

Monday 9th October, 2023, 6:00 pm

VWA Junior Working Group Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item		Discussion Points/Attachments		Actions
1	Attendance & Apologies		<p>Chairperson Karen Wickham (KW)</p> <p>Members Rory Read (RR), Kenrick Armitage (KA), Will Dundas (WD), Jess Grigio (JG) via Zoom, Alex McLennan (AM)</p> <p>Support Officers Jordan Fancote (JF), Paris Rond (PR), Alex Neindorf (AN)</p>	
2	Apologies		Ray Gilling (outgoing), Max Wason (outgoing)	
3	Acknowledgement of Country			
4	Minutes from Previous Meeting		13 th July, 2023	
5	Business Arising	5.1 VWA Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VWA Vacant Position – Community & Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role published for 3 weeks. New VWA Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator started in September Vacant Junior Working Group Roles – Parent, Primary School Reps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need for parent representation on committee. Public and private school rep from primary schools, but any representation is key for now. 	
		5.2 Coaching and Refereeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No bulk uploads since July. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perth Mod expressed interest in Level 2 courses. Needed for AVSC. 	

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		5.3 Events and Pathways Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAVJL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review survey has been sent out to primary club and school contacts. Collating results over next couple of weeks • Schools Cup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 304 teams competed ○ Review survey has been sent out to listed school contacts. Collating results over next couple of weeks ○ KW raised a complaint from Loftus. Students pulling fire alarms, rubbish everywhere. 	<p>JF to review VC's present.</p> <p>Discussion with Loftus to be had around precautions for future years. VWA will send an official apology.</p>
		5.4 SSWA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex to provide SSWA Update. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Refer to hand-out for main items (attached). ○ Additional notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AM noted that South SSWA teams are too many for one single south division. Need to split into three. ▪ RR and KA noted ATAR marking clashed with Teachers Games during first week of school holidays. 	<p>JF/KW to send list of venues to AM.</p> <p>PR to check if VWA invoices were paid by SSWA.</p>
6	Kids, Junior & School Volley	6.1 School Engagement	<p>School Associations – IGSSA, ACC, SSWA, PSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSA to start this week. Sourcing referees and referee coordinator. • Regional Visits – Wheatbelt. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning for 6-10 November ○ School based clinics and PDs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Northam SHS 	

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		6.3 Junior Volley	28 Junior Volley programs for 357 participants were offered for Term 3. The “free trial” campaign continues with 68 trials requested from the start of the Term. A campaign to have programs include a Junior Volley shirt that was launched for Term 3. VWA programs include a shirt in the registration fee with Clubs including a link to an optional purchase through the Volleysshop as part of registration confirmation.			For Noting
		6.4 VWA Kids and Junior Holiday Camps	Dates	Program type	Venue	For noting
			11 & 12 July 26 & 27 September	Indoor (74 participants) Beach (30 participants) Beach (39 registrations)	The Rise Koombana Beach (Bunbury)	
			3 & 4 October		The HUB	
			Upcoming: 18 & 19 January 2024	Beach	The HUB	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South West Camp was a success with 30 participants. Led by Mandy Combes in Bunbury. • There are plans to run additional regional camps in 2024. Mainly SW, potentially Mandurah for beach volleyball during October. • Additional camps may also provide opportunities for TID. 			

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7	Events & Competitions	7.1 WAVJL (May-August)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAVJL Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Referee and coordinator consistency and quality was a primary issue raised. ○ AN suggested casual contract (\$30/hr compared to \$5/hr offered to Level 1 referees to engage more numbers and alleviate pressures of finding enough referees on a weekly basis). ○ RR suggested using WAVJL as a 'trial' for School's Cup. Implement changes to game structures (e.g. shorter sets, quicker set breaks etc). Collect data, review and make appropriate changes before Schools Cup. ○ Golden point to win set is contentious. Aligns with new AVSL format, however determining a set based off one point was of some concern. Consensus was to keep golden point rule. Easier to manage game times and sticking to 'central timing.' ○ Three compulsory sets to 21, win by one was of strong favour. ○ WD suggested implementing system to prefill scoresheets. Fluidity is an issue. Teams regularly change weekly and VWA admin still need to track who and who's not a member. Efficiency and better run warm-ups is a positive, however. ○ WD raised need for more comprehensive coordinator induction. Weekly clarification of rules, example sheet for score system, more active involvement in referee development while coordinating, etc. ○ To generate greater number of referees, RR suggested putting more onus on school based VCs. VWA to provide list as baseline and formulate EOIs, but ex-students who may elect to coordinate at their old school, i.e. Rossmoyne and Aquinas, should be encouraged to ask friends who may be interested in refereeing. Difficult as VC responsibility to find referees has never been established and leaves a lot of ambiguity as to the quality and quantity of referees provided. 	<p>AN to include set break times in Handbook for everyone's reference.</p> <p>JF and AN to review game format.</p> <p>JF and AN to establish more comprehensive VC checklist and induction pack for 2024.</p>
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consult Northern suburb schools to provide referees for Northern venues. E.g. Greenwood, St. James. 	
		7.2 WA Schools Cup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools Cup Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Survey results highlight following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Number of teams outweighs venue capacity and time availability of venues. ▪ Quality control issue regarding Venue Coordinators and referee standards ▪ Issues around incomplete sets/games. ▪ Issues around visibility of finals pools lead to confusion for teams later in the day. JF addressed that this was an admin mistake and easily fixable. • Question was raised around giving priority to schools going to AVSC. i.e. Guaranteed entry into the division they nominate for. Will schools abuse this? No decision was finalised. • To alleviate capacity problems, ensure smoother fixturing and maximise game time, it was suggested that no double ups should be allowed for schools in one division. Case by case basis. JF raised that 16 teams maximum per division is manageable. • Longer days not preferable. Maybe need for an extra day. Can be somewhat mitigated by 8am – 4pm bookings. • RR raised that earlier entries means more flexibility later in the piece. I.e. 7-10s can be advertised as a 'floating' 3 days (no certain age or grade allocated to a specific day like previous years; until final nominations and allocations have been made), 11/12s locked week earlier. Entries needed by end of Term 2 for this to work. 	JF/PR to include in Schools Cup Handbook 2024

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF raised Warwick unavailability. Consensus was to shift calendared days to make it work with Warwick. Large, reliable venue and avoids need for HBF Joondalup (further travel for southern based and south regional schools). • WD commented that coaches should be monitoring and potentially marked (with a sash or something similar) when their team is dutying to ensure it is officiated correctly. • WD raised that referee supervisor plus venue coordinator to be at each venue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KW alternatively raised that a VWA Staff Member could be at each venue for some of the time along with just a VC, as this is a marquee event. • RR addressed that Bracketpal fixtures need clearly visible finals brackets. JF to used advanced pathways. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will make start and end times for the day more visible and clear for teachers/coaches. • Decision was made to shift year 9/10 divisions to self-referee, i.e. First and second referee, scorer and linesmen to be provided by teams. Change will reduce continued pressure to source referees for the arguably highest age group for nominations. Change also moves towards the structure of all other Schools Cup competitions in the country. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 7/8 divisions to remain as having first referee provided – provides opportunity for older students to referee and gain experience prior to AVSC, and offers financial incentive for schools to provide first referees in exchange for equipment or funding. ○ Student-external referees will still be sourced wherever possible, and they will be allocated to Honours divisions as a priority. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nomination price to be reviewed, as A+B divisions for years 9-12 are no longer paying for referee services, while Honours are. • Schools Cup 2024 	<p>JF/YPC to use “Advanced Pathways” setting for fixtures, and arrange fixtures so Advanced Pathway can be used.</p> <p>JF to organise meeting with Robyn/Board on cost review.</p>
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8	Any Other Business	8.1 AOB	Any other business? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting closed at 7:32pm. 	ALL																						

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