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Dear Malcolm

On behalf of the Latrobe Valley U20 Men's and Women's squads, we would like to formally lodge this letter of complaint, re the organisation of the draw for the recent U20 Country Championships.

Basically, we would like to highlight some of the faults of the draw:

- (i) It was unsatisfactory having two playing venues, i.e. Eaglehawk and Bendigo YMCA for an under age Championship. Transport problems were experienced by some Associations who had hired mini buses for the weekend.
- (ii) The draw was set out in a way that saw men's and women's teams from the one Association playing at the same time. This did not happen once, but several times. We realise the difficulties in making a draw and appreciate that you have to play at the same time occasionally. But in this case it was nearly every game. Once again transport was difficult, not to mention the lack of spectators and coaching.
- (iii) A 9.00 p.m. starting time for a game, we consider, is far too late. In this instance the Latrobe Valley men left the Stadium Saturday night at 11.15 p.m., having to get up for an 8.30 a.m. game Sunday morning.
- (iv) The men's rounds were still being played on Sunday when the Women's Grand Final was being played. This really put a damper on the weekend, as spectators were lacking and coaching impossible.
- (v) The Men's Final, having a starting time of 6.00 p.m. was also unsatisfactory. No approach was made by officials to the Latrobe Valley team to change the scheduled 5.00 p.m. starting time. This final finished at 8.00 p.m. For teams travelling long distances to get home, this made the weekend rather long. In the case of the Valley teams, we arrived home at 2.00 a.m. Monday morning. It was difficult for people to present themselves to work or school that same morning.
- (vi) Finally, with game times running to 9.00 p.m., we thought that it was unsatisfactory not having any hot food or drinks available at the stadium for players and spectators.

This letter is written in the hope that in future, draws for all Championships could be more critically analysed by the VCVC Executive, to help alleviate some of the abovementioned problems.

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We realise that with the combined U15 and U20 Country Championships being played at the same time, and at the same venue, this would have posed some of the problems with the draw. Perhaps the VCVC would look at splitting these Championships up and therefore having enough "draw time" to "play with". In this instance there were enough entries for both U15 and U20 to successfully do this.

Hoping this letter receives your early attention and that the points made will be discussed at the October Conference.

Yours in volleyball

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