

# Australian Volleyball Federation Inc.

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**TO: ALL STATE ASSOCIATION REFEREE COMMISSIONS & INDIVIDUAL REFEREES**  
**FROM: CHAIRMAN, A.V.R.C.**

**GENERAL NEWSLETTER:**

With the Festive Season upon us, I wish all a very Merry Christmas and arvery happy New Year.

1. **GRADING:** The Grading Panel met in Sydney on 3rd November and arising from considerations thereto, the following gradings were sanctioned:

To **NATIONAL BADGE:** J. Byrnes, Q. and G. Gordon A.C.T.

To **NATIONAL CANDIDATE:** Mrs L. Marr Q; Miss D. John, N.S.W.; Miss L. Bowden, W.A.; Miss M. Mayo, A.C.T.;  
Mr. G. Burzacott, S.A.; Mr. N. Taylor A.C.T.;  
Mr. B. Couzner S.A.; and Mr. W. Ghanem N.S.W.

To be considered for **NATIONAL GRADING** at 1980 OPEN Championships:

Miss T. Tarnogursky S.A.  
Mr. M. Perrett Tas.

To be considered for upgrading at 1980 OPEN Championships:

Mr. T. Santamaria Vic.

Congratulations to all abovementioned. Our ranks are growing!

2. **RULE BOOKS:** I am pleased to report that over 1000 Rule Books have been sold. All sales go through the State Bodies. When the remaining books are sold a 2nd edition will prove forthcoming which will include some minor rule changes (interpretations only) and of course, an up-to-date listing of addresses.

3. **REFEREES ABROAD:** I'm sure you all join with me in wishing Mr. R. Crompvoets (S.A.) and Mr. Ken Breen (Q) well in their respective duties as Australian Referees to the 2nd Asian Volleyball Championships being held in Hongkong and Bahrain, respectively. Mr. J. Kostas has returned from Hawaii where he officiated at the Pacific Rim Championship. A copy of Jeff's report is enclosed.

4. **1980 REFEREES CALENDAR:** The calendar of events for 1980 is as follows:

Australian Open Championships- Devonport-	1st - 7th April 1980
Australian Under 20 " - Canberra -	5th -11th May 1980
Australian Schools Championships-Albury -	9th -15th August 1980
Australian Under 17 " -Adelaide	1st-5th September 1980
Pacific Rim Volleyball Championships-Canberra	16th-24th September 1980
Australian Under 15 Championships- Sydney	29th Sept.- 3rd Oct. 1980.

Early nominations. Now that you know the dates, how about each State Association nominating **-IN ADVANCE-** their referee(s) for each of these championships.

For the Pacific Rim Titles, I would like to see all INTERNATIONAL, International Candidates and National Referees make their services available. These championships will serve as a wonderful experience, wh

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF A.V.R.C.:

The Annual General Meeting of the A.V.R.C. will be held in Devonport on the evening of 1st April 1980.

6. REFEREES PRACTICAL OFFICIATING AND SEMINAR:

I would wish to have all referees for the 1980 Open Championships-Devonport, convene for a seminar at the stadium on TUESDAY 1st APRIL at 1.00pm. A 1-2 hour seminar will be held followed by all referees, (especially those new to Open Championships), undertaking practical officiating under the guidance of the Grading Panel. The officiating practice will be observed by all referees. The session will be devoted to endeavouring to have all referees become of 'one-mind' as to interpretations on rules and ball handling and thereby, might assist us in having a little more uniformity of decision making within our ranks. I would appreciate it if all referees attending the National Open would oblige by letting me know if they can make it for the 1.00pm afternoon session.

7. DINNER BEFORE A.G.M.: After the afternoon practical officiating practice, I have considered that it might be a good idea if all the referees were to have dinner together at some designated place to be advised at a later date. This would serve to have all referees get to know each other, enjoy fellowship, etc. We can then get the Annual General Meeting commenced immediately after dinner. What do you think of the idea?

8. COMMENCEMENT OF A NATIONAL LEAGUE:

At the last meeting of the A.V.P. Executive, the commencement of a NATIONAL LEAGUE, comprising teams from each State of Australia playing on a round-robin basis, was mooted by the National Executive Director, Mr. John Ostermeyer. If the league gets off the ground, the league will operate between the months of April-June/July (approx). In that referees will be required for the League, representatives of the A.V.R.C, will be required to attend the inaugural planning meeting which will be held in Sydney on 12th January 1980.

It is considered that I, plus the Secretary-Treasurer, J. Looveer, plus Mr. J. Kostas, should attend the meeting as we three are in close proximity to Sydney. A report of the meeting will be made at the A.G.M. of the A.V.R.C.

9. J. LOOVEER:- ATTENDANCE AT INTERNATIONAL COURSE JAKARTA:

Our Secretary-Treasurer, Juho (Yo-Yo) Looveer attended the International Referee Course in Jakarta during the period 15-21st September. He distinguished himself by gaining the grade of Very Good for Theory and Very Good for Practical. I'm sure all will join with me in congratulating Juho on his results.

10. NEWS FROM OVERSEAS:

We have received communication from Mr. K. Ikeda, I.A.C. Member of F.I.V.B. The info' plus a request, I include hereunder:

a. Ken Breen (Q) has been accredited as an International Referee.  
b. Of importance to International Referees, International Candidates and aspirants to International Referee Courses, the following should be noted:

i. Following the Moscow Congress of F.I.V.B. International Referees, or candidates, or aspirants to Int. Referee Courses, are liable to undergo the following battery of tests:

Sobriety tests before each match

Annual tests for the following: Eyesight, colour blindness, reaction test, speed of decision making, etc. I am following these matters up as we need a much more clearer definition of what the tests involve.

- ii. It has now been recommended that all Federations/Associations conduct Referee and Umpire evaluations on each and every occasion that an International Referee officiates. As is known by most referees who have officiated at Australian Championships, we have already inaugurated this type of evaluation, seems we might be further ahead than we think! However, we have not evaluated all referees in all matches. This will become manifest from immediate henceforth. I would ask all referee associations to ensure that referee EVALUATION CHARTS are now part of the inventory of equipment for all championships.
- iii. SCORE SHEETS: Mr. Ikeda has requested that in future both he, and the F.I.V.B. receive copies of every score sheet for matches officiated by International Referees or International Candidates. This action is required in order that the Asian Confederation can keep an up-to-date listing of active International Referees. We, (the A.V.F. that is) has never sent score sheets to A.V.C. other than to give proof for gaining International Grading. From henceforth therefore, in respect of matches officiated by International or International Referee Candidates, it will be up to the A.V.R.C. Record Secretary to ensure that she/he gets copies of score sheets. This will also mean that at all NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS it will be a requirement that an ORIGINAL AND 6 COPIES be made of each and every match that International Referees officiate in. Of these 7 copies, no less than 2 must go to the A.V.R.C. Recorder.

Knowing the efficiency of our hard working Recorder, Tanya Tarnogursky, I can be assured that all State Associations will comply with this request.

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#### SOME COMMENTS ON OBSERVATIONS AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS -1972:

Generally, I must express complete satisfaction with the officiating at Championships throughout the year. New faces have been won to refereeing and there seems to be uniformity in rule interpretation more so than has been manifest in past years! Perhaps the new Rule Book has assisted in this regard. Therefore, the matters I mention hereunder are matters meant to assist further the gaining of uniformity.

- i. Of minor matter: At the recent Under 15 championships in Devonport, it was observed that a number of boys and girls were wearing trinkets, earrings, finger rings, etc. on their person. The Grading Panel at the time was concerned that earrings worn by the girls, especially the pierced earrings, could be dangerous in that if the earrings got caught in the net, the girls ears could very well be torn. It was resolved that all coaches be requested to ask all players wearing rings, broaches, earrings, etc. to have these items removed prior to matches. It was very pleasing in that all coaches and players complied with the request.

In future, at all Championships, referees are asked to ensure that all such items are not worn by players, for their own, and their opponents' safety.

ii. Scoring: Arising from the sighting of scoresheets at the Open Championships (Sydney) and from 17's, 20's and 15's, I have observed that in each State (without exception), some referees, when scoring, give the score when service is commenced and when service is lost, designate the score at the time of loss of service. (as in illustration A). This is not really international procedure and I guess this was learnt by a number of referees in their own States or by reading the statistical report from the last Olympic.

I would ask that from henceforth, all scoring be done as in illustration B, i.e. merely show the score at the commencement of service, and at loss of service, merely underline that score to show that service is lost.

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FIRST SET										Start 2:00 PM		finish 2:35 PM										
Service Order	Player number	To Score	Team name								Service Order	Player number	To Score	Team name								
			AUSTRALIA											NEW ZEALAND								
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	11	X	5	12							1	6	0	5	8							
2	6	0	7	12							2	4	0	6	9							
3	5	0	7								3	2	2	6								
4	9	2	9							15	4	1	2	6								9
5	10	2	11								5	3	2	7								
6	1	4	12								6	5	5	7								

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FIRST SET										Start 2:00 PM		finish 2:35 PM											
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Further, in a small number of cases, it has been noted that some make a practice of not underlining the score at time of service loss. Such practice will only lead to confusion of a scorer should he/she forget which side is serving.

- iii. Uniform: The present accepted uniform for all referees at Championships is white tops, white slacks and, if possible, dominantly white shoes. It has been noted that for the past 2 years the one individual neutral referee from one particular State that shall remain un-named, has turned up with no uniform at all. Referees must not only **PLAY THEIR PART** but must also **LOOK THE PART**. In future, any referee without proper attire will not be allowed to officiate at championships.

12. CHANGE IN COMMENTARY- RULE 10. COMMENTARIES, P.68. Rule Book:

The Australian Volleyball Rule Book, p.68. Rule 10. Scorer states to effect, that if a serving team makes a mistake by a player serving out-of-turn (out of rotation order), the scorer cannot stop the play until after the error is committed. Arising from a report from overseas, would you please note the following change:

- a. If the scorer sees that a player about to serve is not the correct player to do so, the scorer **MAY INTERVENE** to ensure that the correct player serves. This action of the scorer must be done before the referee blows his whistle for the player to serve.
- b. If however, a player serves out of turn before the scorer has time to correct the rotation order, ~~the fault will be penalised by loss of serve.~~ the fault will be penalised by loss of serve.

I would request that all State Bodies note this change. The change will operate as from the 1980 Open Titles in Devonport.

See you all at the Open and the A.G.M. in Devonport.

Regards,

*Robert Hoat*  
Chairman