

## REFEREE DELEGATE AUTHORITY & RESPONSIBILITIES

**Appointment** The Referee Delegate is primarily an appointment of the Volleyball Victoria Referee Commission, but in the absence of such an appointment, shall be an appointment of the VVCCC. In either case, the appointee is a representative of Volleyball Victoria.

The Referee Delegate is expected to arrive at the venue half a day before the event for meetings with the Technical Delegate and Organising Committee and facility and equipment checks.

**Authority** The Referee Delegate is the final arbiter in relation to the interpretation of the Rules of the Game and shall be in charge of all nominated referees.

The Referee Delegate may carry authorisation from the Volleyball Victoria Referees Commission to award upgrades of qualifications to members of the referee panel as a result of their performances during the Championship, and may make recommendations to the Commission for downgrades in appropriate circumstances.

### General Responsibilities

The Referee Delegate is responsible, as far as is practicable, to ensure that:

- a. a Referees Manual is produced and distributed before the event to all nominated referees;
- b. all referees apply the Rules of the Game in a fair and consistent manner;
- c. all referees present themselves in a neat and professional manner;
- d. all referees are provided with encouragement and constructive feedback on their performances;
- e. the playing facilities comply with the Rules of the Game;
- f. the competition areas provide the safest possible environment for participants;
- g. the presentation of the competition, and in particular the finals, is in accordance with the specified protocols and reflects favourably on the sport.

### Specific Tasks

The Referee Delegate is directly responsible to undertake the following tasks:

- a. provide to all nominated referees, at least one clear week prior to the commencement of the Championship, a Referee Manual (by ordinary mail, fax or email), containing full details of the event from a referee perspective, including uniform and equipment requirements, expectations of their participation, opportunities for upgrades, latest updates on rule interpretations, a list of approved variations to the rules and the protocol to be followed for both preliminary and finals matches;

- b. prior to the start of the Championships, inspect each volleyball for compliance with the rules and initial each acceptable ball;
- c. along with the Technical Delegate and Tournament Manager, undertake a final inspection of the Field of Play and ancillary facilities immediately prior to the commencement of the championship. Appendix 5 contains the appropriate inspection documentation;
- d. participate in the Jury for the Championship. Appendix 6 details the structure and responsibilities of the Jury;

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- e. prepare for and conduct a referees meeting at a suitable time before the event, to be attended by all nominated referees (all divisions);
- f. prepare and display a roster for members of the referee panel to officiate all Division One preliminary matches and as many other division preliminary matches as possible;
- g. allocate members of the Referee Panel as 1st and 2nd referees for all finals matches. Where possible, scoring and line judge duties may also be rostered for finals;
- h. monitor the performance of members of the referee panel (each referee should be monitored a minimum of once per day) and provide constructive feedback to each referee monitored;
- i. when authorised by the VVRC, decide upgrades to qualifications and make the appropriate announcements during the presentation ceremony;
- j. provide immediate dispute and protest resolution regarding interpretations of the rules. Where a protest does not relate to the playing rules, the Referee Delegate may decide on the protest, in which case his decision shall be final, or may choose to refer the protest to the Jury for deliberation, in which case, the match shall continue and the result will be subject to the verdict of the Jury;
- k. answer questions relating to interpretations of the rules from players and coaches of participating teams;
- l. participate in the selection of the All-Star Seven awards;
- m. oversee the Referee of the Tournament and Referee Encouragement awards;
- n. regularly monitor the facility, paying specific attention to risks to participant or spectator safety, including authorizing play when the ambient temperature on any court is below 10°C;
- o. immediately following the championship, prepare and present a report to the VVRC with a copy to VVI and Technical Delegate, which includes a list of referees in attendance, general comments on performance and upgrades awarded or recommendations for downgrades.

## Expenses

On receipt of the final report and a formal claim, VVI will reimburse the following:

- a. fuel expenses incurred in attending the championship;
- b. meal allowance of \$40 per day for one day before and each day of the event;
- c. accommodation in a 3-4 star hotel for one night before, and each night for the duration of the championship;
- d. an allowance of \$100 per day of the Championship, in line with VVI policy to recompense key event volunteers;
- e. an allowance of \$15 to cover general administrative costs including stationery, phone calls, photocopying, etc.