



Competitions Working Group Meeting

Friday 11-Jun-2021

Video Conference

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes prepared by	:	James Murphy
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1. Members present and apologies for absence	
Bill Boagey (BB)	Super League & Division 1 Lead
Sam Yip (SY)	Division 2 Women Lead
Diane Hollows (DH)	Division 3 Men's lead
Herman Prada (HP)	Sitting Volleyball Competitions Lead
James Murphy (JMu)	Competitions Lead National Cup Lead
Steve Smith	Guest
Jonathan Moore (JMo)	Commonwealth Games Beach Volleyball
Rob Payne (RP)	Competitions and Events Coordinator
Ashley Cullen (AC)	Division 3 Women's lead
John Worrall (JW)	Project Lead - Competitions
Laura Woodruff	Junior Competitions Lead
Ade McGraa (AM)	Student Cup Lead
Martin Shakespeare (MS)	Referee Liaison
Apologies	
Geoff Hollows	Results Processing
Sarah Hill (SH)	Beach Liaison
Simon Cowie (SC)	Division 2 Men lead

In **bold** – voting members

The meeting commenced at **19:00** The meeting closed at 20:10.

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Conflicts of interest
3. Minutes of previous meeting
4. Nolan Principles
5. Feed into RTP
6. Setting NVL entry deadline
7. NVL options
8. New NVL teams update
9. U15s post event review and learnings
10. Sitting Volleyball paper
11. Junior Competitions
12. Beach Update
13. AOB

Agenda item	Notes	Action/ Owner												
1 Apologies for Absence:	Simon Cowie, Sarah Hill													
2 Conflicts of interest	JMu: Coach of Reading Aces (NVL2S) Player at Maidenhead, Treasurer BVA, Referee. No other conflicts MS: Referee DH: Referee BB: Coach tutor SC: Referee HP: Referee SH: Involved with UKBT at volunteer level AM: Referee, daughter that plays in Junior Competitions. SS: Referee, Treasurer & Founder of Bucks Sitting VC, player in local league SY: Referee, Coach of Maidenhead (local league) LW: None – Netball England employee													
3 Minutes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising	The minutes were accepted as be a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.													
4 Nolan Principles	These were unanimously accepted and adopted.													
5 Feed into return to play	As of the date of the meeting neither the DCMS or Sport England had published any guidance. It seems that with the Delta variant, with increasing cases and increasing hospitalisations. Further relaxations maybe delayed. The good news is that the current regulations allow most volleyball to take place.													
6 NVL entry deadline	Planning continues for the return of NVL. There are two activities of note on going 1) The NVL options paper and survey 2) The webinars for teams to investigate barriers to entry (invites have been issued to those teams). Subject to those activities being successfully concluded the aim is to get entries completed by the end of July, this will allow a full season starting on time. We recognise that some teams are short of either players or venues and are hoping to work with these teams to make a full season possible.													
7 NVL potential Options	Please read the article and attached paper here and complete the survey to make sure your voice is heard. Thanks to a kind sponsorship, every survey entry will see 10p donated to the Volleyball England Foundation, a charitable organisation that is closely aligned to the Volleyball England, up to £100. If you do complete the survey, you will also be entered into a prize draw to win a Mikasa MVA200 FIVB Game Ball.													
8 New Teams Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have two teams that took a break for the COVID season that wasn't and we welcome them back. We have two further teams that we are working with to see if it is possible to allow them to enter for the upcoming season. 													
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10 Sitting Volleyball	We are collaborating with the sitting volleyball working group to provide input into some questions about the future of Sitting Volleyball Competition, this is early days and expect to hear more about this in the coming months.													

10 Junior competitions	<p>The consultation for the new junior competitions is now complete. The vast majority of the feedback agreed that we are heading in the right direction. The areas that we have adjusted based on the feedback is that we will look closely out how we get consistency within each competition and how we ensure that tier 1 competition is played on appropriate size courts with the right number of players. We are now in the process of writing the regulations for this new competition.</p> <p>We are looking for people to support our new Junior Competitions Lead and anybody interested (or any nominations) should contact James Murphy.</p>	
11 Beach Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commonwealth games volunteer recruiting has opened. • Inter-regional Beach date and venue has been confirmed as 10/11th July at Cardiff and communication has been issued to regions • Date for competition to determine who receives funding for CWG 2020 confirmed 	
12 Any other business	<p><i>i.e. Not included in published draft Agenda:</i></p> <p>There was no AOB</p>	