, ABVSC, AYVC or AVSC.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>TT to put suggestions to the VWA board for approval.</p>
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	6.0	<b>MEETING EVALUATION</b> Despite a small number of referee committee members attending, it was a successful meeting with many planning decisions made for 2022.	
7:23pm	7.0	<b>NEXT MEETING AND CLOSURE</b> Monday 21 February 2022.	